




December 2015 Newsletter

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Advent Collection

We are continuing to collect coppers & 5p pieces to send to CAFOD as part of their 'World Gifts' campaign. The children will choose which gifts to send to the 3rd World when they know how much they have raised - eg a pair of piglets, a school starter pack, a doctor's bicycle - really useful equipment for people.


Please encourage your child to bring money into school.

Christmas Fair



A great big thank you to everyone who supported this event - the Friends of the School who organised it, particularly June Richardson, the volunteers on the day & beforehand, and everyone else for spending their money & selling raffle tickets. We are so grateful to them. Well done, also, to our brass & recorder players for entertaining us so well while we shopped, and our craft club for the lovely crafts!

The amount raised was £830, absolutely amazing, especially when you consider the size of our school!!

Thank you again!!! 

Congratulations

Well done to all of our Class 1 & Year 2 pupils on their performance in the nativity play. They worked very hard and performed beautifully. Our thanks to all of the staff who prepared them for this lovely occasion & Mr. Craggs for the wonderful staging.



School concerts

Well done to all of our pupils for their beautiful performance at our carol service last night. It really was a lovely occasion. It is always a special part of our school preparation for Christmas, so thank you for letting your child come back to school for the evening, & to all of the staff who stayed behind to support.

I'd also like to congratulate the children who took part in the Wheatley Hill Mothers' Club concert. They sang beautifully.

Lots of thanks go to Miss Horner who has prepared the children so beautifully for the 2 concerts above. She has put lots of hard work into these events.

Guitar & Ukelele concert - Wednesday morning at 9.15am.

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Christmas Parties

The children's Christmas parties take place in the afternoon.

- *They can either come to school dressed in their party clothes but they may get dirty when playing outside.
- *They can bring their clothes with them to change into after lunch themselves.
- *Or - you can come up to school to help them get changed - after 12.45pm please!



Book Fair

This raised an amazing £483.60 - thank you again for your support.

Northumbrian Water

Northumbrian Water volunteers kindly donated & fitted sensors to our sewage pumps so that the system will work more effectively. We really appreciate them giving up their time to help our school.

New Youth Club

Durham University student volunteers are starting a new youth club (6-11yrs) at Greenhills Community Centre in Wheatley Hill. This will take place every Thursday from 6pm until 7.30pm. If you are interested in your child attending, please just go along. You will be most welcome

Internet Advice from the Local Authority

There is further advice from the local authority regarding parental controls on the internet. The advice is attached to this newsletter. Please do follow all advice necessary to keep our children safe on the internet.

Art Competition

The new surgery held an art competition for paintings to put up in the waiting room. Class 5 entered and the following children won a prize:

Heidi - 1st place, Neve - 2nd place, Leoni - 3rd place. You can see their creations on the wall at the surgery. Congratulations to the 3 girls.



Winter Weather

Please make sure your children come to school with a change of shoes & warm outdoor gear like hats & gloves. They do like to play in the snow, but we can only take children out who are appropriately dressed. A change of shoes is really important so that they are warm all day, & so that our school floors don't get too slippy.

Please listen to the local radio stations (Metro, Galaxy & Durham FM) on a snowy morning in case we have to close - this would only be in the most extreme circumstances, as we do like to stay open. Our school website will also immediately be updated if we close the school.

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Year of Mercy

Pope Francis has declared this year a Holy Year of Mercy and our Diocese launched this on Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral in Newcastle. We will be celebrating this in school in different ways over the year.



Dates for the Diary



- 16th December - 9.15am - guitar & ukulele concert
- 16th December - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas party
- 17th December - Class 1 & 2 Christmas party
- 18th December - Break up for CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
- 5th January - Back to school



PLEASE NOTE NEXT YEAR'S HOLIDAYS ARE ON THE WEBSITE AND CHILDREN DO NOT RETURN TO SCHOOL UNTIL WEDNESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER 2016

And Finally...

I would like to wish everybody a happy and holy Christmas, and a wonderful new year.

See you in 2016!



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