



November 24th 2017 Issue 11

Anti-Bullying Assembly

Last week was Anti-bullying week and on Monday WE Club performed an excellent play and rap reminding children of the positive behaviours we expect and what to do if they ever have a problem with bullying. I was really impressed with the messages delivered by WE Club and the responses from our children. Thank you to Mrs Ridley for organising this and well done to WE Club!

Recent Charities

Thank you to all of the children and adults who donated to Children in Need last week. We sent off a cheque for £167 this week. By selling poppies and other remembrance goods we raised £156.54 for the Royal British Legion. Thank you to everyone who donated.

Butterwick Hospice Flumpets!

The ever popular Flumpets Christmas Toys will be on sale in the School Office. There are several different designs and cost £1.50 with all monies received going to the Butterwick Hospice.

Early Years Declaration Forms

Please could all Nursery parents ensure that this half term's Early Years Declaration Forms are returned to school next week? This form is for all Nursery children regardless of funding entitlement. If you need any help or a replacement form please see the Early Years team or call into the School Office.

Centre for Life Key Stage 2 Visit

A reminder that next week is the very exciting visit to The Centre for Life for children in Y3-6. It is quite an undertaking to take so many children out at once but I know there are some fantastic activities planned. To make the most of the day, the children must be in school for 8.25am as we hope to set off at 8.30am on Monday, November 27th.

Garden Update

This week electricians have been working in the school garden when they haven't been rained off! We now have some old-fashioned lampposts installed and electricity/heater in the Goods Wagon, making the space useable all year round. Water and power are now in the polytunnel which will further enhance the opportunities in there and make it easier for the children to work in.

The area that is currently cordoned off is part of the next phase of our heritage garden and will hopefully be ready before too long.

Hub Music

This week we had a lovely singing assembly with Katie from The Hub. She played the piano and taught the children a couple of new songs. Katie is planning to work with the school and other local schools to produce a CD, using the recording facilities at the Hub in the New Year.

Mr Foster

Over the last two weeks Mr Foster has organised sporting activities at Teesdale Leisure Centre for our children –this week for Key Stage 1 and last week for our Key Stage 2 along with children from St Mary's. Both events were superb in which children competed in different events such as speed

bounce and long jumps. The children demonstrated great skills and thoroughly enjoyed the sessions. It is not an easy task working out timings, scoring systems and logistics and Mr Foster deserves a great deal of credit. Well done!

Christmas Lunch

On December 12th Christmas Lunch will be served. **If your child usually has a packed lunch** but would like the Christmas Lunch, please complete the reply slip at the bottom of the newsletter. Children who have school dinners need not reply. Orders must be made by December 1st. Thank you.

Starting School

The application process for school places for children who will be 5 on or between 1st September 2018 and 31st August 2019 is open now. Applications can be made via www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions where you can access a guide containing essential information to help you with your application.

Attendance for w.b. 20.11.17

Class	Present
Mrs Bartoli's Reception	90.6%
Miss Lauder's Class	98.7%
Miss Blackburn's Class	98%
Dr Greenwell's Class	90%
Miss Richardson's Class	98.1%
School Total	95.8%

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. 35 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

Dates for the diary

- November 27th Y3-Y6 Centre for Life trip 8.30am departure
- December 6th – 10th Christmas Tree Festival at St Marys
- December 7th Nursery and Reception Nativity 2pm in the School Hall
- December 11th Miss Blackburn's Class Hockey Competition
- December 12th Dr Greenwell's Multi-Skills Festival 9.30-11.30 at Staindrop
- December 12th Christmas Lunch
- December 13th Pantomime in school (thanks FOMs!)
- December 13th and 14th Christmas Plays @ 6pm Miss Lauder and Miss Blackburn's Class
- December 14th Reception to sports festival at Staindrop
- December 15th Christmas Jumper Day
- December 15th Whole School Carol Service at St Marys 1.45-2.45pm (families welcome)
- December 19th Recorders concert (Y4) and Clarinets at Teesdale School 5pm
- December 20th Christmas Party Y1/2 and Y3/4
- December 21st Christmas Party Y5/6 and EYFS
- December 21st End of Autumn term
- December 22nd Teacher Training Day

Mr Minikin

Head Teacher

Christmas Lunch

I would like my child, _____, to have a Christmas Lunch on December 12th. I enclose cash/cheque made payable to 'Durham County Council' for £2.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are entitled to Universal Free Meals therefore do not need to pay but still need to request a meal to be ordered.

Signed _____

Date _____