

Wylam First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Well here we are at the end of the Autumn term; and what a term it has been!! Since September we have taken part in many fantastic events and projects that have added to or have been in addition to our curriculum offer. From rambling to raise money, to numerous competitions, improved music and arts opportunities, and various trips and outings; on every occasion our children have been a credit to the school and we are very proud of them.

We have also had a fantastic response to our homework challenges with children working with their families to create some excellent pieces of work. This has had a huge impact on the curriculum and we can't wait to see what is created next term.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children for their hard work this term and congratulate them on all they have achieved. I would like to thank you all for your much appreciated and continued support for the school and for your children, and I would like to thank each and every member of school staff who make Wylam First School the successful and special place that it is!

All that is left is to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and I can't wait to see you all back again in January.

News

Christmas Performances

This year our Christmas performances really have been a treat! We have very talented children at our school who worked exceptionally hard, learning lines and how to perform to an audience, with fantastic results! Well done to all!

Friends of Wylam

Last week our choir went to the Wylam Institute to perform for the Friends of Wylam. The children, as ever, were a credit to the school. Whilst there the choir were presented with a cheque for £200 from the Friends of Wylam. We would like to thank them so much for their kind donation. This money is now going towards some music resources for the school.

PTA Christmas Fair

As ever the PTA did an amazing job at the Christmas Fair. Thank you to all who organised and supported the event and to everyone who attended and parted with their hard earned cash. On initial indications the amount raised has surpassed last year's total which is amazing. We will confirm the amount in January.

Dodgeball Competition

Last week some of our Y3 and Y4 children attended a dodgeball tournament. Our children, as ever, were fantastic ambassadors for the school. Well done.

EYFS Christmas Workshop

Reception and Nursery invited parents into school to help them to make some Christmas stockings. The children thoroughly enjoyed working with their parents in school and created some fantastic designs. If you get the chance have a look at the pictures on our website.

KS2 Premier League Stars Competition

KS2 children have entered a competition with Premier League Primary Stars. They were tasked with writing poems to celebrate diversity. The entries have been sent in and will be judged by Olly Murs and Rio Ferdinand. We will find out in March if any of our entries have been successful. Good Luck! If you want to have a look at the competition you can find more information on

www.primarystars.com/competitions/writing-stars

Primary Engineer Competition - Spring Term 2

In March 2019 the whole school will be taking part in the Primary Engineer Leaders Award. You can find more information on this at www.leadersawards.com The theme is: 'If you were an engineer, what would you do?'. In the first few weeks of the Spring term we will be looking at our curriculum and planning how we are going to complete the project. Watch this space for more information.

Heritage Film Project

We are delighted to be involved in the Heritage Film Project that will be taking place in the Summer term. This project will include elements of dance and drama, STEM, and film making and photography. Our Y4 children will be taking the lead in this but all year groups will have a part to play in the end of year performance. Look out for further information on this in the Spring term.

Reminders

School Water Bottles

Every child in school has their own school water bottle which they can refill and use each day. Children therefore do not need to bring in their own water bottle from home. Some children have started to bring their own water bottle into school with juice in. Please can we remind you that children should only be drinking water throughout the day at school.

PE Kit

Just a reminder that all PE kits need to be returned to school for the first day back (8th January) as PE will begin that week.

Parent Focus Group

As mentioned in the last newsletter, I would like to set up a parent focus group in January to discuss communication between home and school and homework. Ideally we would like one or two representatives from each year group to attend. If you are interested in taking part in this group then please could you contact the school office. When registering your interest could you also please let us know if you would like this to take place during school hours or after school hours. Thank you.

Information

Changes to Staffing

We are very happy to announce that we are welcoming a new addition to the Wylam staff team. Claire Short will be joining our Nursery team in January.

School Calendar

21st December	Christmas Fun Day! Y4 singing at Charlie's Corner Christmas church service at St Oswin's Break up for Christmas Holiday
7th January	Teacher training day
8th January	Return to school
10th January	Eye tests for Reception

24th January	Beginning of Wylam Winter Tales - Wassail
25th January	Wylam Winter Tales assembly
31st January	Wylam Winter Tales comedy night, 7:30-9:15pm - school hall
1st February	Y3 story telling and writing workshop - Live Theatre
Friday 15th February	Break up for half term
Monday 25th February	Back to school

Please continue to check our school website for the most up to date information.

Kind Regards

S Gibbon
Headteacher