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Dear parents

### **A few quick updates**

The school raised £160.88 from Appleby Fun Run. Next year's date for your diary is Sunday 26 June 2016.

Next week Mrs Hastwell will be starting a placement with us; she is studying with Appleby Heritage Centre to become a teaching assistant. She will be in school on Wednesday and Friday mornings.

Could I send out a renewed request for help with advertising our current vacancy for an apprentice, and also a teaching assistant? Information about both posts is on our school website. If you know anyone who might be interested, please let them know.

Poppies are now on sale at the front desk if you would like to buy one, including a few hand-made ones for a larger donation.

### **Note for parents of Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils**

Children have been receiving weekly recorder lessons since October. It is now time to request a voluntary contribution of £5 for the second half of the Autumn term. If you are happy to make this contribution, please send in either cash or a cheque made payable to Cumbria County Council (or add onto your dinner money if this is easier). Receipts will be issued as usual.

### **A thank you letter**

The school received a letter from Penrith Salvation Army Community Church, thanking all who donated items at our recent harvest festival. The food parcels are given out to those in need who are referred to the Salvation Army by various agencies in the area.

### **Crosby's Got Talent!**

**Crosby Ravensworth School will have a talent show followed by a cake sale on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 2:30 to raise money for Children In Need.**

**All members of the public are welcome to come!**

**Admission is by donation.**

**Any contributions to our cake stall are very welcome.**

**Hope to see you there!**

**From the school council**



### **Children In Need**

This is what else we have planned for **Friday 13 November**:

- Wear your onesy or pyjamas to school: join in non-uniform day for a donation of £1.
- Freda will be cooking fish, chips and mushy peas, followed by a Pudsey biscuit, for school dinner (let Lisa know if you usually have packed lunch but would like school dinner – only £2.20!)
- Bring in your small change to cover Pudsey in the school hall.

### A note from Mrs Pattinson and Lisa

"We have decided to run some lunch time sessions for both classes, to make decorations for the school's entry for the Christmas Tree festival on **Friday 27 November** (see your Lyvennet Link for more details). If you are able to help by sending in any of the following items, we would be very grateful. Everything we plan to make will be recycled, using items that you might otherwise throw away; in fact, we may well call our tree "A load of old rubbish"! Thanking you in advance!"

- Old CDs (could be scratched – it doesn't matter)
- Toilet roll and kitchen roll middles
- Last year's Christmas cards
- Empty tomato puree tubes
- Quality Street cellophane wrappers
- Oddments of green, red and white ribbon, wool and fabric
- Hessian
- Odd green buttons, any size



Finally – we are hoping that someone could donate a real tree for us to decorate. If you are able to help with this, please let us know as soon as possible. If necessary, we will use an artificial tree from school, but a real one would be SO much better!

### Posada 2015 - Mary and Joseph's journey

During Advent, the symbolic figures of Mary and Joseph go round some of the parishes, spending a night at successive houses. You might think of it as a different sort of Advent Calendar. This is a tradition which comes from Mexico, and represents the difficulty that Mary and Joseph had in finding lodgings in Bethlehem when they went there for the Census.



This year the figures will start their journey at Morland Church, as this is where we will be celebrating the start of Advent on **Sunday 29 November** at 11 am. It is hoped to have a family group from Crosby Ravensworth Parish at that service to receive our particular Mary and Joseph and start them on their way. CAN YOU HELP? All are welcome to join us for the service. There is a book accompanying Mary and Joseph and it is hoped that those who take Mary and Joseph into their homes, will write, tell or draw a short story or picture on their page, to tell about their stay with the families before they pass to the next family.

Mary and Joseph need to come back to St. Lawrence's Church Crosby Ravensworth on **Wednesday 16 December** at the Carol Service. If your family would like to be involved in giving Mary and Joseph a bed for the night, please let us know in school and we will pass the message on to Karen Winder, who is organising the Posada again this year.

### Nursery news

We are planning a Christmas Coffee Morning on Sunday 6 December between 10 and 12. All the usual stalls will be there, plus a few extra ones. If you would like to help us by donating a raffle prize, chocolate (for the ever-popular chocolate tombola!) or some home baking, we will be very grateful. There are posters in the village with more information.

### Dates for your diary

Sat 7 Nov – Tebay bonfire

Wed 11 Nov – parents evening

Fri 13 Nov – Children In Need day

Mon 16 Nov – Operation Christmas Child boxes will be collected from school

Wed 18 Nov – Friends of the School AGM, 7 pm, venue to be confirmed

Mon 23 Nov – KS2 trip to Tullie House

**NEW!** Sun 6 Dec – Christmas Coffee Morning for nursery funds, CRVH 10-12

Wed 9 Dec – Christmas performance at CRVH, early evening

Fri 11 Dec – carol singing at Tebay Services, pm

Sun 13 Dec – joint service at Kings Meaburn Chapel with Phil Dew

Wed 16 Dec – school Christmas dinner  
Wed 16 Dec – Christmas carols in church, 6 pm  
Thur 17 Dec – Christingle service in church  
Thur 17 Dec – last day of term  
Tues 5 Jan – return to school for Spring term 2016  
Wed 13 Jan – whole school visit to the Theatre By The Lake  
Wed 24 to Fri 26 Feb – Y5 and Y6 residential at Hawse End, Keswick

Yours sincerely;

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Priestley', with a stylized, cursive script.

Mr D Priestley