

## NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers

As you know I am retiring at Christmas after seven wonderful years as Head Teacher of Atkinson Road Nursery. I want to thank you all for bringing your children here to grow and learn in this great school. It has been an absolute privilege to teach them.

I am so proud of our happy, diverse, multi-cultural nursery. I have known many of you since you were children but many other parents and children are new to Benwell or even new to England. Whatever is going on in the outside world, our nursery is a haven of tolerance and friendship. We all have at least one thing in common – love for our children.

Thank you for coming along to Forest School Fires and Family Learning days, for encouraging your children to use our library, for your extremely generous donations to our fund raising activities, for all the spare underpants and socks you contribute and for the many other ways you show your support. We really couldn't do what we do without it.

This is an exciting time for the nursery. In order to continue to give your child the best possible opportunities at a time of cuts to nursery education, we have decided to join the Laidlaw Schools Trust. In January we will be merging with Atkinson Road Primary Academy. When you come back after the holiday, please be reassured you will see no difference. Maz will still be in the office.

Mrs Corsini Riley will be greeting you at the gate and the fabulous nursery staff you know and trust will be ready to welcome your children back. I am confident that the nursery will continue to flourish.

I wish you and your families all the very best. It has been a pleasure to have known you.

Jean

## UPDATE

### Parking

Can we please ask all parents/carers to park respectfully and not on the double yellow lines to guarantee the safety of all children. It is being monitored by Newcastle City Council and some parents have received parking tickets. Thank you for your co-operation.

### New Entry System

We have a new improved entry system to ensure the safety of the children. Can we kindly ask that adults use the buzzer system to avoid breakage. If the doors are not on the automatic timer then the buzzer needs to be pressed to gain entry.

## DIARY DATE

### **HOLIDAY DATES**

**Christmas Holidays**

**22 DECEMBER 2017—**

**7 JANUARY 2018. Nursery  
reopens Monday 8 January 2018.**

**Our full Christmas calendar is on  
the other page.**

### **PLEASE NOTE .**

Please take your child directly to St James Parish Church, Benwell on Wednesday 20 December 2017 for 9.00am—they should be accompanied by an adult. There is no breakfast club on this day.

## POLITE NOTICE

Can you please return any library books by Wednesday 20 December. Library will continue in the New Year.



### Unwanted Underwear

Any donations of childrens underwear will be greatly appreciated.

### Friday Club

Why not try our Friday Club in the New Year. £8.00 from 9.00am-12pm. Please ask Miss Ritson for details.

### **Say Goodbye to Mrs Wynne**

**After seven wonderful years of working at the nursery as Head Teacher Mrs Wynne has decided to retire at Christmas. We are very sad to see her leave, we will especially miss seeing her warm and friendly smile each morning at the gate. I'm sure you will all join us in wishing her a long and joyous retirement.**

**Pop in to St James Parish Church, Benwell to see our nursery recycled Christmas Tree!**



## Christmas Is Coming!!

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Morning

Purple Class and 2 Year olds

Christmas Party

Wear your party clothes. Santa might visit!

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

10.00am – Magic Andrew

Children's entertainer, is visiting Nursery.

1.30- 3.00pm Main Nursery Christmas Party

All children in Red, Green and Blue class can stay.

Wear your party clothes. Santa might visit!

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Morning 9.00 – 10.00am

Singing at St James' Church

You are all invited (parents and relatives) to join the children at St James' Church Benwell to sing our Christmas songs there.

Please take your child straight to the church to enjoy their singing then bring your child back to nursery.

Afternoon 1.30 – 2.00pm

Singing at the Nursery Hall

For those parents who are unable to make the church, the children will be singing their Christmas songs again.

Thursday 21st December

11.00am Camp Fire in Outdoor Area

Last day of term for the children.

Nursery will close at 1.30pm