

November



Newsletter

Whether you feel ready or not, the Christmas season is almost upon us! The run up to Christmas is always a very busy time in school with lots of extra events happening in addition to all of the children's usual lessons. This month's newsletter includes a page with all of our events for the coming weeks on a separate page so that you can put them on the fridge to keep track of them. We will send a paper copy of these dates home with your child today and we look forward to seeing you at our events over the next few weeks. Mrs Broom (Headteacher)

Non-uniform day – Friday 6th December

Our PSA will be running a chocolate tombola at this year's Christmas Fayre. To collect donations of chocolate for the fayre, we will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 6th December. Children can wear non-uniform for the day in exchange for a donation of chocolate.



KS2 Christmas Singers, Force Café – 12th Dec

All of our Key Stage 2 children will be heading up to the Force Café in Ambleside on Thursday 12th December, 2pm, where they will be performing a selection of Christmas songs to the public. If you have time that afternoon, why not pop up to the café for some refreshments and watch the children. The more the merrier!

Our Key Stage 2 singers will also be visiting the Parish Centre to spread some Christmas cheer on 18th December where they will perform for the Evergreens who meet in the centre every Wednesday afternoon.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 – Nativity

This year's nativity will be on Tuesday 17th December and will take place in the school hall at 2pm.

For those of you whose children are new to the school, we do produce tickets for the nativity and welcome all family and friends to come along to see their little ones performing.



Early Years Christmas Stay and Play – 5th December

We will be running a special Christmas themed 'Stay and Play' and parents of children in Reception are welcome to come into school to share in the activities that have been set up for the children.

We also open up our 'Stay and Play' events to other children in the community and we will be joined by some of the preschoolers from Kiddiwinks Nursery. If you have any friends in the community with younger children who you think would like to come in and join in with some Christmas fun, please share our date with them. Everyone is welcome!

Christmas Tree Trail

Our school will be decorated for Christmas on the day of our 'Stay and Play' and everyone coming into school for our activities is also invited to do our Christmas Tree Trail with their parent/adult. We will have lots of different trees hidden around our school environment which children will be able to explore the school. There will be Christmas prizes for everyone who completes the trail!

Community Carol Service – St Mary's Church, 6pm

A group of Key Stage 2 children will be performing in this year's community carol service again. Mrs Tarr will be organising the singers and will contact you directly if your child is involved.

This is such a lovely service for the Ambleside community and we would encourage as many people as possible to come along.

Primary School Carol Service

We will be having our own carol service on Thursday 19th December at 2:30pm. Each class will perform a song and there will be carols for everyone to sing together.

Christmas Parties

The teachers will be organising Christmas parties for their classes on the last day of term. Children will not need to bring in anything for the parties.



Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day – Wed 18th December

Children can wear a Christmas jumper instead of their normal school jumper for this day. Windermere School will be cooking a traditional Christmas roast for the children that day and our hall is decorated for the children by our PSA.



Christmas Fayre

Our PSA will be running a Christmas Fayre in school on Friday 13th December, from 3:30pm. There will be a range of stalls and the Christmas raffle will be drawn.

The PSA have organised some fantastic prizes for this year's raffle so make sure you buy some tickets for a chance to win an early Christmas present for yourself. The first prize is a two-night stay in Long Ashes Park, Yorkshire!!

Volunteers wanted!

The PSA spend time during the afternoon before the fayre setting up all of the stalls in and around the school hall. If you are able to help with setting up on that afternoon, your help would be much appreciated. Please could you let the PSA know via email or in person if you are able to help (email: amblesidepsa@gmail.com). Alternatively, you can let Laura in the office know and she will pass on your message to the PSA.

What are we fundraising for?

This year, we are raising funds to develop our playground at the back of the school. Our OPAL playtimes have made a huge difference to the range of activities on offer for the children but we have plans to improve things even further. We want to develop the climbing area to add another climbing frame next to our existing one, add a new sand pit (so that more children can access the sand during breaktimes), replace the water area on the playground and replace some of the play surface to make it Ambleside weather proof!



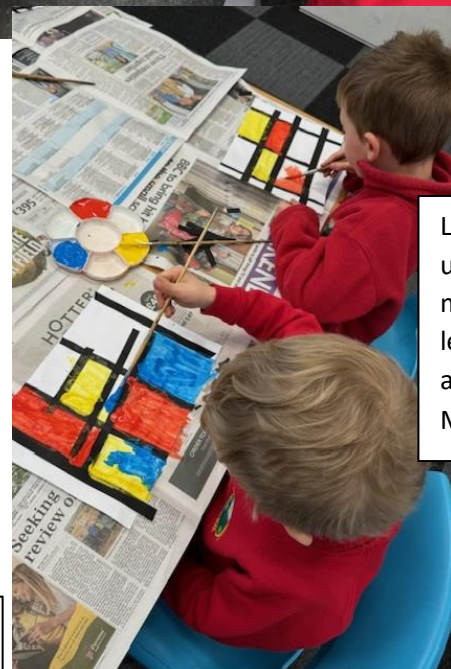
Children in Need, 18th November. Thank you so much for your donations – together, we raised £162!



Our service of remembrance at the school memorial – 11th November, 2024.



Year 5 and 6 making burritos and bread in their latest DT project.



Loughrigg Class using different materials to learn about the artist Piet Mondrian.



Dates for the fridge – December in school 20:



Thursday 5th December – Early Years Christmas ‘Stay and Play’ and Christmas Tree Trail, 9:30am

Friday 6th December – non-uniform day for chocolate donations

Wednesday 11th December – Community Carol Service, 6pm, St Mary’s Church

Thursday 12th December – KS2 singing at the Force Café, Ambleside, 2pm

Friday 13th December – Christmas Fayre, 3:30pm

Tuesday 17th December – Nativity (KS1 and EYFS), 2pm

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day

Thursday 19th December – School Carol Service, St Mary’s Church, 2:30pm

Friday 20th December – Christmas parties and last day of term

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