

Important dates for your diary!

Friday 27th November 2020 - Teacher Training Day, School closed to children

Wednesday 2nd December - Countdown to Christmas Begins!! 🎉🎊🎅🎁
Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch Day and Christmas Party Day!

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 term

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

*****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	96.8	RJB	Olivia	Working so hard in phonics
2VT	95.7	RJC	Chase	Always having a positive attitude
1LM	93.7	1AW	Ebony	Always having a positive attitude and a smile on her face
3MS	93.7	1LM	Damien	Being full of hope and settling into his new class
1AW	92.7	2AH	Alanna	Believing in herself and a making a huge improvement in her handwriting
6JW	92.5	2VT	Yasmin	Having a positive attitude and never giving up
N2PB	91.8	3LK	Emily	Having a hopeful outlook on everything she does
3LK	89.7	3MS	Kenny	Never gives up hope with his work and always tries his best even when things seem tricky
4AK	89.7	4AK	Ella	Being a speedy rockstar—she is super quick!
4NJ	87.9	4NJ	Harley	Chosen by his classmates for always being hopeful
RJB	84.4	5LL	Llords	Always being full of hope and having a very positive attitude
E2JD	84.2	6CC	Harvey	Being positive and having high hopes
Overall	91.5	6JW	Austeja	Having a lovely, positive attitude
School Target	96.0			

Reflection Corner

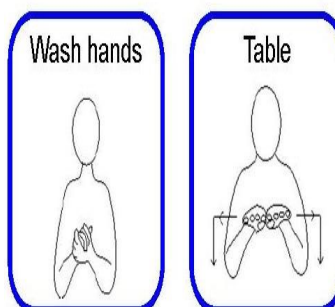
Our Advent candle reminds us that Light came into a dark world at Christmas. Our Advent candle reminds us to prepare our hearts once again for the coming **hope** of the world. Find a time to sit quietly for a few minutes in all of the preparations and allow your hearts to be stilled.

Wellbeing

The nights are drawing in and the mornings remain darker for longer therefore we are reminding you all to take extra care when you are out and about in the community or on your way to and from school.

If you travel to school on a scooter or bike it would be a good idea to get some lights or reflectors to make you more visible. You can also buy clothing with reflective material added so you can be seen easier in the dark.

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Timetable Rockstars

Our awards this week have gone to the children in each class who have got the most correct answers online this week.

Well done to...
Lewis 3LK
Ghena - 3MS
Hannah – 4AK
Lily – 4NJ
Holly -5LL
Sara – 6CC
Tyler – 6JW

EYFS

Welcome back!

Welcome back to Mrs Caffery, Miss Hardy and their class. We missed you lots and the other children missed their friends too. It's good to have you back at school again!

Christmas Activities

Please check Tapestry for information about exciting Christmas Activities that are happening next week!

KS1

Children's homework and a spelling list will be put on Tapestry each Friday. Please help you child practise their spellings at home. Children should also read at home three times a week as this will help their learning in school. Thank you for your continued support!

Just a reminder that children should wear their Christmas jumper to school on Wednesday!!

FINAL PAPER NEWSLETTER!!!

Due to the current restrictions relating to COVID regarding the handling of items, and some concerns expressed by some of our families, we have taken the decision to stop printing paper copies of our School Newsletter. This will be the last paper newsletter we will be printing this term.

From **Friday 5th December 2020** our Newsletter will be available to access as usual from our School Website. We will also display it in Classroom Windows, and upload it to Tapestry. We would urge you to begin accessing the newsletter from these sources so you are up to date with important dates and activities in School affecting your children.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

Reporting COVID-19 on Friday 27th November 2020

We would like to remind parents and carers that **School is closed to pupils on Friday 27th November 2020** as this is a designated training day. Therefore, if you need to report that your child has had a positive test or is self-isolating (because they are a close contact of someone who has tested positive) you must contact the **NEAT Central Office on 0191 2284090**. This will enable close contacts to be traced before schools re-open on Monday 30 November 2020.

Have you changed your contact number or address?

If any of your details have changed, please speak to Zilah or Melle in the office so that we can update them. This includes telephone/mobile numbers, persons who can pick up / drop off, any other emergency contacts and of course your current address!

Absence Policy

If your child is unwell and unable to come to school, please ring the school office on **0191 2240222** to advise them **before 8.30am, each morning** that your child won't be in. Your child's absence may be classed as unauthorised unless you show an appointment slip from the GP surgery or a copy of your child's prescription. Parents of children with attendance lower than 92% will be offered a parent contract in a bid to improve their child's attendance and those falling below 90% may be at risk of a fine. Every day in school counts!

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**.

LKS2

We have enjoyed having our phase back this week! The children in year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed their DT lesson where they made advent doors. These will be used to create a whole phase advent calendar. The children in year 4 have been learning all about animals in different parts of the world through their 'Journeys' topic.

Important reminder

Please can the parents of children in LKS2 bring their children to the door for morning drop off. Please don't allow your child to come into the yard themselves.

UKS2

Well done to all the children in Y5 LL and Y6CE who have been completing their lessons on Tapestry. We realise it is all new but you have worked really well.

Y6JW are enjoying the peace and quiet in phase and have completed some assessments this week in preparation for the SAT's in May. Well Done Y6JW for your focus!

Christmas jumper day and Christmas dinner day next Wednesday ! We are looking forward to having our phase all back together again for this!