



# Dinnington First School

Newsletter November 2017

*Welcome back after the half term holiday. This half term we will be preparing for Christmas celebrations and I do hope that you will be able to join us whenever possible.*

### *Christmas Gifts for Children*

*This year we have decided to support a local charity rather than take part in Operation Christmas Child (shoe box appeal). We are currently looking into charity Christmas appeals in the area and will ask our School Council to choose a suitable one.*

### **Attendance**

Average attendance for each class for last half term is as follows:

Nursery	94.5
Reception	96.1%
Year 1	94.9%
Year 2	98.9%
Year 3	97.5%
Year 4	95%

The overall attendance for the school for last half term is 96% and as you can see Year 2 has the best overall attendance for the half term. Year 2 had four weeks and Reception class had three weeks of 100% attendance. Our congratulations go to both of these classes.



### **Christmas Productions**

This year we will be performing two Christmas shows. One for Early Years and one for Key stage 1 and 2. For Key stage 1 and 2 families will be allocated 2 tickets to be used at one of the performances and parents will be sent a letter with details about this. Performance dates are included on our calendar.

### **Anti-Bullying Week**

During the week beginning the 13th November all PSHE work will have an anti bullying theme. The theme for the week is 'All different, all equal'. During the week we will focus upon helping the children to celebrate what makes them, and others, unique and help them understand why it's important that every child feels included in school and is able to be themselves without fear of bullying.



### **Safeguarding**

During recent staff safeguarding training it was brought to our attention that an increasing number of children are accessing devices that expose them to language and pictures that they should not see. This is often without the knowledge of their parents. Please be aware of the potential for this to happen and make sure that children are supervised at all times when using these devices.



### Clubs

All clubs have resumed this week. Please remember that clubs led by school staff will not take place next week.

Monday	Chinese Club
Tuesday	Construction Gardening Art
Wednesday	Code Club Year 4 (lunchtime) Steel Pans
Thursday	Forest School Reading Sports
Friday	Singing (lunchtime) Girls Fitness

The last session for all clubs, with the exception of steel pans, will take place in the week beginning 27th November. The last session for steel pans will take place on Wednesday 20th December.

### Children in Need

We will be supporting the Children in Need appeal by holding a non uniform day (£1 fine) on Friday 17th November. The School Council are also organising a cake stall after school on that day.



### Food Bank Contributions

A big thank you to all those parents who supported our food bank appeal. Your donations were collected by a volunteer from the Newcastle Food bank and taken to their depot.

### WOW Challenge

Thank you for supporting our year round walk to school challenge.

Remember the challenge is to walk to school at least one day each week for the whole school year. Parking and striding also counts towards achieving this target.

