



Wyndham Primary School



Friday 22nd December 2017

We've had another hectic term with far too many highlights to mention within a few words. As I mentioned during the performances over the past few weeks the children have been amazing and their hard work and efforts have really paid off. It's also been wonderful to see the culmination of projects via the various celebration events that have also taken place recently. Well done to all involved! I would like to wish you all a very peaceful and happy Christmas. The children will be ready for a break and the opportunity to recharge their batteries (whilst wearing yours out no doubt!). We look forward to seeing you all to begin all over again in January.

R. C. [Signature]

Important Dates

- Monday 8th January**—All pupils return back to school.
- Tuesday 9th January**—Y1 Trip to the Hancock Museum.
- Tuesday 9th January**—Y2 Trip to the Laing Art Gallery.
- Thursday 11th January**—YR Trip to The Tiny Town.
- Friday 12th January**—YN Trip to The Tiny Town.
- Tuesday 16th January**—YR-Y6 Judo Taster Sessions.
- Tuesday 23rd January**—Y6 Trip to Woodhorn Museum.
- Friday 9th February**—Break up for half-term.
- Monday 19th February**—All pupils return back to school.
- Wednesday 21st February**—Y4 Trip to the Tyneside Cinema.



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-3 Y1- 4 Y2- 7 Y3- 3
- Y4- 7 Y5- 5 Y6- 5



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

KS1 Christmas Performance

Well done to all of KS1 in particular to Year 2 who created their own play to celebrate their topic of 'What makes a powerful performance?' Everyone was fantastic. It was lovely to see so many parents/carers at the service. Thank you to the PFA for helping out with tea and coffee once again your support is hugely appreciated.

Year 5 Nativity & Whole School Carol Concert

Well done to all of the pupils who took part in the performance and Carol service on Thursday morning especially Year 5 who were fantastic with their version of the Nativity. It was lovely to see so many parents/carers at the service. Thank you to the PFA for helping out with tea and coffee once again your support is hugely appreciated.

Wyndham Singing Club Performance's

On Monday, Wyndham singing club performed Christmas carols at the Grainger market in Newcastle. There was a huge parent/guardian turn out – thank you so much for supporting us! The children did a fantastic job of their very first performance together! On Wednesday 16 of our singing club were invited to perform at Studio West for a Year 7 celebration event! It was a huge success and the children performed well in front of a new kind of audience.



Christmas Fair

We are pleased to let you know that the PFA have now gave us a total of **£906.91** that was raised at the Christmas fair. Thank you to everyone.

In assembly this week...

We discussed what Christmas is all about and what Christmas means to everyone.

Playgroup Christmas Fun

Playgroup have had so much fun celebrating Christmas this year. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas!!



Successful Learners

- YR-Hope for showing respect to all of her friends by sharing and talking turns. Phoenix shows respect for all of the adults and children in school-he never forgets to say please and thank you.
- Y1-Mazlum for respecting the classroom by choosing to tidy up without being asked. Zaina for demonstrating a fantastic attitude and respecting her friends.
- Y2-Olivia for great work respecting the classroom and helping tidy after our messy craft afternoon. Gracie an excellent effort respecting the level of challenge in maths.
- Y3-Zaane for having an enthusiastic and respectful attitude all term. Amber for always having a respectful attitude towards everyone.
- Y4-Callum for displaying a respectful attitude to peers during Christmas party. Chloe for respecting class rules at all times even during a busy week.
- Y5-Lily for respecting others during rehearsals for the nativity and also encouraging others to do their best. Leo V for showing a lovely respectful attitude at Kenton and answering questions well.
- Y6-Zoe and Joshua for showing respect at all times to all members of the school.

SMART- New Half-Term Attendance challenge

Registration Group	%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	96%
Year 2	93%
Reception	92%
Year 1	92%
Year 3	91%
Overall	94%
Target	96%

Family Learning Sessions

These exciting Family Learning Sessions are available to parents/carers/family members in school next 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 will begin Monday 15th January 1.30pm-3.30pm.

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.

SAT Bootcamp for Year 6

We will also be running a SAT Bootcamp to help children revise for their Year 6 SATs. This session will begin Tuesday 20th February for 3 weeks, (1 week reading, 1 week for maths, 1 week for grammar) 9.00am-11.00am.

