



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

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Newsletter 8 - 14th December



We have nearly reached the end of a very busy term. This will be our final newsletter for 2012; we will resume with an abundance of exciting information in January!

On Wednesday TW had their nativity performance, what a lovely evening it was! The children sang to their hearts content and Class 1 débuted some fabulous acting skills. Thanks to everyone who came along and enjoyed the performance, followed by mulled wine and mince pies. The Christmas spirit has definitely arrived! 

Thank you so much to our stand-in cook Laura for such a marvellous Christmas feast yesterday. 70 steaming plates of turkey and all the trimmings were enjoyed by the children, staff and guests. The noise from all those crackers being pulled was quite deafening! After the meal all the children were presented with a gift of a book from Santa, we hope everyone enjoys reading them.

This is the final term for Mrs Huyton at Snape. Anyone wishing to contribute to a token of appreciation please send it to the school Office, FAO Mrs Brotherton.

The Out of Hours clubs are now up and running. If anyone needs to contact the Out of School Club leader, Emma, the number is 0751 277 5384. Please phone her direct for any last minute bookings as the office at TW is not always manned. Regular bookings need to be made through the office and paid for in advance each half term.

Next week we have lots more excitement! It is a very busy time, sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed so much time and effort to organising all these fantastic events.

Your child will have brought home a candle collection box, this is for the Children's Society. If you would like to make a contribution please return the box when it is your child's Christingle service next week and it can be handed into the church.

Thank you. 

Final details for the last week of term:

- Tuesday** Pantomimes -
Class 1 children to be collected from their school at approx. 5pm
Class 2 children to be collected from their school at approx. 5.30pm
- Wednesday** TW Christmas party clothes to be worn all day! Party in the afternoon.
A note re food has already been sent home with your child.
Any problems please see your class teacher asap. Thank you
- Thursday** S Christingle service in St Mary's Chapel at 10am. Everyone welcome
Christmas concert at Snape Methodist Chapel 6.15 start. Please bring your child to the Institute at 6pm.
- Friday** S Christmas party, please bring your child to school in their party clothes. Remember to bring your party food to school in the morning (the list is in the porch if you have not chosen your donation) Children to be collected from the Institute at 3.30pm.
TW Christingle Service in Church 2.45pm. Everyone welcome. 🎄

ParentPay for TW. Sorry, but we have had some teething problems but hopefully on Monday these will be sorted out! TW parents should receive a letter with an account number and password. When you log in there will be the opportunity to pay for swimming lessons, lunches and out of school clubs online. We hope to have a cashless office by January! Thank you for your patience.

Swimming arrangements starting January 2013

Swimming starts the first week back at school. Please send in your permission forms ASAP, without these forms your child will not be able to swim! The forms were on last week's newsletter and are also on the website.

In past years both Thornton Watlass and Snape have had different arrangements for the swimming and funding and we feel that this needs to be brought into line for both schools.

The cost of swimming is quite expensive, swimming instructors are paid £30 per session and transport costs are £44 for TW and £65 for Snape per week. The weekly cost for children at Snape is £4.13 (because of the lower numbers of pupils and higher transport cost) and TW is £2.47. FOSS have agreed to contribute £1000 towards subsidising the cost to Snape parents. Thank you to FOSS for this contribution.

Please could parents donate a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per child per week for both schools, which will then cover the costs and free up the school budget for other educational experiences.

We would appreciate this being paid at the beginning of each half term if possible, either by ParentPay or cheque. The voluntary contribution next half term is a total of £15.

Swimming is currently part of the national curriculum and pupils should be taught to swim unaided for a sustained period of time over a distance of at least 25m. Many schools take the older children for a 10 week period to the pool. At TW and Snape, swimming has taken place much more frequently than is currently required by the national curriculum (which means that time given to swimming has taken up time from other sporting activities on the P.E. curriculum).

We are looking at the swimming arrangements for 2014 and would like to gather parents' views.

Your choice from the following four options would be greatly appreciated.

1. To meet with the National Curriculum requirements only Years 3,4,5 & 6 to attend swimming for 10 weeks
2. Years 3,4,5 & 6 to swim for two terms Jan - July
3. The whole school to swim for 10 weeks
4. The whole school to swim for two terms Jan - July

Reply Slip

I would like option

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4

Name of Childat TW / S school

Please complete this slip or reply with your preference to admin@thorntonwatlass.n-yorks.sch.uk

Finally, may all the staff wish each and every one of you a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for the New Year.

