



LINKS NEWS

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LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Our School Target is 97%

LAST WEEK: 94.3%

Nursery (Seahorses)	-81.8%
Reception (Turtles)	-95.6%
Year 1 (Jellyfish)	-95.0%
Year 2 (Puffins)	-93.8%
Year 3 (Sharks)	-87.4%
Year 4 (Penguins)	-99.2%

Well done Penguins!

QUIZ NIGHT CANCELLED

Unfortunately, due lack of entries, we have cancelled the Quiz Night planned for next Friday. This is usually a great night and a valuable fundraiser for the PTA. We will aim to plan another one in the new year.

CHRISTMAS DIARY DATES

Parents are asked to keep a close eye on the diary (top right of this newsletter) as we approach the busy Christmas period. We cram lots into the last few weeks of term. Parents are politely asked to only choose ONE Christmas performance to come to. By doing this we have so far not had to offer limited numbers of tickets to each family.

YEAR 4 VISIT TO GREAT NORTH MUSEUM AND CLASS ASSEMBLY

During their visit to the Great North Museum this week, Y4 took part in the workshop 'Land of the Pharaoh', identifying objects used by different people in ancient Egypt, from a priest to a farmer to a pharaoh, learning about different elements of each job. They then enjoyed hunting for artefacts in the Egyptian Gallery exploration before having a look around the rest of the museum. Parents are invited to come along to see Year 4's class assembly at 9am on Thursday 29th November at which the children will be showing and telling us much more about what they have been learning.

STARS OF THE WEEK

**Martha Callaghan
Poppy Willis
Ollie Armstrong
Kyle Nyberg
Caleb Wake
Cyrus Mitchell**

SCHOOL PUNCTUALITY TARGET

For the last year we have been setting ourselves targets to help reduce the number of children recorded as being late to school. By raising the profile of the importance of being responsible and getting to school on time we were able to dramatically reduce the number of occurrences of lateness to school where children have needed to enter school through the main doors.

Unfortunately, we did not achieve the target we set during the first half of the autumn term and despite being less than half way through this half term already look as though we will not achieve our new target. The children love their whole school treats so it is a little sad for them when they are not achieved. We will write individually to the parents of children who are regularly recorded as being late and hope that we can begin reaching our targets again soon.

**THIS TERM WE ALREADY HAVE 22 LATES.
OUR TARGET IS LESS THAN 28!**

DON'T FORGET TO GET TICKETS TO SEE SANTA AT THE SCHOOL FAIR. AVAILABLE FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



2018 SCHOOL DIARY

Thurs 29th November	9am—Y4 Class Assembly
Friday 30th November	7pm -PTA QUIZ NIGHT
Monday 3rd December	3.15pm—Christmas Craft Evening (NO CLUBS)
DATE CHANGE Tuesday 4th December	3.15pm PTA Christmas Fair (NO CLUBS)
Weds 5th December	Y1-Y4 Dovecote Centre Pantomime
Thursday 6th December	9am—Christingle Assembly
Monday 10th December	9.30am Nursery. Reception, Y1 Christmas Performance
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Tuesday 11th December	9.30am Nursery, Reception, Y1 Christmas Performance
Friday 14th December	Parents to classrooms to see books after assembly
Monday 17th December	2pm—Y2/3/4 Performance
Tuesday 18th December	9.30am - Y2/3/4 Performance
Weds 19th December	1.30pm - Nativity Service at St Cuthbert's Church
Thurs 20th December	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner
Friday 21st December	Party Day SCHOOL CLOSSES 2PM

PARENT GOVERNOR APPOINTMENT

Further to our call for parents wishing to take on the roll and a single application, we are delighted that Sarah Dunne (mum of Jack and Charlie Fannon) has duly been appointed to our governing body as a parent governor. Parent governors form a vital part of our governing body team as they bring first hand experience of delivery of the curriculum and how the school is perceived from a parent's point of view and can feed this in to the strategic management of the school

THEATRE VISIT-5th December

On Wednesday 5th December we are taking all of the children in Years 1-4 to the Dovecote Centre to see Northumberland Theatre Company's performance of 'The Little Maid Who Danced to Every Mood'. This will be kindly paid for by our PTA. Children in Nursery and Reception will be enjoying a visit from 'Tiddlywinks' at the same time.

SWIMMING—NEXT WEEK

Swimming lessons for next week are for **Year 1 on Thursday** and **Year 3 on Friday**. Please ensure children come to school with their swimming kit. We ask for a contribution of £4 per lesson (children have 1hr lessons every other week) or £2 if your child is entitled to Pupil Premium.