



Wyndham Primary School



Friday 1st December 2017

Important Dates

Thursday 7th December—Year 4 trip to Ouseburn Farm.
Friday 8th December—Non Uniform Day - fine chocolates.
Friday 8th December—KS2 trip to Northern Stage.
Tuesday 12th December—Year 3 trip to Hancock Museum.
Wednesday 13th December—EYFS Nativity.
Friday 15th December—Christmas Jumper Day—£1 donation.
Friday 15th December—Christmas Fair.
Monday 18th December—Wyndham Choir Performance at Newcastle Grain-ger Market. 1.45pm-2.15pm
Tuesday 19th December—KS1 Christmas Party. 1.30-3.30pm
Wednesday 20th December—KS1 Christmas Performance.
Wednesday 20th December—YN & YR Christmas Party. 1.30-3.30pm
 (Nursery children are to attend in the afternoon on this day and **not** the morning)
Thursday 21st December—Year 5 Nativity and Carol Concert (YR-Y6 singing).
Thursday 21st December—KS2 Christmas Party. 1.30-3.30pm.
Friday 22nd December—Break up for Christmas.
Monday 8th January—All pupils return back to school.
Thursday 11th January—YR Trip to The Tiny Town.
Friday 12th January—YN Trip to The Tiny Town.



Each half term we will be focusing on one of our core School Values. This half term our school value is **RESPECT**. Assemblies and awards will be focused around this theme. Please ask your child about our theme and what they have been learning.



Late's last week..

YR-2 Y1- 2 Y2-2 Y3- 1
 Y4-7 Y5-1 Y6-1



Early is on time. On time is late. Late is unacceptable.

Christmas Collection

We have delivered our collections to the foodbank in time for the children to open their advent calendars today. The foodbank were very grateful. We are continuing with the other collections until the end of term. You may remember that we'd previously also been asked for feminine hygiene products however this has been amended to include any toiletries at all, for men and woman.

EYFS Elf Day

Early Years have had a magical start to the Christmas season! During Elf Day we met 'The Littlest Christmas Elf' as part of a story and drama workshop, thank you to Hannah for sharing this extraordinary tale. They were also visited by two Elf on a Shelf friends, who've had a tricky start in Early Years but we're hoping to use what we've learn about being a great friend to help our elves make the right choices and keep themselves safe.



Save the Children-CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Following the success of this event last year the School Council have asked that we can do it again this year. So on Friday 15th December everyone is invited to take part in Save the Children Christmas Jumper day, whereby, on donating £1 to this very worthwhile cause, pupils can pop on a Christmas themed pullover for school. If you would like to find out more about how every pound raised can really save lives check out this link:<https://christmasjumperday.org/>



This week in assembly...

We spoke about the start of advent - a time to look forward to something positive. We also discussed the saying 'Good things come to those who wait.'

PE Kit

Please can we make you aware children who attend afterschool clubs are allowed to change into tracksuit bottoms/school uniform before walking home. We agree the children shouldn't be walking home in shorts & t-shirts. Children are able to come back into school to get changed if need be.

Successful Learners

YR-Sophie M for respecting her friends ideas, enabling her to work well as part of a team.
 Cameron for respecting our younger children in Early Years, helping our Playgroup and Nursery pupils.
 Y1-Joe for being respectful when listening to his friends and adults at all times.
 Evie for showing respect to the class by being calm and helpful during learning time.
 Y2-Jayden for showing his friends respect whilst they performed their play.
 Jessica for respecting the views of others at all times.
 Y3-Olivia for always having a respectful attitude towards her friends.
 Robert for respecting the school rules at all times.
 Y4-Misha for displaying great respect to the classroom rules with exemplary attitude.
 Ayaan for being respectful to his peers and taking more pride in his work with an improved attitude.
 Y5-Fatih for having a respectful attitude and in addition remembering to switch off the lights.
 Zara for having a respectful attitude to our classroom and always helping out.
 Y6-Robin and Ellah for both showing respect in school.

SMART- New Half-Term Attendance challenge

Registration Group	%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	97%
Reception	96%
Year 3	96%
Year 6	95%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	95%
Overall	96%
Target	96%

Family Learning Sessions

These exciting Family Learning Sessions are available to parents/carers/family members in school this half-term.

The sessions are led by Newcastle Family Learning and are a chance for you to learn and make things to take home. The sessions will include:

Family Language for all year groups

This session is dedicated to support parents understanding of the English language, learn new skills and meet new friends. This session is on Monday 4th December, 1.30pm-3.30pm.

