

## **DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2016**

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **Wheatley Hill Mothers' Club concert**

I'd also like to congratulate the children who took part in the Wheatley Hill Mothers' Club concert. They sang beautifully. Thank you to Miss Horner for preparing them so well.

### **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!

### **Mrs. Walker's 'Reading in Unusual Places' Photo Competition**

Thank you to all of those children who have sent in photos. This is a lovely competition and we are really enjoying looking at all the amazing places you are finding to read!!

### **New School Mission Statement Competition**

Staff, Governors and the children are all currently developing our new school mission statement & ethos statement. We are developing it from the following bible quote that was chosen because we feel this is what we want to aim for, for our children:

*“You must shine among them like stars lighting up the sky”.*  
*(Paul's letter to the Philippians 2:9-15)*

Miss Horner will be sending a letter out telling you about a competition for our children to design a logo for this statement that we can then

display around school, on our website & in lots of our documentation. This is a great opportunity for our children to be creative & imaginative. Please encourage them to do this at home. The closing date for this is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January.

### **Book Fair**

This raised an amazing £381.90 - thank you again for your support.

### **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 slippery.

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.

### **DATES FOR THE DIARY**

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| 13 <sup>th</sup> December | - | 1pm - Class 3, 4 & 5 children visiting church for a carol service practice |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> December | - | Class 5 educational visit to the Oriental Museum                           |
|                           | - | 6pm - Class 3, 4 & 5 Carol Service in church                               |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> December | - | 2pm - 1 <sup>st</sup> performance of Class 1&2 nativity play               |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> December | - | Class 1 'Christmas Stay & play' session                                    |
|                           | - | 2pm - 2 <sup>nd</sup> performance of nativity play                         |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> December | - | Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas party  |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> December | - | Reception, Years 1 & 2 Christmas party                                     |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> December | - | Guitar & Ukelele concert at 9.15am   |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> December | - | Break up for CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY   |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> January   | - | Back to school   |

### **And Finally...**

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

See you in 2017!



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