



Armistice Day

Pupils and staff took part in a service and observed 2 minutes silence to commemorate Armistice Day on Friday 11th November. Mrs Ridley explained about the 'Death Penny' which belongs to her family – ask your child about this fascinating item.

Parents' Evening

We have decided to have Parents Evening over 3 nights this year. They will be held on Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th November. Please ring or call in to the School Office to arrange an appointment. The book fair will be operating in school on those evenings and After School Clubs will **not** be available on Tuesday and Wednesday. If your child normally attends these clubs please complete the forms sent out earlier this week to confirm if you want to access childcare provision instead.

School Nurse

Caroline Mooney is our new school nurse. She will be visiting us after school on Monday 14th from 3.30-5.30pm and can be found in the Foundation Stage Base. She will be available to talk to parents of any children in school.

SATs Meeting

Miss Blackburn and Miss Richardson will be presenting information to Year 2 and Year 6 children's parents on Tuesday 22nd November. These sessions will last about 30 minutes and inform you of the statutory assessment procedures for Year 6 and the way that assessments are undertaken in Year 2. They will also suggest ways that you can support your child throughout the year. As we have several parents with children in both classes, the Year 2 session will run from 5pm until 5.30 and the Year 6 session from 5.30pm-6pm. If you are unable to attend the sessions, I will ensure that the information is on the website for you to look at.

Takeover Day

On Friday 18th Class 4 will be attending the Bowes Museum to participate in Takeover Day. This will involve the children taking up the roles of museum staff to get an insight into the world of work! Let's hope they are careful with the artefacts!

Crafty Ceramics

Crafty Ceramics session takes place on Monday 28th November from 3.30-4.30pm. Please complete the form and send a cheque payable to Mrs C Armstrong if you would like your child to make one. Thank you.

FOMS Update

A date for our popular Bingo Night has been confirmed for Thursday 24th November, starting at 6pm. This year we are going to offer two movies if you would like to bring your children along: one for Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1; one for Key Stage 2. Tickets are priced at £2.50 per adult and £1 per child, adults receive pie and peas and children can have popcorn and a soft drink. Refreshments are available on the night. Tickets are limited due to the hall size and are available from the School Office. If anyone has any raffle prizes they could donate they would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Safety Carousel

Class 4 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the Safety Carousel where they learnt how to keep themselves safe and what to do in certain real life situations.

Children in Need

As part of this event on Friday 18th November, we are encouraging the children to dress up in spotty clothes and donate £1, if they wish, to this good cause. This is the theme for this year – if, like me, you haven't got any spotty clothes, you may want to decorate a plain t-shirt etc!



Switch Off Fortnight

Alice Evans from Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialist (OASES) is talking in assembly this week about conserving energy. Class 3 will be monitoring how we use energy in school in an initiative called Switch Off Fortnight.

Child Absence Procedures

Please inform the school if your child is absent from school with illness or a medical appointment on the first day of their absence. We need to ensure all our children are safe and it can be hard to contact some parents to check their child is attending or not, so please check the school has the best and most up to date contact information. Thank you.

Dinner Money

Please ensure dinner money is paid promptly as we do have a number of outstanding balances. Thank you.

Christmas Dinner Day ~ Tuesday 13th December

If your child would like to have a school meal on this day rather than a packed lunch please complete the letter sent home with your child today the cost of the meal is £2 and the last day for ordering is Friday 2nd December

Woodwind Concert

The Year 4 children have been learning the recorder with Mrs Unwin this year. She would like to share their new skills with the parents of Year 4 children in a short concert at 1pm on December 2nd. Mrs Unwin's clarinet group will also be performing and the parents of these children are invited too.

Attendance for w.b. 31.10.16

	Present
Reception	78.1%
Class 1	97.1%
Class 2	98.3%
Class 3	92.2%
Class 4	95 %

Overall attendance this week was 93.30%

Punctuality

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons. Remember Wake Up, Shake Up usually starts at 8.45a.m.
55 minutes learning time lost this week

Application for a School Place (Primary School) for September 2017

Cards have been handed out to Nursery parents detailing the procedure for applying for a Reception place for their child. All information is available online from www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and the deadline for applications is midnight on 15th January 2017.

Dates for your Diary

- November 14th- 16th Book Fair
- November 14th, 15th and 16th – Parents' Evening
- November 15th Bikeability for Class 4
- November 17th Swimming for Class 4
- November 18th Children in Need – wear spots!
- November 18th Class 4 to The Bowes Museum – Apprentices
- November 22nd SATs Meeting for Parents of Y2 and Y6 children
- November 24th Girls' Football Tournament at St John's Catholic School
- November 24th FOMs Bingo Night 6pm at school
- November 28th Crafty Ceramics
- December 1st Pantomime in school!
- December 2nd Woodwind concert Y4 Parents invited and parents of Mrs Unwin's musicians 1pm

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Head Teacher