

### Important Dates

**Monday 16th December**—Singing club performing at Eldon Square.  
**Tuesday 17th December**—KS1 Christmas Party.  
**Wednesday 18th December**—Nursery & Reception Christmas party.  
**Thursday 19th December**—Christmas dinner day.  
**Thursday 19th December**—Y5 Carol Service. Parents invited, prompt start 9.15am.  
**Thursday 19th December**—KS2 Christmas Party.  
**Friday 20th December**—Break up for Christmas.  
**Monday 6th January**—All pupils return to school.  
**Tuesday 7th January**—Y1 Celebration event, Parents invited prompt start 9.15.



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



### This week in assembly we...

Talked about how bright colours can cheer us up. Christmas is a time to enjoy and share the good things of life. It's a season when we should care especially for anyone who is feeling sad or alone. Christmas is a time for sharing bright hopes! Joining in with Christmas Jumper Day enables us to support the work of charities such as Save the Children and show care for others.

### Year 1 celebration event Tuesday 7th January @ 9.15 prompt.

Year 1 are looking forward to sharing their educational video that they have worked super hard on all about their topic 'What is the story of when the dinosaurs walked the earth?'

### Morning Clubs

Breakfast and Lexia club will continue next week and will also be on the first week we return after the Christmas holidays.

### After School Clubs

Just a reminder that there'll be no after-school clubs next week and there will be letters sent out the first week after the Christmas holidays showing the new clubs, this means the after-school clubs will start again on Monday 13th January.

### Late's last week

YR- 6 Y1- 5 Y2- 8 Y3- 5  
 Y4- 5 Y5- 4 Y6- 2

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



### Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to all of those children who came into school wearing a Christmas top today and made a donation towards 'Save the Children'. We will continue collecting money on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week so for those who forgot today you will still have the chance to bring in your donation. We'll let you know the grand total in next week's newsletter and post it on our Facebook page.



### Christmas Collection

As you are aware we are still collecting for the People's Kitchen for Christmas. As we've done in the past we are collecting selection boxes, chocolates etc so you might want to consider adding a little more into your shopping basket when shopping over the next couple of days to share with those who are less fortunate. We will be donating the chocolates on Thursday. Thank you to everyone who has already made a donation.



### Singing Club

Well done to our wonderful Singing Club, who performed for an hour at the Freeman Hospital on Tuesday. You were truly amazing and you spread lots of Christmas cheer throughout the hospital!

### Successful Learners

- YR- Kobi for helping our Early Years community in the Nativity play.  
Aaban for working as part of a team to look after our classroom.
- Y1- Leyland for showing a great kind and caring attitude towards his friends and teachers.  
Sienna for persevering in all of her lessons.
- Y2- Sammy - all of Y2 performed brilliantly during their play, yet Sammy sang his heart out on stage keeping his friends in time (community).  
Crystal for a great sense of community looking after her school.
- Y3- Noah for improving his times tables significantly from the start of the year and for putting 100% effort into everything he does!  
Rowan for being incredibly supportive to her friends—she is always willing to help anyone who needs it!
- Y4- Lexie for always having a positive attitude towards learning, and for writing an amazing persuasive letter this week in English.
- Y5- Zaane for showing enthusiasm, positivity and resilience this term. We are very proud of all of your hard work during our performance and great work in class.  
Emily for a great piece of persuasive writing and continuing to work

### Smart Attendance Awards

Registration Group	%
Y3	95.9%
Y5	95.3%
Y6	94.6%
Rec	93.8%
Y2	93.6%
Y4	92.3%
Y1	91.4%
<b>Overall</b>	<b>93.8%</b>

scores rocketed into the 100s! Miss Robertson, Mr Ure and Ms Lawrence were also on hand to make sure everything ran smoothly - and it did! The final results were: 1st- Frogs (red); 2nd- Squirrels (yellow); 3rd- Hedgehogs (blue); 4th-Rabbits (green)

absolutely amazing!  
Well done Year 4!

#### Christmas Parties

Next week in school we will be holding our Christmas parties. The children should come to school in their normal uniform and will be given time before their party to change. Your child should therefore bring any change of clothing in a bag to put on their peg until it is needed. There will be lots of dancing and party games so they should wear appropriate clothing and footwear (only a small heel and no jewellery is allowed).

**Key Stage 1 Christmas Party** - Tuesday 17th  
December 1.30pm-3.30pm

**Early Years Christmas Party** - Wednesday 18th  
December 1.30pm-3.30pm (Nursery to attend in the afternoon this day)

**Key stage 2 Christmas Party** - Thursday 19th  
December 1.30pm-3.30pm

If you have queries or concerns please feel free to discuss them with Mrs Cleary or Miss Coulter.



#### Take One Picture Day

On Monday 16th of December, children across the school will be learning about Roy Lichtenstein and recreating pieces of art work in a 'Pop Art' style. If you or your children are interested in Pop Art, there is currently a Roy Lichtenstein exhibit at the Hatton Gallery (Newcastle University) until January which is free to the public.

#### Reception Applications 2019

If your child is due to start Reception class in September 2020 you can now apply online at: [www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions)

The deadline for Reception applications is midday on the 15th January 2020.

If you have any further queries please contact School Admissions on:

Email: [admissions.information@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:admissions.information@newcastle.gov.uk)

Phone: 01912787878

#### KS1 Performance

Thursday morning saw the awesome Key Stage 1 performance of 'The Goblins Next Door 2'. This was a sequel to last year's performance and was actually written by the pupils themselves. The Year 2 pupils built the play around their topic for this half term 'What if mythical beasts really did exist?' They built a plot using possible song titles then adapted the lyrics of the songs to match. Their singing, performance voices and acting skills were just wonderful. They made the staff who have worked with them to develop the play extremely proud!