



# KENTON BAR PRIMARY SCHOOL



## December 2017 Newsletter

### Dates for your diary!

**Carol Service - parents welcome**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December @ 2.30 p.m - free raffle ticket for everyone who attends.



### Christmas Holidays

Close for Christmas Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December

Return to school Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2018

### Family Learning

- ❖ Reception Parent and Child '**Story Sacks Course**', 15<sup>th</sup> January - 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018. Based on the *Gruffalo*, over the four weeks, you will make games, storyboards, prompt card and puppets, linked to the book, to use at home. All resources and materials will be provided.
- ❖ Parents course for **Family Language** starting Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 9 - 11 a.m. Come and join us to share in Family Learning activities. Family Language helps you to develop your speaking, listening and writing in English. It will give you the confidence and knowledge to support your children's learning in a friendly environment and develop your confidence to be able to communicate with your child's teacher and school. Family Language sessions are a fun way to learn about how to support your children's speaking, language and literacy skills. The course is free and great fun



### E-safety Workshop for Parents

The October Safeguarding Survey for Parents highlighted that some parents felt they hadn't been offered e-safety training. E-safety is taken very seriously in Kenton Bar and, as a school, we encourage the use of technology as an important part of our students' development but always want them to spend their time online safely. As a parent/carer you can play a significant part in ensuring this. Just a few simple steps by you can help keep your children safe, and give young people awareness to know what to do if they feel uncomfortable about anything they encounter on the Internet.



A session has been organised for parents, with Julian Hughes, a Primary Computing Consultant, at **2.20 p.m. on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January**. Julian will show you how to keep you child / children safe online...make sure you put the date in your diary now!

### Attendance

You will receive your child's attendance postcard at the end of our first week back in January. Please remember attendance less than 96% is below national average. This means that your child could fall behind in their learning or not achieve their full potential as they are not accessing all of the learning that other children access.



## Tombola Donations

A huge thank you to everyone who sent in donations for our Christmas Tombolas and Raffle... we raised a whopping £428 for School Fund. We are working with the children to look at how to spend this money. Many children have expressed a hope for playground equipment for the playtimes. We will keep you informed.

## Website

Please remember to have a look at our website 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/>



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## 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.



## What else has been going on?

- ❖ The Newcastle Eagles Roadshow came to Kenton Bar! Children in Year 5 took part in a carousel of activities; Year 5 will take part in a competition after Christmas where they can show off their new-found skills.
- ❖ The children excelled in their Christmas Performances - we hope you enjoyed watching them as much as the children enjoyed performing.
- ❖ The Choir represented Kenton Bar Primary really well when they sang carols at Kenton Manor, The Toby Carvery and Tesco's. Looking very professional in their new Choir T.shirts, the children sang beautifully and made a lot of people very happy. We are VERY PROUD of them all. Thank you to Mrs. McDermott and Miss Timlin who have worked with the choir this term.
- ❖ KS1 went to Northern Stage to watch Alice in Wonderland.
- ❖ KS2 went to Kenton to watch their Christmas Pantomime..."Oh yes they did!"
- ❖ Parties were enjoyed by all during the last week of a very busy term :)



A reminder that we run a FREE Breakfast Club each morning, 8.00 - 8.45 a.m. in the main hall supported by Greggs - the more children we have, the more funding we receive. Why not send your child for a trial run after Christmas - breakfast with their friends on a cold Winter's morning...lovely!

**And finally... the staff at Kenton Bar Primary would like to wish you all a "Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the festive season, and we will see you all in 2018!**

