



Autumn Diary at Ribbon

Friday 5th November 2021

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn term – one of the busiest at Ribbon!

Remembrance Day 2021

On **Thursday 11th November**, we will hold a special Remembrance Service in the Hall (to coincide with the minute silence). Members of Ribbon Parliament (supported by Miss Keeling & Mr Murray) will reflect on the importance of the day through readings and poetry. On **Sunday 14th November** senior pupils will gather at Murton Cenotaph to lay a wreath on behalf of everyone at Ribbon. Poppy merchandise is on sale daily (please send donations in a sealed envelope). Look out for our very own 'Tommy' which Mr Murray is currently building with the help of the children.

Children in Need 2021

On **Friday 19th November** we will raise money for the BBC Children in Need appeal. This year, we are holding a 'Pyjama Day'. All we ask is a donation of £1.00, which is per family. We will raise further funds on the day by selling special spotty biscuits (20p). All money raised will go directly to 'Children in Need'.

Pantomime 'Snow White'

Children at Ribbon have been invited to the Glebe Centre to see M&M Productions version of 'Snow White' on **Tuesday 23rd November** with their production of 'Snow White'. Many thanks to Councillors Griffiths and Adcock @ Durham County Council for funding this event for our children.

The 'Big Ribbon Christmas Switch-on'

Christmas officially starts at Ribbon on **Thursday 2nd December**, when our Christmas trees, lights and decorations will be switched-on.

Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will take place in the school Hall/Studio on **Friday 26th November** from 3.30 > 5.00pm – everyone is welcome! To make our fair as fantastic as possible would welcome the following donations: toiletries; toys; books; chocolates, cakes, and sweets.

Christmas Cards

Monday 6th December marks the start of Christmas card deliveries in school. Last year we delivered many hundreds of cards! Please ensure envelopes are clearly labelled with the recipient's: first name, surname and class number.

Christmas Production

All performances will be held in the Hall. Tickets will be sold for all performances – watch out for further details nearer each event.

- Years 4 & 6 will perform on **Monday 13th December, from 2.00pm.**
- Years 1 & 2 will perform on **Tuesday 14th December, from 2.00pm.**
- Reception will perform 'The Nativity' on **Wednesday 15th December**
- Years 3 & 5 will perform on **Thursday 16th December, from 10.00am.**

Early Years Winter Wonderland

Nursery & Reception - 'Early Years Winter Wonderland' on **Thursday 9th December** in the Early Years Garden, from 4.30pm until 6.00pm.

Ribbon Choir & Musicians

This year, our Choir and brass/wind musicians will perform a Christmas concert on **Wednesday 15th December from 4.00 > 4.45pm** (invites will be shared nearer the date).

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 10th December will be a non-uniform day when children are encouraged to wear a Christmas jumper to raise money for Save the Children. All funds will provide essentials like healthcare, education, protection, and food to the millions of children around the world who are missing out on basic support. We kindly ask for a donation of up to £1 per family.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch will be served for on **Wednesday 15th December**. If your child normally brings a packed lunch and would like a hot Christmas lunch, there will be the opportunity to do so.

Christmas Service

Our annual Christmas Service, led by Minister Kay Crockett (Independent Methodist Church, Murton), will take place on **Thursday 16th December** in school. Due to the high volume of children, we have in school, it is not possible to invite parents/carers to attend.

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties will take place during the last two weeks of term. Although school heavily subsidises parties, we ask for a £1.00 contribution from each child to help fund party food, prizes etc. **Please make donations through SCOPAY only.** Detailed below are the dates of parties. Children can come to school wearing their party clothes.

Nursery – Monday 6th December for both AM and PM classes

Reception – Tuesday 7th December – 2.00pm > 3.00pm

Year 1 – Thursday 9th December (PM)

Year 2 – Friday 17th December (AM)

Year 3 – Friday 10th December (PM)

Year 4 – Thursday 16th December – 1.30pm > 2.30pm

Year 5 – Wednesday 15th December (PM)

Year 6 – Thursday 16th December – 2.30pm > 3.30pm

Further details of all events will be shared in due course; however, in the meantime if you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact school. Please note that school closes for the Christmas holidays on **Friday 17th December at 3.30pm** and will reopen on **Wednesday 5th January, at 9.00am.**

Mrs A Sheridan (Head Teacher) and the Ribbon Team