



Allendale Primary School December 2015 Newsletter

School Games News:



Well done to all the children from Y3 to Y6 who took part in the Cross Country Tournament last Thursday and to the Y6 children who marshalled the event. We had many individual successes in terms of medals but also children showing great determination to do their best. The Allendale Primary children were the overall team champions.



Year 6 Boys medallists

Year 6 Girls medallists

The Y2 children are taking part in a Multi-skills festival on Thursday from 10.00am in our Sports Hall, which the Y6 Young Sports Leaders are helping to run. Next Thursday, 10th December, Y1 will also be taking part in a multi-skills festival, again from 10.00am in the Sports Hall. Parents are very welcome to come along to these events.

Bag2School:

The collection for the bag2school will be on **Thursday 28th January**; however bags of clothing, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags can be brought into school and left in Reception anytime. The collection not only raises money for school but encourages recycling and benefits trade in other countries. Some facts about second hand clothing:

- Over 70% of the world's population use second hand clothes.
- If everyone in the UK bought one reclaimed woollen garment each year, it would save an average 371 million gallons of water and 480 tonnes of chemical dyestuffs.
- At least 50% of textiles we throw away are recyclable; however, we only recycle around 25%.

Miss Guttridge and the Eco Warriors have been monitoring recycling and energy usage in school and each Friday Eco Eric is awarded to the class who have been the most environmentally friendly.

Safe Parking:

Please can we remind parents not to park in or use the bus pull in area at the start and end of the school day. We also request that cars should not be parked on or opposite the yellow zig-zag lines outside school, so as not to cause an obstruction to the buses or to children and parents being able to safely cross. NCC now have traffic enforcement vehicles which are visiting schools throughout the area to look at parking at school sites.

All Stars:



All stars Christmas Party!

Wednesday 9th December 2015

3.30-6.00pm

Festive outfit/ party clothes / pjs

£5 per child with maximum of £9 per family for whole 2 ½ hours.

We would love to see you there.

Miss Warrior & Miss Kennedy



December Events at School:

Tuesday 1st December - The PTFA have funded a performance of the Apprentice Sorcerer by the West Midlands Children's Theatre Company which all the children will watch tomorrow afternoon.

Friday 4th December - The **Christmas Fair** will start at 6pm. There will be the silent auction, tombolas, refreshments, Father Christmas, children's games, stalls and much more. Please come along.

Tuesday 8th December - There will be a French themed **assembly** at 3pm, led by Madame Mills who runs the Tuesday after school French Clubs. Parents are very welcome to come along.

Wednesday 9th December / Thursday 10th December - The **PTFA Elves** will be back at school to help the children choose and wrap a Christmas gift for a family member.

Wednesday 9th December - Miss Guttridge is taking the Eco Warriors horse logging in the afternoon.

Friday 11th December - Traditional Christmas dinner. Children who would normally have a packed lunch are very welcome to have a school meal on this day.

Friday 11th December - PTFA film night.

Monday 14th December - **Whole School Nativity performance at 1.45pm and 6.00pm**; family and friends will require a ticket for the performance. Tickets are limited to a maximum of 4 per family for each performance and will be allocated on a first come first served basis. The ticket order form is attached to this newsletter and should be returned to school by Friday 4th December. The appendix to our photography is attached for parents' information. We do allow photography and videoing of our performances but not all children have permission to be featured on the internet so parents must be considerate in their posting of any images of the performance on social media and ensure no other children are featured.

Tuesday 15th December - Y3 & Y4 Christmas party

Wednesday 16th December - EYFS, Y1 & Y2 Christmas party

Thursday 17th December - Y5 & Y6 Christmas party

Friday 18th December - Finish for Christmas holiday

School starts on **Tuesday 5th January**. A list of holiday and term dates has been on our website since September and advance notice of start and end of term dates is always given on the newsletter, a copy of which is also on our website.

Some parents may be aware that the Government is reviewing the national funding formula for schools and intend to implement a fairer funding system in 2017-18. Northumberland is one of the poorest funded authorities and our local MP has organised a petition form to raise the issue with the government. Our school budget is challenging for at least the next 2 years, mainly due to pupil numbers which is why it is so important that local people support our school. Regardless of your political views, the petition is a means to having this important subject raised with the Government. If you would like to sign the petition, a copy is available at Reception, in the EYFS Unit and, weather permitting, will be in the playground at the end of the school day this week.

The Photographic policy in full is available to read on our website:

Appendix 1

A Guide for parents when taking photographs at a school event:

We recognise that parents want to take photos and/ or recordings of their children during their time at school. Events such as performances, sports festivals, assemblies and celebrations are very popular and a photograph and / or recording is a treasured memento of the occasion which can be shared with other family members and friends.

By following these guidelines we can proceed safely and with regard to the law and rights of other parents.

- It is at the discretion of the headteacher and governors of the school to decide if photography at school events is permitted.
- The headteacher and governors have the responsibility to keep children safe.
- The headteacher and governors have the responsibility to decide the conditions that will apply so that performances are not disrupted and children and staff not distracted.
- The headteacher can ask that parents cease to take photographs or recordings at events if equipment is not used appropriately.
- Parents and carers can take photographs and recordings at school events for their personal use only. Any photos featuring other children must not be sold and must not be put on the web /internet. To do so would most likely break data protection legislation and could expose a child to child protection issues.
- Parents and carers must not photograph children changing for performances or events.

Allendale Primary School Nativity Performances, Monday 14th December

I would like to request tickets for the performance at 1.45pm

I would like to request tickets for the performance at 6.00pm

Name of child(ren) _____ Class _____

Please print your name _____