



Scapegoat Hill and Linthwaite Clough Federation is a community of confident, creative learners thriving together in a rich, inclusive environment that raises the aspirations of each unique child.

Dear Parent/Carer

We've made it! It has been a challenging but successful term thanks to the support of all our children, staff and parents and carers. We are proud of all the children and the hard work they have sustained since coming back to school. We hope you enjoy reading our last newsletter of the year, sharing some of the exciting opportunities the children have had and the beautiful artwork and displays they have created.

Woodland carol concerts

We have all worked hard in school to make this festive season exciting and fun for the children with our parties and festive clothing day. We also hope you enjoyed watching the class carol concerts, in the woodland or playground. The children have enjoyed learning songs and performing. What a wonderful way to end the year!



Fundraising

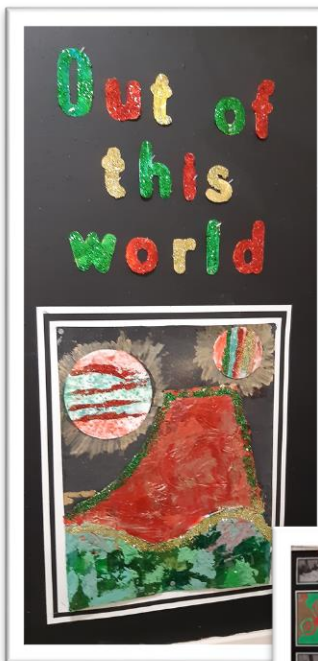
Fundraising has looked a little different this term but that hasn't stopped our fab FOSS team. We raised a fantastic amount at the fun run and again with the virtual raffle. I would like to thank everyone for the fantastic prizes that have been donated for the raffle, we continue to be very proud of our school and the support FOSS and the parents never fail to give. To date we have made £1768.50 from the Rocket Run and £685 from the raffle. This will be spent on much needed digital technology. Thank you! *There are still some raffle prizes left to claim, available from the school office.*

Christmas artwork

All the children have been busy producing artwork for displaying around the school this festive period, and making decorations for our Christmas tree.

It looks fantastic, and it's such a shame that no visitors are allowed in school to see it! Photos don't do it justice, but we wanted to give you an idea of how amazing it looks.

There are some more photos on our school website: www.scapegoat-hill.kirklees.sch.uk/our-school/gallery/ - we do hope you can take a look.



Notification of positive COVID cases before 24 December

I would like to make you aware of the following information and relevant arrangements regarding positive cases in the holidays:

- If your child tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), having **developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school**, the school **should not** be contacted. Parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.
- Until Thursday the 24 December, if your child **tests positive** for coronavirus (COVID-19), having **developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, please contact school as we have been asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school. Please use the federation.covidsupport@linthwaiteclough.co.uk email as this is the only one that will be accessed during the Christmas holiday.
- If your child is required to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case **after the first 6 days** (after Thursday 24 December), school does not need to be informed about their absence until the first day of the new term (Tuesday 5 January 2021).

Remember, the required isolation time has been reduced from 14 days to 10 as from 14 December 2020.

The COVID support email will be checked daily. Please keep an eye out, in the first six days of the holiday, for any email messages in case of positive test results for someone in your child's class.

New term routines

Until further notice, the same staggered drop off and pick uptimes will apply. We will continue to take the children outdoors and have the classrooms well ventilated. As such please ensure your child has a warm coat, fleece or jumper in school at all times.

Wellbeing and support

If you or anyone you know are concerned about finance, health or wellbeing over the Christmas period, the Council's community hub and local welfare provision are on hand - follow the link to get support: www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/benefits/local-welfare-provision.aspx.

Staffing

In January Mrs Holden will be reducing her hours to three days per week - Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We are looking forward to welcoming Mrs Lisa Smith, who will work Mondays and Tuesdays in the school office.

A final word from the children on what they've enjoyed at school this term

Luka H likes *"the fun activities in CCL"* while Leo and Keegan *"love playtimes, playing lots of different sports"*. Jacob C thinks that it is *"easier to learn at school than at home – you have a purpose and something to accomplish"*. Erin G *"likes coming together with friends, because we couldn't see them in lockdown"* and Joshua G enjoys *"having fun outside in Forest School, drawing and the lunches!"* Bethan likes *"CCL and maths, which is my favourite thing"* and Ilona really enjoyed *"singing together in the production"*. Sadie loves *"learning letters and sounds, and roasting marshmallows in Forest School"*, while Mabelle just *"loves all the things we do at school!"*

On behalf of myself and all the staff across the Federation, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone back again on Tuesday 5 January 2021.

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