



## GREAT ORTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

What a busy and exciting time the children have had this half term!



Children in Need and the Christmas Jumper Day.  
We raised a total of £54.00 for these charities.



'Poppy' visited us to tell us the story of an evacuee during WW2 and the children visited St Giles church in the village to pay their respects and display their artwork for Remembrance Sunday. We raised £39.80 for the Royal British Legion.



We all enjoyed a very festive Christmas lunch on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December and some of our Governors joined us.



I think you will all agree that the Christmas Performance was fantastic! Well done everyone.

The children had been busy in class creating their own Christmas crafts. From the planning stage, the sourcing of resources, through to the actual making and creation of the items.



The craft sale, refreshments and tombola raised £181.00 towards school funds.

A really 'BIG THANK YOU!' to everyone who supported us, whether that was gifting donations or purchasing items.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024** – School closes at 1:00 p.m. for Christmas holidays.

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025** – School reopens at 8:45 a.m. for start of new term.

## After School Clubs

These will continue in the Spring Term.

Tuesday – Sport Club - 3:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. – Free

Wednesday – Craft Club – 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. - £5 (includes a snack)

Thursday – Cooking Club – 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. - £5 (includes a snack)

All of these clubs are open to children from all year groups.

School meals and all after school clubs should all be booked and paid for in advance using the School Hub App.



### Reading

Reading with your child for 10/15 minutes each evening really does help with their progress.

We are part of the Battery Recycling Campaign in conjunction with Cumberland Council. There is a collection box in the school office. Any batteries can be sent in, and they will then be recycled correctly instead of ending up in normal household waste.



## Nursery Provision



For enquiries about the on-site privately ran nursery 'Messyhands' – please contact Collette Evans on 07783924187.

Children now accepted from 6 months old to school age.

Before and After school provision offered to all primary school aged children

## PARKING

Please remember to park responsibly when dropping or collecting your child/children at/ from school and for not parking on the yellow zigzags outside school or in the adjacent pub carpark.

Additional parking can be found at the village hall, which is only a 3-minute walk to school.

Myself and all of the staff would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Kind Regards

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Headteacher