



Allendale Primary School December 2017 Newsletter

Thank you to all the parents and friends who donated chocolate or a bottle for the Christmas Fair, we had a great response. There was also a good turnout at the Christingle and the children's lively singing was well received.

We have a new lunchtime supervisor, Mrs Hemmer who started last week. She will be working with Mrs Nichol and Mrs Harvey.

The Christmas Fair will take place this Friday, December 8th from 6pm until 8pm. Please support this as it is the PTFA's major fundraising event.

The Nursery children who are starting in Pipit class in January have a couple of visits this week; 11.15am on Thursday morning when they and parents are very welcome to stay for lunch and from 8.55am to 10.15am on Friday morning. Any children who are 4 years old on or before 18th January 2018 are eligible to join Pipit Class after Christmas.

We are working with Vision Education who are providing us with prizes for 2 exciting initiatives. The 100% attendance draw will take place each term; Becky from Vision came into school to talk to the children about this and carried out an introductory draw in which Romy, Arwen and Flora each won a £5 voucher.

Becky will also be revisiting after Christmas to launch the Reading Challenge, details in January.

We have been trying to post information on our Facebook page - we didn't realise there were technical difficulties but hopefully these have now been resolved.

Tynedale Area Tag Rugby - Year 3/4

A team of Year 3 & 4 rugby players headed over to Tynedale Rugby Club in Corbridge to play against other schools from the region. 15 schools participated which was a great turnout. After an initial tricky match against Sele First which we drew 5:5, our team won every match to become the overall winners of the tournament. Their success means that they will now represent Tynedale at the Northumberland School Games next summer. Congratulations to them all.



Y5 Football Prudhoe High

A year 5 boys football team travelled to Prudhoe to compete against middle schools from the Tynedale area for a place in the Northumberland Games finals. We fielded a strong team, including 2 year 4 boys, and came 3rd overall which is yet another brilliant performance against much bigger schools.



Year 6 Peer Leader Training

Our Year 6s have all undergone two afternoons of training with Mr Ricketts in order to become Peer Leaders in sport. They have learned how to manage a group in a sporting activity, how to organise games and all about the skills of refereeing. In the new year they will be putting their skills to good use by running a lunchtime club for some of our younger children and by helping out at sporting events for the rest of the school.

Y5/6 Hockey

We sent 2 teams to the Tynedale Area hockey competition and both performed really well. Hockey is something new for us this year, and with only a couple of sessions for the Year 5 and 6s before we went, it was a great challenge. We competed against middle school teams in a fun competition at QE High School on their astro-turf pitch. The games were ably refereed by leaders from QE who are also members of Tynedale Hockey club.



The joint dance project between Curlew Class and Priory School in Hexham was very successful and there was a lovely article in the Hexham Courant featuring the project.

The PTFA will be running the Elf Shop next week. Children can bring in £2.00 and buy a present for a family member which the elf will help them to wrap and label. Information about this event was on the PTFA newsletter you should have already received.

On Friday 15th December, the PTFA will be running a Christmas Film Night from 3.30pm to 5.30pm.

Today we are decorating the Christmas tree and putting up the stage so that we can start rehearsals for the Nativity. Performances will be on Monday 18th December at 2pm and 6pm; tickets are not necessary.

Pipit, Skylark and Lapwing Classes will have their Christmas party on the afternoon of Tuesday 19th December, with Curlew and Kestrel Classes having theirs on the afternoon of Thursday 21st December.

Christmas dinner is on Wednesday 20th December and we will also be carol singing in the Market Square in Allendale that morning at 10.00am, where we will be having a charity collection.

We finish on Friday 22nd December for Christmas and return to school on Tuesday 9th January 2018. All the staff wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year.

Mrs A Hawkins