

29 November 2019

Dear Families,

The last few weeks of term are approaching and we are all getting prepared for the start of Advent next week.

School Performance



We are delighted to be recognised for our children's achievement in the Times Parent Power Good School Guide 2020. We were the highest performing state school in Newcastle in this year's ranking. We were ranked 42nd in the country which is a huge achievement. Thank you to all of the staff and children for their hard work.

Flu Immunisations

I am aware that many children did not receive their flu immunisation yesterday, due to issues with incomplete parental consent forms. We were informed that this affected 107 families in our school. I have contacted them to express my concerns about the form layout and the process as I am aware this has happened in other local schools.

Author Visit - Liz Million



Today the fantastic Liz Million visited school and worked with the children. She is an illustrator and author and the children have thoroughly enjoyed listening to her energy and enthusiasm. Each year



group took part in a workshop with Liz. They learned new techniques for drawing characters, thinking about facial expressions to depict the characters' thoughts, feelings and actions. Thank you to our reading leader Miss Kane for organising the visit as part of her work promoting reading and art across the school.

Art Exhibition



Thank you to everyone who came and joined us for our art exhibition. We raised £500 to purchase additional art and D&T resources for the children to use this year. A very big thank you from all the staff for your support.

Christmas Nativities

The staff and children have been busy learning songs and developing their acting skills ready for the performances in the coming weeks. Dates and times are on the diary dates at the end of the newsletter as usual. No tickets will be issued for entry but we ask that a maximum of 4 adults attend per child to ensure that the hall is not overcrowded. The PTA will be offering refreshments. They will also be selling raffle tickets, with the opportunity to win a Christmas hamper.

Christmas Baubles/Gift tags

In previous years, children have brought in either a Christmas bauble from home for our school Christmas tree, or a gift tag, with a special message for a loved one. The Christmas tree will be in the school hall from Monday 2 December, if your child would like to bring in a bauble or gift tag (no glass) they should do so early next week.

St Charles' Church Community Christmas Market

Please join us on Sunday 15 December, from 10am at St Charles' Church Hall. This is a community event organised by the Parish. They will have various stalls, tombola, raffles, Santa and much more. Miss Bell is organising a school stall selling items that children have made.

PTA Non Uniform Day

The PTA recently requested a Non Uniform Day on Friday 6 December, in exchange for donations for tombola gifts (for the Christmas Community Market on 15 December). KS1 and Nursery can donate chocolates and treats. KS2 can donate smellies or bottles.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 13 December we will be having our annual Christmas jumper day. We ask for a small donation, which will be sent to Save the Children charity.

Christmas Lunch

Also on Friday 13 December we will all enjoy our Christmas lunch in school. If your child normally has a Packed Lunch, but would prefer a meal on this day please pay £2 into your ParentPay account and let the office know. The children all enjoy the occasion, especially being waited on by the teachers!

School Communication to Multiple Addresses

If your child is resident at more than one address you can request communication from school to both addresses, this can be done informing Mrs MacLellan or Mrs Ambrose in the school office.

Dairy Dates

December 2019			
02.12.19	Year 4	Visit to Centre for Life	9.00am to 3.00pm
03.12.19	Year 6	Forest School with Ms Owens	2.00pm to 3.00pm
03.12.19	Choir	Daft as a Brush at Fenwicks	Early Evening
05.12.19	Choir	Choir singing at Partnership House. Meet at School 7.45am	8.00am
06.12.19	2020 Reception Intake	New Reception intake look around – for parents with children starting school in September 2020. Please contact the school office to book in a visit.	9.30am
09.12.19	Year 1 & Year 2	Nativity for Families	9.30am Holy Hall
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11.12.19	Nursery & Reception	Nativity for Families	9.30am Holy Hall
11.12.19	Year 3	Healthy Active Lifestyles Event at Walker Activity Dome	10am – 11.45am
12.12.19	Nursery & Reception	Nativity for Families	9.30am Holy Hall
13.12.19	Choir	Choir signing at Partnership House. Choir to meet at school for 7.45am	8.00am
13.12.19	Whole School	Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day	All Day
13.12.19	Whole School	Christmas Lunch	12.00am – 1.00pm
15.12.19	Whole School	Sunday 15 th December come along to St Charles' Community Christmas Market @ the Church Hall	10.00am



