

### Important dates for your diary!

**Wednesday 9th December 2020** - Teacher Training Day, School closed to children

**Wednesday 16th December 2020** - Polar Express Day!

**Friday 18th December 2020** - Last day of Autumn term, break up for Christmas Holidays

**Monday 4th January 2021** - School Re-opens after Christmas, First day of Spring Term

**Friday 15th January 2021** - Last day for submitting Reception Applications for September 2021!

**\*\*\*Due to the tightening of restrictions across England we would like to advise all parents and carers to wear a face covering/mask when you are on the School Yard, this includes the drop-off and pick-up of children. And only 1 Adult to be coming onto the school yard for drop off/collection, following the one way system\*\*\***



Attendance		★ Star of the Week! ★		
Registration Group	%	Class	Child	Award for...
2AH	99.2	RJB	Precious	always being joyful and happy
2VT	98.2	RJC	Charis	being joyful, happy and positive
4AK	97.0	1AW	Taylor-Mae	always having a huge smile and having such a joyful presence
6JW	96.7	1LM	Victoria	always being full of joy and never failing to put a smile on our faces
1LM	96.5	2AH	Phratchaya	always being joyful and bringing joy to the class
N2PB	96.1	2VT	Milkias	always having a big, cheeky smile on his face and spreading joy in 2VT!
RJC	95.9	3LK	Faith	always bringing joy to everyone
3MS	95.6	3MS	Harvey	bringing a lot of joy to our class
1AW	95.3	4AK	Danielis	showing joy in all that he does
4NJ	95.3	4NJ	Jayden	bringing joy to 4NJ with his huge smile!
RJB	93.3	5LL	Tomas	Being full of joy, hope and enthusiasm
5LL	91.9	6CE	Demileigh	showing joy this week and always staying smiley and positive to herself and to others
6CE	87.5	6JW	Eboney	having a fabulous sense of humour which brings a lot of joy to our classroom!
3LK	85.0			
E2JD	77.3			
<b>Overall</b>	<b>94.5</b>			
<b>School Target</b>	<b>96.0</b>			

### Reflection Corner

Dear God,

Thank you for all the joyful moments that we have experienced even when times have been tough.

Thank you for all the times when we have helped people out and seen the joy that they have experienced.

Thank you for the birth of baby Jesus and the joy that this has given people.

Please help us to experience joy this Christmas.

Amen

### Wellbeing

Are you buying a new phone, ipad or tablet for your child at Christmas?.....Tips for keeping children safe online!

\* Discuss online safety with your child from an early age.

\* Be vigilant and monitor screen time when you can.

\* Be friends with your child if you are allowing them to use social media.

### Makaton

Eat

Tap twice

Drink

### Timetable Rockstars

Our awards this week have gone to the children in each class who have earned the most coins so far this term.

Well done to...

Lewis 3LK

Joseph- 3MS

Hannah – 4AK

Kane– 4NJ

Leo-5LL

Kyle – 6CC

Harlow– 6JW

## EYFS

Lots of fun was had by all on Wednesday for Christmas fun day. There were Christmas Crafts, Christmas Jumpers, Christmas Lunch and games and laughter.

The theme for the run up to the end of term is Christmas so there will be activities linked to the Nativity Story, Christmas Cards, Calendars, Decorations and of the Polar Express Day on 16th so look out for your golden ticket arriving!

## KS1

### **Should snowmen wear coats?**

The children in KS1 have thoroughly enjoyed investigating whether snowmen should wear coats. We made predictions and then made careful observations of the snowmen. The children couldn't believe what happened! What do you think? Ask your child to explain what happened to you!

*Please remember that children should bring in one card for their class to share this year. Thank you!*

## **September 2021 - Reception and Year 7 applications now open!**

You can now apply for places in Reception Class for September 2021! If you have a child currently in Nursery, or if you know anyone with a child who will turn 4 years old by 31 August 2021, applications for Reception Class 2021 must be made no later than;

**12 noon Friday 15th January 2021.**

Applications can be made directly online via the Newcastle City Council website, alternatively, you may request a paper application from our School Office that must be returned to us no later than **Thursday 7th January 2021.**

## **After School Clubs**

This week was the final week of After School Clubs for this term. There will be no After School Clubs from next week, they are now finished. Please look out for updates regarding After School Clubs in the New Year.

## **The Bostey**

We would like to send out a huge Thank You to the staff and volunteers at the John Boste Community Centre for donating Isolation activity packs and Christmas activity packs for our families. These were very warmly received and will be enjoyed by lots of our children .

If you don't already know, the Bostey is a fantastic place that welcomes everyone from in and around the local community. They will be open up until the 23rd December and are available to support our families who may need a helping hand. Staff at the Bostey would like to reach out to our families and would really love to see you visit the centre.

They have a Facebook page and their messenger service is manned and responsive so if you are in a crisis and need some help you can message them directly on there, you can also visit the centre in person or call

**0191 2345775.**

The Bostey also has lots of festive fun activities on during the Christmas period so head on over!!!

## **COVID-19**

If any member of your household has symptoms or if you think any of you may have been in contact with someone who has tested positive, and you are unsure about whether or not you need to isolate - Please contact us. We are happy to help with advice where we can.

Can we also please ask that if you are keeping your child off school because any member of your household has symptoms, you think any of you may have been in contact with someone who has tested positive or any member of your household develops symptoms or tests positive during a period of isolation that you **inform us immediately.** This is so that we can determine if we need to take any further action at School.

If you or any member of your household has any of the following symptoms you must get a test as soon as possible:

**1) New continuous Cough 2) High Temperature (hot to touch on chest or back) 3) loss in sense of taste or smell**

From the start of the symptoms and until you receive the test result - **EVERYONE IN YOUR HOUSEHOLD MUST STAY AT HOME AND ISOLATE** in line with current guidance. Thank you for your co-operation.

## LKS2

The children in LKS2 thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas celebrations this week. They took part in Christmas crafts, enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner and danced the afternoon away at their party.

Next week, we will start to think about the meaning of Christmas. We will talk about the journey Mary and Joseph made from Nazareth to Bethlehem and why Jesus' birth is important to us.

*Please remember that children should bring in one card for their class to share this year. Thank you!*

## UKS2

### **Welcome back 5LL and 6CE.**

This week marks the start of Advent when we begin to prepare for the birth of Jesus at Christmas. We think carefully about how we can show his love through our kindness and compassion.

Over the next 2 weeks we will be remembering the Nativity Story and carrying out some special activities to celebrate the special Christmas Season.

Some of 6CE have worked with Will from Kids Kabin on outdoor survival skills. They had lots of fun. The other half of the class will have this session next week.

Your Christmas Jumpers on Wednesday were AMAZING and we had a lovely time eating our Christmas Dinner and making some Christmas Crafts!