



NEWSLETTER



CENTRAL PRIMARY

Wednesday 4 December 2019

Dates for your diary

Christmas Lunch &
Christmas Jumper Day

17 December

Pop Up Santa
Lower Site

18 December

Christmas Party Day
Upper Site

19 December

Christmas Party Day
Lower Site

20 December

Break up normal time
on Friday 20 December
and return to school
Tuesday 7 January

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PARTNERSHIP

Christmas Performances

Reception: 10 December - 10am
11 December - 2pm

Year 1 & 2: 10 December - 2pm
11 December - 10am
12 December - 10am

There is no charge for Christmas performance tickets but they must be shown at the door on the day of the performance as entry cannot be gained without them.

Church Performances

Year 3 & 5: 17 December - pm
18 December - am

Year 4 & 6: 17 December - am
18 December - pm

Friends Update

Thank you for your continued support. The disco raised £85 and the supper night raised £25. Our next supper night will be on Wednesday 18 December 7pm - 9pm, tickets £4 (bingo tickets extra).

Panto bus fare is due Tuesday 10 December - please see Joan Briggs in yard at lower site at 3.15pm or Cheryl Davison at the upper site. Tickets will be given out from Monday 9 December.

Ashington Redesign Urban Planning Project

Year 5 pupils have been working with a team of engineers from the Ashington Redesign Urban Planning Project (ARUP). ARUP are a multinational engineering firm that have been a part of a number of major engineering feats across the world, such as the Sydney Opera House, the 'Bird's Nest' Olympic stadium in Beijing, Zhuhai-Macau Bridge in Hong Kong (the world's longest sea crossing), the Millennium Bridge, the London Eye and even our own Angel of the North. The engineers came into Central Primary School to launch the two year ARUP project with Year 5 pupils who took part in the launch assembly and a civil engineering workshop.

Good luck with the project Year 5!



Northumberland Space Programme

Some of our Year 6 pupils have taken part in the Northumberland Space Programme. Our pupils participated in seven days of science, history and music workshops at Woodhorn Museum, The Sill at Northumberland National Park and at Newcastle University. Pupils explored the history of Northumberland, from the 'Big Bang' to the present day. This also included learning about space, galaxies and planets, as well as the history of Ashington and the geology of Northumberland. The project trip to The Sill at Northumberland National Park, gave pupils a hands on experience of the great outdoors, utilising the building's purpose built 'living' roof, and taking a closer look into the park's special 'Protected Dark Sky' status.

At Newcastle University, the group visited the 'School of Maths and Statistics' and took part in activities, investigations and experiments with astrophysicists based in the department.

The workshops and trips culminated in a performance piece at the end of the project. The pupils developed and created the space themed performance, aided by acclaimed composer Andy Ingamells. This very special project was funded by the 'Hand Of' charity.

Language of the month

The language of the month for December is Yoruba - a language from Nigeria.

Can you help?

Donations of underwear, especially for the lower site, is always greatly appreciated.

We would also welcome any donations of toys suitable for the children to play with in the school yard.

E-Safety

This Christmas there will be even more children using digital devices such as tablets, laptops and mobile phones than ever before. Despite the happiness and entertainment they can bring, they can also pose a number of dangers too. We recommend the following:

Security

Help your children to set up their accounts on their new devices and ensure their settings are set to private. Take the time before Christmas Day to read the manual and get to grips with security and privacy options. We advise that you set up a 'two-factor authentication' process when logging into an online service. Some toys and devices are fitted with web cameras – you can turn the remote viewing option off in the device's settings. In addition to this, remove any default location tracking and GPS settings on new devices.

Setting up parental controls

We advise that you set up parental controls for young and vulnerable children to help prevent them from viewing content or engaging in activities that they shouldn't be. Additionally, take interest in your child's online activities. Play with them on their devices and encourage open conversation to help build that trust and confidence that will mean your child can confide in you if they ever feel uncomfortable, troubled, worried or unsafe.

Check age restrictions

Games and apps have age restrictions. It's important that you make yourself aware of these age restrictions and WHY they have these restrictions and make the decision whether it is appropriate for your child.

Advice and guidance provided by www.nationalonlinesafety.com

For guidance on PEGI ratings <https://parentinfo.org/article/pegis-games-ratings-explained>

Merry Christmas

As the festive period approaches we look forward to seeing many of you at all of the planned activities over the next three weeks, in what will be a busy and fun time for all pupils and their families.



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November's attendance

Target attendance

above 96%

Current entire school attendance

89. %

YRLN	88.4%
YRAE	86.4%
YRMA	87.4%
R/1LC	82.9%
Y1AB	89.7%
Y1JK	86.1%
Y1EH	83.4%
Y2NG	90.9%
Y2AL	88.9%
Y2JW	92.7%
Y2KB	91.9%
Y3KT	88.2%
Y3AS	91.8%
Y3GB	94.7%
Y4MM	86.5%
Y4AT	86.3%
Y4BH	88.4%
Y5BT	90.9%
Y5JP	91.6%
Y5JJ	91.0%
Y6EP	85.9%
Y6KM	91.8%
Y6SR	92.4%

Thank You

On behalf of Children in Need we would like to thank everyone who donated money to help support the many projects in place throughout the UK. The total raised by staff and pupils at Central was £377.55.

