



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

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Welcome back! Once again the holidays have flown by, we hope everyone had a relaxing break and are now prepared for the countdown to Christmas!

Thank you also for all the wonderfully wrapped Christmas boxes for the Shoebox Appeal.

Next week we have Parents evening at both schools. Slips with appointment times will be coming out today and we do hope that your child is also able to come with you as we appreciate the opportunity to be able to celebrate their success and progress with them present. At the end of the appointment, we also give you the chance to speak confidentially without your child being present.

We will all be visiting Le Cateau School in Catterick on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November to celebrate Divali and then walk to the Gurkha Temple. Please can you ensure your child brings along a packed lunch, drink and a warm coat. Due to this trip being next week we ask you advise us if you **DO NOT** want your child to go on this trip. Please telephone the school office by 10am on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November if your child will not be attending. Thank you.

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November is Children in Need day! We will all be wearing spots, the spottier the better. We ask that the children all join in by coming to school dressed as spotty as they can and make a voluntary contribution of £1 each, all of which will go to Pudsey Bear!

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 6pm at TW - we have a meeting for all those parents who expressed an interest in taking regular advantage of the Wrap Around Care provision of the breakfast and after school club and those parents who may wish to use it occasionally in the future. This is an opportunity to discuss the proposed arrangements for January 2013, meet the organisers and consider the range of activities on offer to the children.

Year 5&6 children will be at Kingswood Centre from Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November to Friday 23 November with Mrs Shaw. All the remaining children (Reception to Y4) from Thornton Watlass will be transported to Snape for these 3 days to enable building works to take place in the school. Class 1 and 2 will have the old sinks and cupboards removed, together with the flooring and then have new ones installed and if time allows, the classrooms will

be painted. This is well overdue and will greatly improve the learning environment for the children.

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November is a busy day! Year 5/6 pupils will be attending Crucial Crew at RAF Leeming in the morning with Mrs Murfitt and Mrs Robson. Please send them (yrs 5/6) with sandwiches and a drink. In the afternoon they will be taken to BHS to join Y3/4 for an athletics afternoon at BHS! Full details to follow.

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December at TW and Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at Snape, we will be hosting a community lunch. It is an ideal opportunity for all ages in the community to spend time together. Places needed to be booked by contacting either school with names. Final date for "bookings" is Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Parents will be invited into the schools in the spring term when there is something special being organised just for you.

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December there is a fundraising evening at TW. It is a film night to which everyone is welcome. Popcorn and refreshments will be on sale. Film titles to follow!

Parent View-Please visit [www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk) to let Ofsted know your opinions of our schools. Questionnaires are no longer issued prior to an Ofsted inspection, instead they simply go to see the collective response on Parent View. We are proud of our schools and we hope that you feel the same. Please take a moment to register on the site and rate your school against the 12 questions. The answers are for individuals so both parents are entitled to complete the questionnaire but different email addresses will be needed.

Please can you ensure that your child has appropriate winter clothing (with names) in school. Now that outdoor play is like an arctic experience, they all need hats, gloves, wellies and even a dry pair of socks would be useful! If anyone wishes to play on the muddy field at TW, they need to have a separate pair of outdoor shoes and outdoor waterproof trousers to wear over the school trousers to keep them dry. All children need to have a warm PE kit too. On those sunny but chilly days they may do PE outdoors so once again, warm tracksuits and trainers need to be part of their kit. Finally please can you ensure that the children have their full kit in school at all times. Thank you.

Books to be given away at TW, the librarian has been in and sorted out all old stock of fiction and non-fiction books which we are keen to get rid of. They will be in the hall on Monday at TW during Parents evening for you to take away-there will be a donations box nearby to help us to restock our library.

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone who contributed to leaving gifts for Mrs Dudman, Mrs Moodie, Miss Shevlin and Mrs Irvine at TW and for Mrs Hunter at Snape. We were able to present them with fabulous treats, which showed our appreciation for all their hard work. We have had thank you cards saying how much they appreciated their farewell presents.

This information/newsletter is available in alternative formats on request.

## Dates for Diaries

12 Nov	TW parents consultation evening 3.45 to 6.30- times attached
12 Nov	FOSS will be holding their AGM at 7.30pm at Snape School.
13 Nov	S & TW visit to Le Cateau Primary School, Catterick
14 Nov	Blue bags to school collection at TW 9am.
14 Nov	S parents consultation evening 3.45pm to 6.30pm
16 Nov	Children in need fundraiser - wear spots!
21 Nov	6-7 at TW - Parents evening for all those interested in taking advantage of the Breakfast club and/or After school club at anytime in the future
21-23 Nov	Yr 5/6 residential trip to Kingswood. Rest of TW to go to S
26 Nov	Bags to school collection at Snape
27 Nov	am Y6 Crucial Crew (with Mrs Murfitt)
27 Nov	pm KS2 indoor athletics BHS
3 Dec	11am Advent service in church followed by TW Community lunch
4 Dec	Snape Community lunch
5 Dec	pm Y5/6 swimming BHS-details to follow
6 Dec	Fundraising film night at TW for all children
12 Dec	TW Christmas nativity at St Marys
13 Dec	Federation Christmas lunch at TW
18 Dec	Class 2 - Pantomime trip to "Sleeping Beauty" Sponsored by FOSS/FOTW
18 Dec	Class 1 - Pantomime trip to "Babes in the wood" Sponsored by FOSS/FOTW
19 Dec	TW Christmas party
20 Dec	Snape - Christmas play in the Methodist Chapel
20 Dec	Christingle service in Snape Castle Chapel 10am
21 Dec	S Christmas party

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## PERMISSION FORM

Childs name .....

I give permission for my child to attend/ be transported to the following events.

Yr 6	Crucial Crew at Leeming RAF	27 Nov	yes / no
Yr 3/4/5/6	Athletics at BHS	27 Nov	yes / no
Yr 5/6	Swimming Gala at BHS (details to follow)	5 Dec	yes / no
All	Pantomime trip	18 Dec	yes / no

Signed

Please return this permission slip to your school office asap. Thank you