



December 12th 2019 Issue 14

Carol Concerts

Tomorrow is our school Christmas Carol Concert in St. Mary's Church at 2pm. We hope to see you all there. At the end of the Carol Concert we ask that all parents and carers make their way outside and classes will be released one at a time. This will ensure everyone is kept safe at such a busy time. Children do not need to bring their bags to school. If you are not able to pick your child up from church, they will be brought back to school where they can be collected at the normal time or can go to after school care.

Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 13th December is Christmas jumper day. Children can wear a Christmas jumper, t-shirt or dress. The rest of their outfit should be their school uniform.

Christmas Parties

Next week we will be having our class Christmas parties in the afternoons. Children can bring party clothes to school to get changed into after dinner. Party food will be provided by school. Nursery and Reception will join together on Monday afternoon for their party. If any nursery children don't normally attend on a Monday afternoon, please see Mrs Patterson about attending. Year 1 and 2 will be on Tuesday afternoon, Year 3 and 4 will be on Thursday afternoon and Year 5 and 6 will be on Friday afternoon.

Choir

This week, the choir were greatly appreciated as they sang Christmas Carols at the Cricket Club and Bowes Lion House. Next week they will be just as busy as they are due to sing at Richardson Hospital on Monday afternoon and are attending the Rokeby Carol Concert on Wednesday evening. Choir children need to be at school for 5:45pm and will be getting a bus to Rokeby Church at 6pm. The concert starts at 6:30pm and finishes at 8pm. The bus will then bring children back to school. Parents and Carers are more than welcome to attend the concert and can take children home from there.

Christmas Performances

Nursery and Reception performed brilliantly in "Wiggly Nativity" on Monday afternoon. They were so confident with their acting and singing. Massive thank you to Miss Lauder, Mrs Patterson and all the EYFS staff for their time and effort in producing a fabulous play.

Year 1 and 2 also performed their Christmas play "Straw and Order" this week. The children worked exceptionally hard and I was amazed at them remembering all of their lines and songs. Thank you to Miss Scott, Mrs Newton and all the KS1 staff for their hard work.

Thank you to Friends of School for providing refreshments and running the raffle. If anyone else would like to join Friends of School please see Mr Miller or Miss Steele.

Please note that although photos and videos are allowed to be taken, these should not be shared on social media.

Recorder Concert

On Monday, Year 4 performed a recorder concert at Teesdale School. They demonstrated their excellent recorder skills and put on a great show for all. Thank you to Mrs Unwin for organising this.

Sport Festivals

We've had a busy week of sport with Reception, Year 1 and Year 4 attending multi-skills festivals. All the children had a wonderful time and behaved impeccably.

Christmas Dinner

A big thank you to Mrs Slater and Mrs Dobinson for making a delicious Christmas dinner for all the children and staff. Mrs Collin was especially impressed and proud of the nursery children who ate their dinners and in record time!

Athlete Visit

At the end of November, we had Sports for Schools Athlete Charlie Myers attend school and carry out fitness sessions. Thank you to everyone who sent in sponsorship forms and money. We have raised a massive £1526 to support Charlie Myers on his journey to the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.

Parent Pay

Please ensure that all Parent Pay accounts are up to date by the end of term.

Trophies

If anyone has any trophies at home from Celebration Assembly, please return them to school.

After School Clubs

Please note that due to the business of Christmas, there are no after school clubs until the end of term. Care will still be available.

Absences

Please remember to telephone the School Office if your child is unwell, preferably before school. Advice from the school nurse, which we follow, states that if a child has been sick or has had diarrhoea, then they need to have been clear for 48 hours before returning to school.

Reception 2020

Please remember to visit www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions if you have not already completed applications for a Reception place.

Attendance for w.b. 09.12.19

Class	Present
Reception	96.1%
Year 1	89.5%
Year 2	90.5%
Year 3	88.8%
Year 4	97.8%
Year 5	96.5%
Year 6	98.1%

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons.

1 HOUR of learning was lost to lateness this week

School overall attendance is 94.5%

Dates for the diary

December 13 th	Carol Service in St Mary's Church at 2pm (wear your Christmas jumpers!)
December 16 th	Nursery and Reception Christmas party
December 17 th	Year 1 and 2 Christmas party
December 18 th	Rokeby Carol Service 6pm
December 19 th	Year 3 and 4 Christmas party
December 20 th	Year 5 and 6 Christmas party
December 20 th	Last day of term
January 6 th	Teacher training day
January 7 th	Children return to school

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Head Teacher