



KENTON BAR PRIMARY SCHOOL



November 2017 Newsletter

Dates for your diary!

Christmas - Advance Notice of Performances

Monday December 11th @ 9.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. - Year 3, 4, 5 and 6

Tuesday December 12th @ 9.15 a.m. and 2.15 p.m. - Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2



Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 13th December

Carol Service - parents welcome

Friday 22nd December @ 2.30 p.m.



Christmas Parties

We will be holding parties on:

Monday 18th December - Foundation Stage; Year 3 and 4

Wednesday 20th December - Year 1 and 2; Year 5 and 6

Christmas Holidays

Close for Christmas Friday 22nd December

Return to school Monday 8th January, 2018



Non-Uniform Day



On Friday 8th December, we are asking the children to wear non-uniform for the day...but there is a catch...you need to provide a gift for our tombolas which will be in operation during our Christmas Events. Please send in any bottles, chocolates and smellies on the 8th. You may even be lucky and win them back!

Welcome to new staff This is a very exciting time for Kenton Bar as we welcome a new leadership team. You should have received two letters recently. One introducing myself Alison Cairns/ I am head teacher at North Fawdon and Interim Executive Head Teacher at Kenton Bar. The other letter introduced Elaine Pattison our Head of School and Angela McEnaney our Associative Deputy Head. Please come and meet us over coffee on Wednesday 6th December at 9a.m or catch us on a morning at the gates.



Mrs Cairns



Mrs Pattison



Mrs McEnaney

As Mrs Ravel goes off to have her baby, Maxine Pape the SENco from North Fawdon will join us for three days each week to ensure the high quality of provision for our children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities continues.

Winter Preparation

As the dark nights are here, and the weather can change for the worse, we have set our 'Winter Plan' in process. The school has liaised with the City Council and site staff to ensure we are prepared for any adverse weather conditions. **We ask that you ensure the school has an up-to-date mobile number in order to receive parent texts. Messages will also be put on our Twitter Feed and Facebook page.**



Website

Our website has been recently updated so please have a look at it to find information about school and for regular updates about what has been going on.

Please visit us at:

<http://www.kentonbar.newcastle.sch.uk/website>



We will be regularly updating information via social media (Facebook and Twitter) so please log in using the URL address or take a picture of the QR code which will link you straight to our pages.

Facebook URL: <https://www.facebook.com/Kenton-Bar-Primary-1295980073844742/>



Twitter @KentonBarPri / Twitter URL: <https://twitter.com/KentonBarPri>



Hallowe'en Disco



On Wednesday 1st November, we held our Hallowe'en Discos which were enjoyed by all. There were some fantastic costumes, although many were quite scary. Thank you to you all for the effort that went into the costumes, it was really hard to choose the best costumes - that difficult task was left up to Mrs. Cairns. Thank you to all the staff who 'manned' the discos, to DJ Smith, to the 'Face Painting Crew' and to the 'wicked witches' in the kitchen. Photos can be seen in the Galleries section of the website.

Extra-curricular Clubs

We are offering a variety of Lunchtime Clubs and Extra-Curricular Activities. JJ Sports will run a Dance, Football, Hula Hoop and Gymnastics Club and Newcastle Eagles (Hoops4Health) will run a Basketball Club. All other clubs, Choir, Dance, Film, Comic, Football, Mixed Sports, Computing and Around The World will be run by school staff - thank you to them all.



Odd Socks Day



Thank you to everyone, staff and children, who took part in Odd Socks Day to 'kick-off' Anti-bullying Week. There was a fantastic response - we were a very colourful school for the day. Photos can be seen in Galleries section of the website.

Children in Need Friday November 17th was Children In Need day which saw Kenton Bar turn into a 'Sportacular, Spotacular' school for the day. Mr. Burke organised a



very competitive Parents v Staff v Children football match which was played in great spirits for an excellent cause and a huge thank you goes out to all the staff, children and parents who took part. The staff team played exceptionally well, with Mrs Burns a stand out performer. The final was won by the parents who beat the children 2-1. Fun was had by all. Get training for next year.

We raised £176.70 for Children In Need, and Kenton Bar Primary was mentioned on BBC1.



Parents / Carers in Year One and Two were invited to attend a Parent and Child 'Fun and Games' session. Although only one parent turned up for the Year Two session, it was our first one and hopefully, word will spread that they are good fun and worth attending. Certainly, the mum that attended thoroughly enjoyed herself as it was "nice to take part in something with my child that is fun!" Year One parents had a better response with four mums thoroughly enjoying the session with their children. Photos can be seen in Galleries on the website.

Our thanks go to Newcastle Family Learning, who supported the two events and to Warren from JJ Sports who lead both sessions. Each session was followed by refreshments, including cake! Please look out for future dates.



'Well done' to all the parents who attended the Reception Christmas Crafts sessions. Comments linked to the courses have been very positive - everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, and found the sessions helpful, informative and very worthwhile—photos can be seen in the Galleries section of the website.

Attendance

We have had a positive start to the school year with some good attendance across all year groups for the first half term. Whole school was 95.6%. Well Done!!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.8%	94.8%	94%	96.9%	95.5%	94.9%	97.5%

We are trying really hard to win the SMART Academy's attendance trophy for at least one of our year groups this half term



Application for Reception Places for September 2018



Please remember the deadline for applications is midday on 15th January 2018. Any applications received after this date will be deemed late and you are unlikely to be offered any of your preferences. If you need any support please ask at the school office.

Your Voice is Important!



Mrs Pattison, Mrs McEnaney and I have had some very positive feedback since we arrived and have been made to feel so welcome. Thank you!

Whilst we love to hear lots of positives we really move the school forward by hearing anything you feel we really need to work on so please come and have your say at our coffee morning on Wednesday 6th December at 9a.m. Hope to see you then!