



November 2015 Newsletter

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We are leading up to a very busy time of year as you will be aware. There will be many opportunities for you to visit us during our various celebrations and we look forward to seeing you there. Please particularly take note of the dates for your diary so that you don't miss out on anything.

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.***



Admissions to School – September 2016

Please note that the closing date to send applications to start Reception at Primary school in September 2016 is **January 15th, 2016.**

Christmas Fayre



The Friends of the School are organising a Christmas Fayre on Friday – 4th December at 2pm. Please put the date in your diary. We are still raising funds for a variety of school items & events. Our thanks to the Friends of the School for all of their efforts.

New Class 3 Classroom & Library

We are delighted that all of the building work to enlarge Class 3 was completed during the October holiday. I know, you all agree that this is a lovely space for our children now. I'd like to thank all of the staff who worked so hard beforehand & afterwards to enable it all to happen so quickly.

Storysacks Reminder

Just a reminder that you can borrow the lovely storysacks to share stories & games with your child if they are in Class 1 or 2. The storysacks library is open every Monday from 8.45am until 9am.



Poppy Appeal

We raised an amazing £146.30 this year in the poppy appeal – double last year's fund-raising. Thank you for all of your support.



Remembrance

Class 3 attended the beautiful celebrations at Wheatley Hill cemetery on 4th November in remembrance of 100 years since Thomas Kenny VC bravely saved his officer & earned the Victoria Cross. Our children were all very respectful.

Congratulations to Class 3 for a lovely Remembrance Liturgy on the 11th November.

Thank you to those of you who brought your children to the village Remembrance Day celebrations. I'd like to thank Mrs. Starkie for attending on behalf of the school.

Dates for the Diary

- 1st December - Class 3 trip to Durham Archaeology Museum
- 2nd December - 7pm - Wheatley Hill Mothers' Club Christmas Concert
- 3rd December - 9.15am – Advent mass in school hall – all welcome
1.30pm—Class 5—Phoenix Medical Centre—Art winners announced
- 4th December - 2pm – School Christmas Fair – all welcome
- 8th & 9th December – pm - Class 1 & 2 Nativity Play
- 10th December - Children watch a Christmas musical performance in school
- 11th December - Children have their Christmas lunch
Children watch a St. Bede's musical performance in school
- 14th December - 6pm – Class 3 & 4 Carol Service
- 15th December - 9am – Class 1 Christmas 'Stay & Play'
- 16th December - Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Class 1 trip to Beamish
- 17th December - Reception, Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party
- 18th December - BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Return to school on TUESDAY 5th January



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