



# Toft Hill Primary School

29th November 2019



## December

Tues 3rd—Christmas jumper swap—3.30pm  
Thurs 5th—Christmas Fair—6pm—7.30pm  
Tues 10th—Y4 Dance at BB  
Thurs 12th—Christmas lunch  
Fri 13th—Christmas Jumper Day  
Tues 17th—KS1 & YR Christmas Productions 9.30 and 1.30  
Weds 18th—KS2 Christmas Productions 9.30 & 1.30  
Thurs 19th—whole school visit to Darlington Pantomime  
Fri 20th—Parties  
Fri 20th—school breaks up for Christmas

## January

Tues 7th—school re-opens for teaching purposes  
Mon 27th—31st—Y6 Lockerbie residential

## February

Mon 10th—Fri 14th—Book People book fair at lunchtimes  
Fri 14th—School breaks up for half term  
Mon 24th—school re-opens for teaching purposes

On Wednesday Y6 attended a Safety Carousel at the Workplace, Newton Aycliffe. They took part in a variety of activities which were hosted by the Emergency Services. They learnt what to do if they were in an accident or were in the vicinity of a fire, how to behave around water and how to keep themselves safe in general. They came back to school with a wealth of knowledge.



Our Christmas Craft Clubs were a huge success. The children really had fun painting, sticking and decorating coasters, baubles etc. while singing along to Christmas songs. Thank you to our TAs who always make this festive club that little bit extra special

On Thursday Y2 had a fabulous day! They travelled by coach to Bishop Auckland station where they caught the train to North Road, Darlington. Here they visited the Head of Steam Railway Museum. On the morning the children were in groups and made model locomotives from tubes, dowels and tech paper which they will be testing out at school next week. After lunch they had a tour of the museum which is inside a Victorian station. There are a lot of the original features still there such as the booking office, the platform and footbridge, waiting room and newspaper kiosk. They also have the original Victorian toilets! After the tour the children learnt all about the first ever locomotive, the rocket and its inventor, George Stephenson. It was a jam packed day! They returned to school via train and coach.

## **Achievers for this week:**

Head Teachers Award: Lois—Excellent reading.

R: Eden—Always being kind to her friends and being a good role model.

Y1: Amber—Great effort learning new skills and problem solving in maths.

Y2: Theo—Enthusiasm throughout Y2's trip to Darlington Railway Museum.

Y3: Summer—Excellent start to story writing.

Y4: The Class—A pleasure to teach and making Miss Jenkins smile every day.

Y5: Lily—Excellent effort with her handwriting and presentation.

Y6: Olivia—Enthusiasm and questioning at the Safety Carousel.

Merits: 25—Braylon, Mark, 50—Faye, Maisie, 300—Bella, Regan, 400—Aairon, Megan, 500—Liam

Ruby Power: Mia—Helping others build their model locomotives at Darlington Railway Museum.

Lunchtime Supervisors Award: Arthur—Trying different food and eating his lunch.

**Attendance: Y2 98.4**

**Government Target: 96%**



Our school Christmas Fair is on Thursday this week. The doors will open at 6.00pm. There will be a variety of stalls where you can buy your last minute Christmas presents. Refreshments will be available and of course Santa is taking time out of his very busy schedule to pay us a visit! Our staff have been very busy making decorations and other crafty items to raise funds for our school. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday.

The next few weeks in school will be very, very busy! Please check your child's bag for any letters or notes that may come home advising you of various arrangements, dates times etc.

Tickets are now available for the school Christmas performances. Our hall is not very big and we are limited to 120 visitors by the fire brigade. To make it fair for everyone we initially offer 2 tickets for your child's performance. If we have any spare, they will be available on Thursday 5th December. We request that you give us a call after the morning rush (9.00am) where they will be issued on a first come first served basis. A text will be sent when the tickets have all gone.

Remember our Christmas jumper swap on Thursday which has been arranged by school council. It is being held on Tuesday after school. If you can't make it but have a jumper you would like to donate please just drop it off in the office. Thank you.