



Allendale Primary School
Weekly Update 08/01/2020

Welcome back to the new Spring Term. The weather may not be the best but we are still keen to develop our playground and introduce more activities at playtimes. As a whole school project, each class is going to be designing and developing an area of the school grounds or an activity for playtime. We will be asking for any donations of various resources which can be adapted for play. Thank you to all the parents and extended family members who have already donated items. We are currently on the look out for any unused scooters, any lengths of unused guttering, pots, pans and utensils for the mud kitchen area.

This Friday, Ned from Y3, will be in the playground at the end of school, selling vegetables from his garden to raise funds for Tynedale Hospice; our Christmas jumper day and carol singing raised £135 for Tynedale Hospice at Home before Christmas.

Parent Evenings will be coming up at the end of this half term; appointments will be available for **Tuesday 11th February** and **Thursday 13th February**. If you know in advance that you will not be able to attend either of these days, please contact your child's class teacher to make an alternative appointment.

There is a consultation regarding the future of Allendale Library on Thursday. Please try and go along after school with your child; even if it is a service you do not use it is vital to maintain facilities like this in the village so your support would be welcome.

On **Monday 20th January**, we are hosting a visit from Alan Windram, children's author, who will run a workshop for Pipit, Skylark and Lapwing Classes.

Wednesday 22nd January - Y5 & Y6 will be taking part in a PSHE workshop run by Sarah Donnison from Northumbria Police. Sarah works within the Operation Encompass Team; she comes into school every half term and is available to talk to any parents before school who are concerned about any domestic violence **issues**.

Thursday 23rd January - Bags2School collection. If you have had a new year clear out and have any donations of good quality clothes, paired shoes, hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, bedding, curtains and towels, please send them into school at anytime.

Wednesday 29th January - Lapwing Class have a School of Rocks workshop linking to their Science topic.

This half term ends on **Friday 14th February** and we start school on **Monday 24th February**.

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Headteacher