



Allendale Primary School
Weekly Update 16/12/2019

Apologies that there wasn't a weekly update last week. It was quite a challenging week with staff and pupil absences as well as the boiler breaking down on Tuesday. Temporary heaters were delivered on Tuesday night so that we could have school open for the rest of the week. The boiler is now working as a temporary fix has been put in place. The boilers are the original coal fired boilers from when the school was built 60 years ago, which have been converted to oil. They are old and temperamental; when we moved into the building 6 years ago we were promised by NCC that they would be replaced within 5 years - we are still in discussions with them about when this will happen.

The school primary performance tables were released last Friday:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/primary-school-performance-tables-2019>

The following link will show Allendale Primary School's standards compared to those of our nearest schools. I'm sure that you will agree how high our standards are. The Ofsted dashboard rates us as in the top 20% of primary schools in the country for standards in reading, writing and mathematics; an achievement we are very proud of.

<https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk/compare-schools-import?urns=122171-122284-144478-145412;;;122341-122350-122369-143292-146373;;>

Today at 2pm is our first performance of Lights, Camel, Action! - our strictly themed nativity. The second performance is at 6pm. Children should arrive at the main reception at school from 5.45pm, not before please. Pipit Class will be in the ICT Suite in the main building **not** in their classroom. No tickets required for either performance.

On Tuesday afternoon it will be the Y2 & Y3 Christmas party. Y5 & Y6 are going to HBHS to watch their performance of 'We Will Rock You.'

On Wednesday morning there is a storyteller visiting school for Reception, Y1 and Y2.

At 11.15am, weather permitting, we will be carol singing in the village to raise money for Tynedale Hospice at home.

Wednesday afternoon is the Pipit and Y1 Christmas party.

On Thursday afternoon it will be the Curlew and Kestrel Class party.

School finishes at 3.30pm on Friday. We start back on Tuesday 7th January.

Have a lovely Christmas and peaceful New Year and we hope that the children will feel healthy and well rested for the start of the new term.

Mrs A Hawkins
Headteacher