



## Information About the Christmas Shows and Nativities



The dates/times for the Christmas Shows are as follows:

- **Acorns Nativity** - Wednesday 5th December at 10.00am
- **Nursery Nativity** - Thursday 6th December at 9.30am
- **Reception Nativity** - Tuesday 4th December at 9.30am
- **Years 1 & 2** - Wednesday 12th December at 9.30am and 2.00pm
- **Years 3, 4, 5 & 6** - Tuesday 11th December at 9.30am and 2.00pm

If your child is in Acorns, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 you will **not** need a ticket for your child's nativity/show.

If your child is in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 you **will** need a ticket. The ticket request letters were sent home on Monday and the forms need to be returned to the office by Friday, 30th November. We will process requests for extra tickets by Wednesday 5th December.

### No Parking During Christmas Shows - please make your travel arrangements in advance.

Please note that we will not have parking available for the Christmas Shows and that the school gates will be closed from 9.15am on all show days. Please plan to park off site and walk up to the school. Guests who need to use a wheelchair are welcome to arrive for the show before the gates close. They can be dropped off and picked up from the turning circle at the front of the school, but the car will need to be parked off site during the performance. We have very limited parking on site and we need to keep the road clear on the way up to school in case of an emergency. We thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

### Information About Other Christmas Activities

The next few weeks will be full of fun Christmas activities across the school:

- We will have our Christmas Dinner on Friday the 14th of December. If your child usually eats a school meal on a Friday, they will automatically have a Christmas Dinner. If they usually eat a packed lunch on a Friday, please return the menu letter that is in your child's book bag today.
- The children will be taking part in a special Christingle Service in St Mary's Church.
- Our choir will be out singing in Newcastle City Centre and in our local community.
- All children will have a Christmas Party during the final week of the term. The children come to school in non-uniform on their party day.



### Children Need to Be Dressed for the Winter Weather!

It is important for the children to have fresh air and exercise everyday, so we have them outside during break and lunchtime in almost all weathers. Please send your child in with a warm coat and hat, even if it is raining. The children and staff love to play outside in the snow, so always send them in with wellies and gloves on snowy days. Thank you.

## Attendance Report

**Our target for the year is 97%.**

### Classes With Attendance Above The Target For The Week:

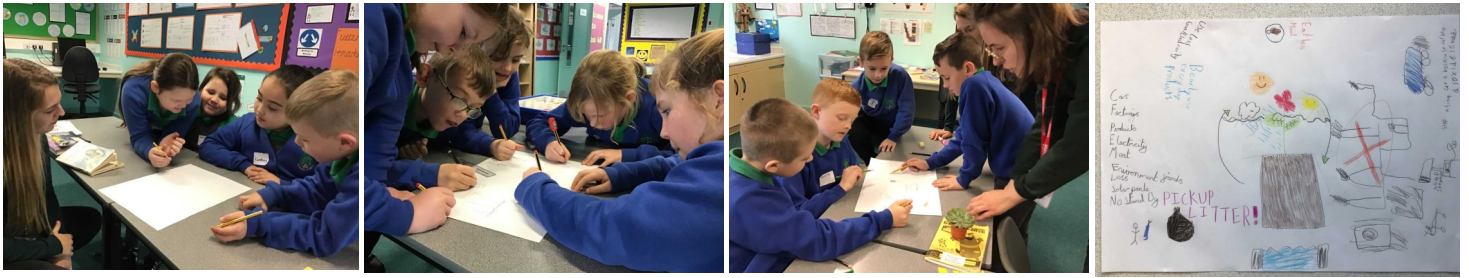


Miss Forster's Class	98.6%	Mrs Walton's Class	97.0%
Miss Liddle's Class	98.2%	Mrs Maddison's Class	98.3%
Miss McGregor's Class	97.4%	Miss Thorpe's Class	98.0%
Mrs Wright's Class	97.5%	Miss Williamson's Class	98.0%
Mr Metcalf's Class	98.8%	Mr Brown's Class	97.8%



**Well done to all of these classes!**

## Year 4 Working with the Newcastle University Eco Society



As part of the Science Curriculum, Year 4 welcomed Miriam, Robin, Levi and their plant Gunther from the Eco Society at Newcastle University! The children worked in groups to help Gunther by thinking of things that they could do to improve the Earth's environment. They discussed animals, plants, the ground beneath our feet and the air we breathe. They found out that people are creating more carbon dioxide than plants can cope with because of farming, manufacturing and car usage. They were full of enthusiasm for the project and they created fabulous posters which show all the ways that they can help to improve the environment and save energy. Some of their ideas included:

- walking, cycling or scootering to school,
- playing outside rather than on electrical devices;
- eating less meat because of the gases the animals release into the atmosphere;
- reusing/recycling products to create less demand;
- picking up litter so that people can enjoy being outside in our local community.



### Results from the Active Lives Children & Young People Survey

Last summer the children in Y2, Y4 and Y6 took part in the Active Lives Survey. We are pleased with the results, particularly for PE. 100% of children in the Y2 class and 95% of the children in Y4 & Y6 reported that they enjoyed taking part in the two hours of PE that lessons that they have each week. The children also report that they enjoy participating in the wide variety of sports that are available to play on the yard at break times and during lunch and after school clubs. We will be offering 13 different breakfast, lunch and after school sports clubs in the Spring Term for children in years 1 - 6, so even more children will be able to find a sporting activity that they enjoy. Please visit the website to see more photographs of children enjoying their PE lessons.

### Dates For Your Diary

<b>4th Dec (Tue)</b>	<b>9.30am Reception Nativity</b>
<b>5th Dec (Wed)</b>	<b>10.00am Acorns Nativity (go home when it finishes)</b>
<b>6th Dec (Thu)</b>	<b>9.30am Nursery Nativity</b>
<b>11th Dec (Tue)</b>	<b>9.30am &amp; 2.00pm Y3, Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Christmas Show</b>
<b>12th Dec (Wed)</b>	<b>9.30am &amp; 2.00pm Y1 &amp; Y2 Christmas Show</b>
<b>14th Dec (Fri)</b>	<b>Christmas Dinner</b>
<b>19th Dec (Wed)</b>	<b>Acorns &amp; Nursery Christmas Party - wear party clothes to school</b>
<b>20th Dec (Thu)</b>	<b>Reception, Y1 &amp; Y2 Christmas Party - wear party clothes to school</b>
<b>21st Dec (Fri)</b>	<b>Y3, Y4, Y5 &amp; Y6 Christmas Party - wear party clothes to school</b>
<b>30th April - 11th May</b>	<b>Year 2 Nat'l Statutory Assessment - pupils must be in school</b>
<b>14th May - 18th May</b>	<b>Year 6 Nat'l Statutory Assessment - pupils must be in school</b>
<b>4th &amp; 5th June (Mon &amp; Tue)</b>	<b>Training Days attached to the May Half Term Holiday to help families with the cost of holidays</b>
<b>11th June - 15th June</b>	<b>Year 1 Nat'l Statutory Phonics Assessment - pupils must be in school</b>