



**The Federation of Snape Community and
Thornton Watlass C E Primary Schools**

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NEWSLETTER 2 - 21st September 2012

Dear Parents,

FOSS- thank you to all those who provided a delicious spread at the recent fun run and to the local community for organising this annual event. £672 was raised for Snape school. Well done also to Zoe Donaldson, Aaron Bell and Charlie Townson who won their age groups. Also FOSS raised £100 from Snape open gardens and £858 from the car boot sale over the summer.

FOTW - thank you to all those who rattled buckets and helped organise the car boot sale in Bedale, over £1250 was raised for TW school, and the TW pupils also raised £110 for the British Heart Foundation with a sponsored skip at the end of last term. Very well done to both FOSS and FOTW fundraising teams!

St Marys Church at TW are having their flower festival on 6th & 7th October. The children will be making posies for a floral display and we would appreciate any donations of fresh flowers w/c 1st October please. We are collecting yogurt pots to put our flower posies in, and would make good use of any empty clean pots! Thank you.

Y5/6 Kingswood Residential at Hexham - The trip will go ahead 21st-23rd November Parents and children are invited to meet a representative from Kingswood on 8th October, 6-7pm at TW to discuss the arrangements and activities. During the three day residential, the rest of Snape school will be transported up to TW school to join with the remaining children.

Multiskills festival 2nd October, in the afternoon. Year 1 & 2 children from both schools will be taking part. The Reception children from Snape will be transported up to TW for the afternoon to join the new children for an afternoon of fun. More details to follow nearer the time. For your child's safety it is extremely important that pupils in Reception (Snape only) Y1&2 (both schools) bring their own booster seats to school so they can be transported in staff cars. Many thanks.

Both TW and S are looking for a parent/volunteer to help in the school libraries, to organise and re label guided reading books. Just the odd hour every couple of weeks to keep on top of things would be very much appreciated. Please contact the school office.

Snape have some flat screen computer monitors available for a donation to school. They are 15". If you need any other details please speak to Zoe.

Please remember if your child reads to you 3 times or more each week and you sign their reading record their names will be entered into the weekly reading raffle and they may win a new book!

TW School Council will be fundraising this term for Children in Need. Friday 16th November is the day to wear SPOTS! All children from both schools are encouraged to wear spots, whether it be a spotty t-shirt or spotty trousers, or simply sew/stick spots onto the school sweatshirt and each child is requested to bring in a £1 donation for Children in Need. Let's get spotty for the day. There will also be a film night in December, further details later.

In the event of heavy snow falling we cannot guarantee that the schools can be open for children. The majority of teaching staff live outside the local area, and therefore are unlikely to be able to travel safely into school. In addition, we need two staff members to be on site for health and safety reasons. The decision as to whether the schools will be open when the snow starts to fall and settle needs to be made by 7.30am each day. The school website www.stwschools.org will be updated each day during bad weather and if the schools are open you may be asked to send in packed lunches for your children as the cook is unlikely to be able to travel to prepare the meals. Parents are asked to bring their children to school only if it is safe to do so. If however, parents cannot access the internet to check for updates, please let the school know so we will make alternative arrangements for you.

School closure-if for any unforeseeable reason, such as no water or the boiler breaks down and the school needs to be closed with no notice; you will be telephoned immediately by staff or governors.

Dates for Diaries

- 24 Sept Toddler group at TW
- 28 Sept TW - New starters service at St Marys Church 2.45pm.
All welcome!
- 1 Oct Toddler group at Snape
- 4 Oct S - Harvest service in Snape, Castle Chapel 9.45am. Please can the children bring a small non perishable food donation which will then be distributed. Children will be singing songs and contributing towards the service, Everyone welcome
- 5 Oct TW - Harvest service in St Marys Church 2pm, Please can the children bring a small non perishable food donation which will then be distributed by St Marys into the community. Children will be singing songs and contributing towards the service, everyone welcome
- 6/7 Oct TW - Flower Festival at St Marys with a display produced by school
- 8 Oct Toddler group at TW
- 8 Oct 6-7pm Kingswood residential trip information evening for all parents and Y5/6 children. www.kingswood.co.uk
- 15 Oct Toddler group at Snape
- 18 Oct Curriculum Evening -6.30-7.30pm Parents evening for all parents from both schools. How we teach reading, writing and spelling from Reception-Y6 and how you can help your child at home.
- 22 Oct Toddler group at TW
- 22 Oct TW - 2.45pm -Parents Assembly in school - Everyone welcome to see what the children have been learning about this term.
- 26 Oct S -2.45pm -Parents Assembly in school - Everyone welcome to see what the children have been learning about this term.
- 26 Oct Schools break up for half term
- 5 & 6 Nov INSET schools closed and re-opens Wed 7th November
- 12 Nov TW - Parents Consultation Evening 3.45pm to 6.30 details to follow nearer the time
- 13 Nov S & TW Visit to Le Cateau School
- 14 Nov S - Parents Consultation Evening 3.45pm to 6.30 details to follow
- 16 Nov Spotty children in need fundraiser
- 21-24 Nov Y5/6 Kingswood residential
- 5 Dec Community Lunch at TW - details to follow
- 6 Dec Community Lunch at S - details to follow
- 13 Dec Whole school Christmas lunch at TW - details to follow