Family Christmas Crafts for all groups

This exciting and festive after school club is a fantastic opportunity to make gifts, have fun and learn new skills. This session is on a Tuesday, 3.30pm-4.30pm for 2 weeks for parents/carers and children from all year groups.

Cooking on a Budget for all year groups

This is a great opportunity to find out how to prepare healthy meals on a budget and, together, you will have the chance to enjoy preparing food, cooking meals, discovering top tips about how to find the best bargains. This session will begin on Wednesday 10th January for 4 weeks, 09.00am-11.00am.

Talk for Writing for KS2

This fun session will help enable your child to a particular topic. There are exciting activities and role-plays. This session will begin on Monday 15th January for 4 weeks, 09.00am-11.00am for parents/carers in KS2.

Please call into the office and speak to Miss Burke or Mrs Laws for further information or to sign up to any of the above courses.



Surfers Against Sewage

In October Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) came into school to talk to pupils about litter and pollution problems on our beaches and in our local communities. They visited six schools in the North East and challenged the children to create an Anti-Litter Action Plan to solve litter/pollution issues that concern them. During STEM week Wyndham pupils created a number of fantastic action plans. After much deliberation a school entry was sent to SAS. The chosen team: Oliver, Charlie and Jake from Year 6 devised a BRAB (a crab like machine that could be used on beaches to pick up litter). We recently that out of all the entries they received the BRAB was awarded 2nd place. A very impressive result, well done team BRAB! You can view the top 3 entries on the SAS website: <https://www.sas.org.uk/change-north-east/>



Winter uniform

As the weather is changing please can we remind children to come to school with a warm coat to keep them warm when they're playing out at break and lunchtimes. Please also remember that scarves aren't allowed at school, but hats, snoods (without a drawstring) and gloves are fine. As the weather has been increasingly wet this week you may want to send your children into school in wellies (with school shoes that they can change into in school) to keep feet dry when they play out as you can imagine we're keen to encourage the children to go out and get some much needed fresh air during break/lunchtimes.



Reception Applications 2017

If your child is due to start Reception class in September 2018 you can now apply online at: www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions
The deadline for Reception applications is midday on the 15th January 2018. If you have any further queries please contact School Admissions on: Email: admissions.information@newcastle.gov.uk
Phone: 01912787878

Christmas Tree Project re-launched by Northumbria Police

The 'Christmas Tree Project' which last year saw the public donate more than 4,000 presents to vulnerable children has been re-launched by Northumbria Police. It involves members of the public donating presents which are in turn provided to vulnerable children living in our local area. For the second year running, a Christmas tree will be placed in Etal Lane police station from Saturday 18th November. It will be decorated with tags representing vulnerable children living in the area and the public are invited to select a tag. Tags can be picked directly from the tree up until December 2nd. A gift upto the value of £10 can then be purchased for your nominated child. The unwrapped present should then be handed to front office staff at Etal Lane between December 2nd and December 9th. Thank you to Taylor for doing this with our class bear Bertie over the weekend and drawing our attention to this wonderful cause.

Christmas Fair Raffle

The PFA are looking for donations of raffle prizes. Do you work for a company that might be prepared to help us? Or could you spare some time to approach a local business? The PFA have some pre-prepared letters that you can take with you to validate your request. Please see a member of the PFA or ask at the main office. Or better still come along to the next time the PFA are meeting up—keep an eye on the school Facebook page to find out when that is.



Children's Safety

Can we please ask parents/carers to help keep the children safe within the school grounds by closing the main gates behind them. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Parking

As you know we've encouraged parents to consider their parking habits when dropping children off/collecting from school. If cars are parked on corners, blocking a driveway or causing an obstruction the school and local residents may take further action. The latest advice that Mrs Cleary has been given is to phone the Enforcement Team who will issue fines if cars are parked illegally. We thank you for your on-going support in this matter.

E-Safety message— getting lost in the online world.

Between 5 and 7 year olds, your child is developing the social skills they need to make friends. But 34% of primary school-aged pupils admit to feeling addicted to the internet. You might want to agree on some ground rules for how your child uses their gadget. If you need help, think about:

- *How long are you happy for them to use it each day?
- *Is there a time of day you don't want them to use it?
- *Where can they use it?
- *Can they have it in their bedroom overnight?
- *Do they have a limit on how much they can spend each month?
- *Consider family rules like not using devices at the dinner table.
- *What are the consequences if they break these rules?

As you discuss the rules, make sure you explain the reasons behind them. Set a date to review them to check they're working.

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Our Designate Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Cleary. If you have any queries please call in to see her.
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