16.12.19	Year 5 & Year 6	Carols for Families	9.15am Holy Hall
17.12.19	Year 3 & Year 4	Nativity for Families	9.15am Holy Hall
17.12.19	House Groups	Christmas Cards and Crafts	1.00pm
18.12.19	Whole School	Whole School Party Day	All Day
18.12.19	Choir	Choir will be performing Carols	3.15pm
19.12.19	Whole School	Rock Band	2.00pm
20.12.19	Whole School	Head Teacher Achievement Assembly	9.10am
20.12.19	Whole School	Last Day of Term for Christmas Holidays. School reopens on 06.01.2020	School Closes 3.15pm

January 2020

06.01.20	Year 1 - Year 6	Mathletics Parents Launch Meeting	Holy Hall 2.45pm – 3.10pm
15.01.20	Year 3	Trip to Segedunum – Further information to follow	All Day
10.01.20	2020 Reception Intake	New Reception intake look around – for parents with children starting school in September 2020. Please contact the school office to book in a visit.	9.30am
16.01.20	2020 Nursery Intake	New Nursery intake look around – for parents with children starting Nursery in September 2020. Please contact the school office to book in a visit.	9.30am
17.01.20	Nursery to Year 2	Road Safety Training	9.30am to 12.00pm
21.01.20	Year 1 Maths Parent Workshop	Maths Parent Workshop – further information to follow	09.10am – 09.45am
21.01.20	2020 Nursery Intake	New Nursery intake look around – for parents with children starting Nursery in September 2020. Please contact the school office to book in a visit.	9.30am
28.01.20	KS2 Maths Parent Workshop	Maths Parent Workshop – further information to follow	09.10am – 09.45am
28.01.20	Year 3 & Year 4	Relationship Session by School Nurse Year 3 1.00pm – 2.00pm Year 4 2.15pm – 3.10pm	1.00pm to 3.10pm
31.01.20	2020 Nursery	New Nursery intake look around – for parents with children starting Nursery in September 2020. Please	9.30am



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February 2020			
13.02.20	Year 5	Rent a present Topic celebration – further information to follow	All Day
14.02.20	PTA	Valentine Coffee Afternoon – details to follow	2.00pm
24.02.20	Year 1 & Year 2	Gem Education – Beebots	1.00pm
March 2020			
04.03.20	Year 5	Hygiene session by school nurse – further information to follow	1.00pm - 2.00pm
05.03.20	Whole School	World Book Day – Book Breakfast and Dress Up – Further information to follow.	All Day
10.03.20	2020 Nursery Intake	New Nursery intake look around – for parents with children starting Nursery in September 2020. Please contact the school office to book in a visit.	9.30am
23.03.20	Whole School	Parents Evening	3.30pm
19.03.20	Year 6	Free 2 Be Workshops: prejudice and discrimination in history and modern day society	9.30am to 3.10pm
26.03.20	Whole School	Parents Evening	3.30pm
30.03.20	Whole School	Easter Egg Parade – Further information to follow	3.00pm
April 2020			
02.04.20	Year 3 & Year 4	African Drums for Parents: Year 3 African Drums 1.00pm Year 4 Samba Drums 2.00pm	1.00pm to 2.00pm
02.04.20	Year 5	Centre for Life Science Trip. Further information to follow	All Day
22.04.20	Year 3	Beamish Trip. Further information to follow	All Day
May 2020			
19.05.20	Year 6	Body Changes session by School Nurse	1.00pm – 2.00pm
20.05.20 to 21.05.20	Year 4	Year 4 Holy Island Retreat	All Day
20.05.20	Year 1	Baltic Trip – Further information to follow.	All Day



June 2020

01.06.20	Whole School	Staff Training Day – School Closed to Children	All Day
08.06.20	Year 3 & Year 4	GEM Education – Microbit Workshop Year 3 - 1.00pm – 2.00pm Year 4 – 2.00pm to 3.00pm	1.00pm to 3.00pm
09.06.20	Year 5 & Year 6	GEM Education – Raspberry Pi Workshop Year 5: 1.00pm to 2.00pm Year 6: 2.00pm to 3.00pm	1.00pm to 3.00pm
19.06.20	Year 5	STEM Workshop at St Cuthbert's	TBC
17.06.20 to 19.06.20	Year 6	Year 6 trip to Borrowdale – further information to follow	All Day

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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