

Dear Parents/Carers



Seven Stories – Christmas Show

We are so excited to inform you that we are planning a visit to Seven Stories in Newcastle for all of the Reception children.

***Christmas at Seven Stories (The Night Before Christmas)** T'was the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring not even a mouse. The Seven Stories Story Catchers were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of picture books danced in their heads. Yes, we're getting ready for that very special night but the Story Catchers just can't get to sleep! Inspired by the iconic poem A Visit from St Nicholas find out what's keeping them awake in this festive interactive story performance. With story times, games and activities it's sure to be a Happy Christmas to all and to all a good night.*

The trip is to go ahead on Thursday 9th December. Children would need to attend school as normal at 8.45 and in school uniform with a suitable coat. We would hope to leave school by coach at around 9.45am and return for the end of the school day at 3.15pm. Your child will need a packed lunch and a drink in a plastic container for the trip. We would like to take this opportunity to ask for parent helpers to accompany us on the visit. We have limited places available on the coach so, if you would like to offer your help, please let a member of Class 1 or Class 2 staff know as soon as possible. We will then place all names into a hat and pull out the correct number that can join us on the coach. For our ratios, we also need an additional 3 parent helpers to meet us at Seven Stories, they would not need to pay entry as they would be part of our trip. If this is something you could offer, please let a member of Class 1 or Class 2 staff know as soon as possible.

The PTFA are kindly able to support this visit by contributing £295. This makes the cost of the visit £7.50 per person which includes a ticket for the Christmas Show and a 1-hour opportunity to explore The Lost Spells – Shifter of Shapes and Crafts area in Seven Stories and the transportation by coach there and back. The amount needs to be paid via parent pay by Friday 19th November and can be paid in instalments if necessary. As a school we are only able to ask for voluntary contributions, however if we are unable to cover the cost then I am sure you understand that such a visit would not be feasible.

If your child is eligible for free school meals because you are in receipt of certain benefits there will be no charge for the trip.

As all Reception aged children are entitled to *Universal Free School Meals*, if you would like school to provide your child with a packed lunch the kitchen needs advance notice. Please indicate on your form below.

Please could you **return the slip below by Monday 15th November.**

Thank you.

Mrs Nelson and The Reception Team

I would like my child to attend Seven Stories with school (please tick).

I would like my child to have a school packed lunch (please tick).

I understand I need to pay £7.50 via Parent Pay by Friday 19th November (please tick).

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Emergency contact telephone number for the day of the trip: _____

Any medical/dietary needs: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____