



Felton C of E Primary School

Monthly Newsletter -

December 2023

'Loving, Learning, Living as we journey together to enable everyone to flourish'

December has certainly arrived with a flurry of wintery weather and very icy conditions but the school is warm and full of excitement for all the wonderful activities the festive season brings. During December, PE and Forest skills will be mainly indoors and the time utilised for preparing for our Christmas performance; however, please ensure your child has wellingtons in school in case we have the opportunity to go outside and play in the snow.

Many of the classes enjoyed visits in November: Adventurers had a wonderful time on their visit to Beamish and learnt so much about toys from the past. Pioneers had a cold but fascinating visit to St Mary's Lighthouse, there's nothing quite like rock pooling in the snow and having your own private lighthouse to explore.

We look forward to inviting you all in for our Christmas performances that the children are busily rehearsing for and already sound magnificent. The FSFA will be selling 'The Grand Christmas raffle' tickets at each performance so come prepared.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the Staff and Governors, to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Mrs Emma Lucas
Headteacher

Collective worship

During Advent we will be exploring the Christmas story from different viewpoints and lighting our **Advent Wreath**

Four candles are put around the wreath and often a fifth candle is put in the middle.

Week 1 – On Monday we lit a purple candle. This symbolises **hope** with the 'Prophet's Candle' reminding people that Jesus is coming.

Week 2 – a purple candle is lit. This symbolises **love** with the 'Bethlehem Candle' and remembers Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

Week 3 – a pink candle is lit. This is known as the Candle of **Joy** or 'Mary's Candle' and represents the joy the world experiences at the coming birth of Jesus.

Week 4 – a purple candle is lit. This symbolises **peace** and is called the 'Angel's Candle'. It reminds us of the message of the angels, 'Peace on earth, good will toward men'.

Christmas Day – the white candle is lit. This is known as the Christ Candle. Jesus is the light of the world.

During the final week of term we have been invited to a **Christingle** service at the church, which we are very much looking forward to. Christingles are made from an orange decorated with red tape, sweets or dried fruit and a candle. Each of these different elements has a special meaning:-

The orange symbolises the world. The red ribbon shows God's love for the world and the blood of Jesus. The sweets/dried fruit represent God's creations. The four cocktail sticks can represent either the four seasons or the four corners of the world. The candle represents Jesus as the light of the world.



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FSFA - 🎅🎅🎄 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE 🎄🎅🎅

The famous FSFA Christmas Raffle will be drawn after school on Wednesday the 20th December.. The school choir will perform carols and there will also be refreshments and some tombola type stalls.

As it's the school's 50th anniversary the FSFA want to make the raffle as big as possible with more prizes up for grabs so if your employer or a company you know may be able to help donate prizes they would be truly grateful. Mr Long has sent a prize request letter for you to use or please drop the FSFA a message to feltonsfa@gmail.com if you can help or contribute in any way.

Twitter and our School Website

Remember that you can follow us on Twitter [@felton_primary](https://twitter.com/felton_primary) to see what's going on in our classrooms. These newsletters are also available each month on the school [homepage](#).

Children in Need

Many thanks for all your kind donations. We raised a SPOTacular £217.



December Dates - busy month ahead!

- 12th December @ 1.45pm** - Explorers' Christmas performance: 'Shine Star Shine'
- 13th December @ 3.30pm** - Adventurers' Christmas performance: 'Miracle in Town'
- 14th December @ 1:45pm & 5pm** Voyagers and Pioneers perform: 'Cinderella Rockerfella'
- 15th December** - Own clothes for this term's winning house (**announced 8th Dec**)
- 18th December @ 9:30am** Christingle @ Felton Church (Parents/Carers welcome to attend)
- 20th December** - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper day
- 20th December @ 3:15pm** - FSFA Grand Christmas raffle and carol singing in the school hall
- 21st December** - Christmas Party Day
- 22nd December** - School breaks up for Christmas @ 3:15pm
- 8th January 2024** - School resumes

