



**Allendale Primary School**  
**January 2018 Newsletter**

A belated Happy New Year to you all.

No news yet about Miss Guttridge's baby - he or she is being very reluctant to make an appearance! Yet more good news - Miss White is due to have a baby in May this year.

Miss Louisa Read is covering Miss Guttridge's maternity leave in Skylark Class for the rest of this academic year.

Welcome to our new nursery starters in Pipit Class. They have made a great start this week and have fitted in to Pipit Class really well.

Many thanks for all the support we received before Christmas in getting children to the Nativity performance and taking part in the PTFA and school events. We have raised £400 from the nativity programmes and bucket collection towards facilities for the playground. We also have been awarded £2000 for the wildlife garden from the Tesco token collection in September and October, £200 from the Farmer's Ball Committee and £150 from the Christmas decorations for the Crown in Catton, so work will be taking place this year to develop the pond area.

Our bags2school collection is **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January**. Some bags have already arrived at school so if you are planning a new year clear out, clothes, handbags, belts and soft toys will be gratefully received.

We are still working with our local councillor and Northumberland County Council to improve the safe access to school and parking issues. The 20mph zone was installed last October and we are hoping that parking restrictions before and after school will be implemented to enable safe crossing of the road.

Walk on Wednesday continues this term. All children can participate, they can walk, cycle or scooter one day, (or more) or if they come by car they can park a little further away and walk a little. Bus children can do some extra walking during the day at school, or walk their dog etc at home so that they can take part. At the moment Lapwing Class are top of the leader board in the number of active journeys and badges earned.

Mr Ricketts is in school every Monday morning; this term he is coaching gymnastics to Kestrel, Curlew and Lapwing Classes.

Next Wednesday we have a representative from Vision Education coming to assembly to launch the Reading Challenge - if children or parents record what they read each day in their reading record / home school diary or homework diary, they will be entered in a prize draw at the end of term and the lucky winner could win a Kindle.

There will also be a prize draw for all children who had 100% attendance in the Autumn Term.

The PTFA will be having a Marble Night on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January**, more information to follow.

Parents Evenings will take place on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February**; however, if you have anything you want to discuss with your child's teacher please don't feel that you have to wait until then. Staff will be only too happy to have an informal chat at the end of the school day in the playground or arrange a meeting after school.

On **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** we are holding a family Circus Skills workshop after school, further information about this will follow.

All newsletters, curriculum information and dates can be found on our website; [www.allendaleprimary.nothumberland.sch.uk](http://www.allendaleprimary.nothumberland.sch.uk) and we regularly put information and news on Twitter and our Facebook page is now up and running correctly.

This is a short half term and the children finish on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February** for 1 week.

Finally attached with this newsletter is the governors' feedback from the comments boards which were around school on our last parents' evenings.

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Headteacher