



## November 2018 Newsletter

**\*Please keep a copy of this newsletter close at hand so that you can refer to it as/when needed. \***

### Dates for your diary!

Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Tempest Photographer
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	School Nurse - flu nasal spray
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Shared Education Programme (Y1/2)
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	STEM Event (Y6/7)
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> /24 <sup>th</sup> Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> Dec	AQE Test (Year 7 only)
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Shared Education Programme (Y1/2)
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Shared Education Programme (Y5)
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Shared Education Programme (Y6/7)
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Collection of Shoeboxes
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	GL Test (Year 7 only)
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Foyle Film Festival Brunswick
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Yes Project (Y6/7)
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Feet First Families
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Fire Safety Talk (Y4/5)
Weds 28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Shared Education Programme (Y6)

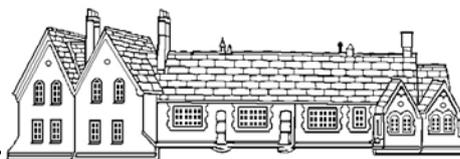
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Mon 03 Dec	Open Day 3-15 - 4.30pm
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Visit to Millennium Forum
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup> Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	School Performances
Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec (provisional date)	Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Dec	Christmas Service/Last day of term -half day
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	New Term Begins

### Shoe Box Appeal

Many thanks to those families who have returned their shoe box. If you still wish to support this charity, please return your box by Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> November. All items should be placed in a wrapped /pre-printed box with a label indicating boy or girl, the age range of the child and a donation of £5. We have exhausted our stock of pre-printed boxes. The following website has great ideas for filling boxes, how you can donate online and follow your box [www.samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk) .





## **Spotacular**

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November is our 'Children in Need' fundraising day. As in previous years, the theme this year is 'Spotacular'. We are having a non-uniform day with a twist. We are asking pupils to come to school wearing spots in exchange for a donation to BBC Children in Need. Spotty dresses, spotty ties, even spotty faces - they'll all make a massive difference to the lives of disadvantaged children across the UK.

## **Foyle Film Festival - Brunswick Moviebowl**

Foyle Film Festival is offering special screenings of the latest animated feature film '*Louis and the Aliens*' at Brunswick Moviebowl as part of this year's 'Foyle Film Festival Education Programme'. Subsequently, we have arranged for all pupils to attend a screening of '*Louis and the Aliens*' on the morning of **20<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 am**.

We will leave school at approximately **9.30 am** and return at **noon**. School uniform should be worn. Normal arrangements for school dinners will apply on that day. Each child should bring a snack in a named plastic bag (non-messy ie. no yoghurt or fizzy drinks) to eat during the film.

The cost of the trip is £3 per child. Please send in the fee to each child's teacher, in a named envelope, by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**.

## **Yes Programme**

We have arranged for Y6/7 pupils to take part in 'Yes' Programme on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. They will leave school at 12.30 pm and return to school by 3.00 pm.

The aim of the programme is to educate young people on a wide range of safety issues that directly affects them and all people living in our community.

Transport will be provided. School uniform must be worn. Mr McLaughlin will accompany the pupils.

## **Feet First Families**

At Culmore Primary school, we encourage pupils and parents to travel to school by cycling, scooting and walking wherever possible. To help with this we are working with UK charity Sustrans to make sustainable and active travel easier for everyone. We are already well on our way to achieving our Bronze Award but we still have some challenges to complete this year in order to get there. We are relying on the support of our parents to help us to get there!

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November we are hoping that all pupils, parents and teachers will walk, cycle or scoot to school. If families live some distance from the school it might be an idea to park somewhere locally and continue the rest of the journey without the use of a car. It is so important for the children to see the benefit of becoming more active!



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## **Open Afternoon**

We are holding an Open Afternoon on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December from 3.15 - 4.30pm.** We are calling on your help to "pass on the word" about our fabulous school to any friends or family who may potentially wish to pop in. Teachers will be available to show visitors around the school and to answer any questions. We are **always** happy to accommodate anyone who may not be able to make this particular date/time - just email school or contact the office to arrange a visit. We will be sending home some leaflets, advertising this afternoon, with your child/children. We would greatly appreciate it if you could help distribute these to the relevant homes in your area - we want to reach out to the whole community if possible.

## **Recorder Lessons**

Mr McDermott continues to provide recorder tuition every **Thursday - please ensure that your child brings their recorder and money for this lesson.**

## **School Council**

We are delighted to announce our new Chairperson (Dearbhla - Y7) and Vice-Chairperson (Daisy- Y6). We congratulate the girls on their success in this election and wish them well as they lead the "pupil voice" within Culmore Primary School. They will have a busy year ahead of them - their first challenge is to help develop an "Active School Travel Pledge" which will be inserted into our Active School Travel Policy.

## **Shared Education Programme**

Our Shared Education Programme is already underway. Various year groups are working with teachers and pupils from Oakgrove Integrated College, Chapel Rd Primary School and Ashlea Primary School. This has proven to be a fantastic learning experience for our children in the past and there are many exciting new opportunities planned for the year ahead. It is vital that you have returned your consent form giving permission for your child/children to go on these trips out of school.

May I take this opportunity to, once again, thank each and every one of our parents, relatives and friends of Culmore Primary School for your ongoing support and co-operation on school matters- it is greatly appreciated,

Kind Regards,

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