



## Autumn Term 2012 Newsletter no.13



**WANTED: MORE TOMBOLA PRIZES** for Christmas Fair organised by the Y5/6 as part of their **BUSINESS VENTURE** after School performances. If you have unwanted & unused toiletries, bottles, gifts etc. please hand to Mrs Pannett as soon as possible please.

**BLOSSOM & GROW AT MONTALBO**  
*Is our motto*

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Y5/6 go to the Museum for the Christmas trail & Y3/4 visit on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>. They are out of school from 9:45 am to 2:30 pm. **THE CHILDREN NEED PACKED LUNCHES**

Olivia, Grace, May, Cara, Ethan P, Ethan R, Jack, Jake, Katleho, Louis & Jonathan took part in the Quick Sticks 5 aside Hockey Festival at Barnard Castle School. The event was fast paced & resulted in all the children playing in several matches against Green Lane, Middleton & Cockfield Primaries. They scored on several occasions & developed good teamwork strategies. The children received juice & biscuits at the end of the event. There was no overall winner. In the New Year we hope to receive further coaching in another sport from Barnard Castle School. There are also plans for a Y5/6 swimming gala and a Zumba festival for Y3/4 in January.

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH on 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**



Our Nativity frieze will be on view each Saturday from Sat 8<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 2pm at the United Reform Church.

**Aidan, Kieran, Jared, Lucy, Sarah, Hannah & Mia sang for the residents of Abbeyfield Corn Close on Tuesday. They sang so well especially when our cd player failed. They were rewarded with juice, mince pies & individual bags of chocolate. I will take a different group of children to Abbeyfield Galgate on Friday.**

Why not take part in Messy Church's Sheep Trail as advertised in the Mercury



### TICKETS

Thank you for responding promptly to the requests for tickets for Christmas performances. As you know we try to allocate 2 per family initially. Any remaining tickets will be allocated on **THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup>** by Mrs Hauxwell.

### FRIENDS HAVE SOURCED EXCELLENT RAFFLE PRIZES FROM BUSINESSES IN THE TOWN

This year raffle tickets will be sold at Nursery's performance on 14<sup>th</sup> Dec, School afternoon & evening performances on the 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. **WINNERS WILL BE DRAWN AT THE EVENING PERFORMANCE SO MAKE SURE YOUR NAME & CONTACT NUMBER IS ON THE STUBS TO BE DRAWN.**

Refreshments will **ALSO** be served at all 3 events so bring your purses.

### DIARY –

**MON 10<sup>th</sup> DEC** Y5/6 takes part in Christmas Crafts trail at Bowes MUSEUM (packed lunch needed)

**TUES 11<sup>th</sup> DEC** Y3/4 takes part in Christmas Crafts trail at Bowes MUSEUM (packed lunch needed)

**WED 12<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Dinner for pupils

**THURS 13<sup>th</sup> DEC** PANTOMINE VISIT for **WHOLE SCHOOL**

**FRI 14<sup>th</sup> DEC** NURSERY XMAS PERFORMANCE 10am

**TUES 18<sup>th</sup> DEC** SCHOOL XMAS PERFORMANCES 1:30pm & 6:30pm

**WED 19<sup>th</sup>** CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS at TEESDALE SCHOOL –dance group will perform

**THURS 20<sup>th</sup> PARTIES** **FRI 21<sup>st</sup> CAROL SERVICE** for parents, grandparents & pupils at 2pm. (WE WILL GO TO ROKEBY TO TAKE PART IN THEIR SERVICE AT 6:00pm) –volunteers wanted please

SCHOOL REOPENS JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup> 2013

**Who was a Fantastic Fox for week ending  
NOVEMBER 30th 2012?**

**MEGAN** for great 3d shape recognition  
**LIAM G** for great independent writing  
**ANTHONY** for much improved spelling  
 having lovely manners



**KERYS** for working hard on learning her tables

**TEAM POINTS to Nov 30<sup>th</sup> 2012**

**RED 31 points**  
**YELLOW 29 points**  
**GREEN 21 points**  
**BLUE 12 POINTS**

**Homework**

Write part/all of the nativity story building up details about the characters & the setting. Reception class can draw pictures.

**SILVER MEDALLISTS this term.**  
**Tilly, Matilda Sh & Katie J**



I received some very positive feedback from Bowes Museum staff & visitors impressed with the enthusiasm & good behavior of YR, Y1 & Y2 children whilst following the trail through the galleries.

MRS RIDLEY WILL TAKE Y5/6 dancers to Teesdale School on 19<sup>th</sup> December to perform at Teesdale School's Celebration event which provides entertainment for elderly residents of Barnard Castle. Packed lunch required please.

WE are going to the PANTOMIME on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. 'Oh yes we are!!' We leave after lunch for the 2pm matinee. **Children can bring A SMALL PACKET/TUBE OF SWEETS & a DRINK e.g. fruitshoot / capri sun / drink in a carton** to consume during the interval. We will not take water bottles & fizzy drinks ARE NOT permitted. We will leave bags, hats & scarves at school



DO NOT FORGET

We expect to be back at school by 5pm (traffic around Darlington permitting). So please wait patiently in the school hall for our return. **ALL CHILDREN NEED TO BE COLLECTED BY AN ADULT.** Please inform class teachers who will collect your child.

NURSERY PERFORMANCE IS ON FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am –all parents & friends welcome.

On Monday the children were able to see my son's pointer puppies & meet their parents. The children have been following the pups' progress since they were born by emergency caesarian section. Cara presented them with a gift she had brought for them.

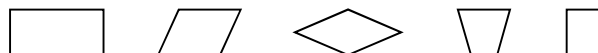


Following some work in Maths this week it has become apparent that children are not confident when using analogue clocks.



Most children recognize o'clock. However confidence wanes in Key Stage 1 and Lower Key stage 2 when moving beyond half past the hour. This is something that all parents & grandparents can help with. Please practice telling the time as there are often SATs questions which focus on being able to add 45 minutes to a specific time for example.

So begin with o'clock & half past, then quarter past/quarter to the hour then focus on the minutes 5 past, 10 past etc. Talk about the long/short hands on the clock face.



On last week's newsletter I mentioned regular & irregular shapes. If your child is in Key stage 2 can they identify quadrilaterals & can they say which are regular/irregular?

What kinds of triangles are there? Can your child name these and tell you about what they are like?

Ask your child to tell you about common 3D shapes – number of faces, vertices etc.

Look for shapes around your home -2D & 3D how many can you find.

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR DINNER MONEY & MONTALBO EXTRA PAYMENTS ARE UP TO DATE. Remember dinner money cheques made out to DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL & CARE OR CLUB CHEQUES TO MONTALBO EXTRA. Remember names & addresses on the back please.

**If you were rewriting the '12 days of Christmas' what would you include in your version? Bring in your entry for a chance to win prizes. ....2 entries so far. Remember those Nativity stories too!**