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.



EYFS Trip

On **Thursday 11th January** (Reception Class) and on **Friday 12th January** (Nursery Class) will visit Tiny Town to launch their Spring Term Project: 'What is Play?' we will be investigating different types of role play, developing our imagination, social interaction and creativity. I wonder what we will enjoy most and want to bring back to school?!

Year 1 & Year 2 Trip

On Tuesday 9th January **Year 1** will visit the Hancock Museum to launch their Spring Term Project 'Would you like to know the story of when the dinosaurs walked the Earth?'. **Year 2** will also visit the Laing Art Gallery to launch their Spring Term Project 'What can we learn from art?'

Wyndham's Wonderful Talent...

Who knew how much talent lurked beneath those green sweatshirts? On Tuesday and Wednesday lunchtimes we have held our very own Talent Show (a popular request through the School Council) with children signing up to take part from all year groups. It has been amazing. We have had: singing, dancing, gymnastics, football tricks, jokes, acting and more. The children have thoroughly enjoyed getting up on stage to show off...and so they should. House points were awarded to each participant, boosting that termly total. The crowd have also been incredible - 'Oooing', 'Ahhhhhing', cheering, laughing, singing and clapping - showing their support and admiration for all the acts. We have a few snapshots to show you what went on. I have a feeling we may be back in 2018 with a number of new acts!



Attendance

As your child is about to enter the following academic school term please ensure you adhere to Wyndham Primary Schools policy for 'Parental Request for Leave of Absence during School Term Time'.

With effect from September 2013 the government abolished the right of Head teachers to authorise absence. Head teachers will only be allowed to grant leave of absence for a reason where they are satisfied exceptional circumstances exist. Applications will be made in advance and the head teacher will be satisfied by the evidence, which is presented, before authorising term-time leave. Parents are encouraged to keep open lines of communication with school over absence as persistent absence can be considered a safeguarding matter. Any requests for leave during term time will be considered on an individual basis and the pupils previous attendance record will be taken into account. If parents take their child out of school during term time without authorisation from the head teacher, they may be subject to sanctions such as penalty fines.

Applications for Leave of Absence can be requested at the school office.



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

World Map

In the entrance from the Key Stage 2 Yard, we have a 'World Map' displayed on the wall, we need your help to fill it. We thought it would be an exciting project to find out how many countries in the world we have family connections to. If you would like to be involved, we would like you to email a photograph of your family members and tell us which country they are from. Can you make sure that you mention the names of all your children currently at Wyndham in the email so we don't forget to add any names to our display. Please send pictures and information to: fs@wyndham.newcastle.sch.uk

After school Clubs

There will be no after school clubs the first week we return back after the Christmas Holidays. More information about the clubs will be sent out once we return.

E-Safety message

Technology, toys and the internet Keeping your child safe this Christmas
It's important to be aware of technology, toys and internet safety this Christmas. That's because over the next few years, millions of objects will be connected to the internet. You might have already bought an internet-connected Christmas gift for your child, so it's important to be aware of the potential risks. The Internet of Things, sometimes called the IoT, refers to everyday objects that connect to the internet. Internet of Things devices can be activated using voice commands and can be controlled remotely using a smartphone app. Lots of these devices are also Bluetooth-enabled, meaning they are able to connect to nearby devices, without having to connect to the internet. Internet of Things examples include: smart speakers, such as Google Home and Amazon Echo wearables, such as Fitbit and Apple Watch smart meters measuring household energy consumption. Along with the devices above, many toys now connect to the internet. This is sometimes referred to as the Internet of Toys. These products include: toys with voice and/or image recognition, such as Hello Barbie™ and Furby Connect app-enabled robots, drones and other mechanical toys, such as Dash and Dot. Because IoT devices can feel unobtrusive in the home, you may not realise they pose the same security risks as more conventional devices, such as smartphones and tablets. This means you could be more relaxed about your security when using them. In reality, these devices collect personal data, often both audio and visual. These devices might also be vulnerable to hacking, as there are no safeguards or security standards for internet-connected objects.

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