



## Allendale Primary School January 2016 Newsletter

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back to a new school term.

We had a bit of a wet start on Tuesday, as the volume and force of the rain caused a leak in the Barn Owl Classroom ceiling, a near flood in the Sports Hall and a small stream in the playground, as well as affecting the Allenheads bus which did very well to arrive at all in the conditions.

We're very pleased to tell you that Miss Guttridge had a baby girl last Sunday. We welcome Miss Carpenter to Skylark Class, who is covering Miss Guttridge's maternity leave. Unfortunately Miss Armstrong is currently poorly so parents of children in Pipit class will get to meet Miss Carpenter next week as she is teaching in Pipit Class, with Miss Fawcett, who shares Barn Owl Class with Miss Porteous, and Mrs White who regularly teaches in school.

The bag2school collection is on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January**. The bags have been sent out and can be brought to school anytime. Please leave any bags in the main reception area.

Swimming begins after half term on **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**. Y2, Y3 and Y4 will be going swimming until the end of the summer term.

We teach E-Safety in school but as children have increased access to the internet through various devices, parents may be interested to find out more about how to keep their children safe whilst using the internet. The following website [www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents) contains articles and guidance on internet safety.

Multiskills Sports club for Y3 and Y4 is now running on a Thursday after school and Gymnastics Club, run by Mrs Swaile is taking place on a Monday after school, again for Y3 and 4. We have a variety of lunchtime clubs running including Y6 badminton, Y2 and 3 sports club run by the Y6 sports leaders, under 11s football and Y3, Y4 and Y5 netball.

Parents' evenings will be held on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February** and **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February**. Further details are contained in a separate letter. Parents who receive the newsletter via e-mail will receive a hard copy of the parents' evening information.

Finally, we have a teacher training day on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**, so school will be closed to the children. There is the possibility of opening Allstars for the day, 8.00am to 4.30pm for any parents who do have difficulties arranging childcare for this day. However, it is dependent upon having a minimum number of children to make this viable. At the moment we are exploring possibilities. Allstars is a non-profit making provision run by school so we want to make the day affordable so we can only give a rough estimation of the cost until numbers are confirmed. If we have enough children using the facility then the cost would be between £12 and £16 for a full day. Children would have to bring a packed lunch but breakfast would be provided for those who want it.

If you think that you may want to use Allstars on this day, for the whole day or part of it, please could you return the reply slip below?

I would like to use Allstars on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February for the whole day / or part of the day\*

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

\*please delete as appropriate