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## November Newsletter

**INSET Days-** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### Provision visits

A big thank you to all of the parents, carers and family members who came along to the provision visits. It is lovely to work with you in school. The visits were very successful and we plan to run them throughout the school year.

### School times

All children in school start at 8.45a.m. and finish at 3.15p.m. Doors are open every morning until 8.50a.m.

Children arriving after these times on a morning will be marked as late. Phonics sessions start straight away every morning.

<b>In a school year, if your child is late every day by....</b>	<b>Your child would have lost</b>	<b>Or missed approximately</b>
5 minutes	3.5 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days from school	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	123 lessons

As always, we are here to support you.

### After school clubs

After school clubs will run until Thursday 5th December. New clubs will start in January. A letter will be sent before Christmas.

### **Children in Need**

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, children can come into school wearing non-uniform, uniform or spots. We are collecting donations to send to the charity.

### **Christmas Concerts**

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Class 4 at 9.30am

Class 5 at 10am

Class 1 at 1.30pm

Class 2 at 2pm

Class 3 at 2.30pm

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December - Class 9 at 1.30pm

Class 7 at 2pm

Class 8 at 2.30pm

### **Christmas Parties**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Classes 1, 2, 4 and 5

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Classes 3, 7, 8 and 9

Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes.

### **Christmas Dinner**

Children will have a Christmas dinner on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Children who usually have a packed lunch can have a dinner that day. Please let the office know by Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

### **Website information**

<http://www.acrerigg-inf.durham.sch.uk/>

Our website is updated on a regular basis. You will find information about the curriculum, events in school and policies. All newsletters can be found on the website too.

### **E Safety message**

Use safe search engines such as swiggle.org.uk or kids-search.com. Safe search settings can also be activated on Google and other search engines as well as YouTube and it is possible to lock these so that they can't be inadvertently removed. You can find out more by visiting the

Google Safety Centre. Once you've put all of these controls in place have a browse and search for a few things to see what your children might see, if they were to do the same. Remember that voice-activated search works really well now.

### **Support for parents**

As a school, we can offer families practical support. We run a "swap shop". We have new or nearly new uniform for you to choose from. Please email school on [acrerigginfants@durhamlearning.net](mailto:acrerigginfants@durhamlearning.net) or pop into the office. Miss Garrod and Mrs. Simcox will be happy to help you.

We also have access to food bank and other forms of support. Karen Harrison is our Parent Support Advisor. Karen is on the school gate every Monday morning. She can also be contacted on 07775 574 978.

### **Events for the next half term:**

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	-	Children in Need
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December to	-	Christmas Concerts
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December		
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Festive Run
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> and Thursday	-	Christmas Parties
19 <sup>th</sup> December		
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	-	Christmas Dinner
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	-	School finished for Christmas holidays

Thank you for your ongoing support

Mrs. K. Longstaff

Head Teacher