



Allendale Primary School November 2016 Newsletter

Welcome back to school after half term. This half term is always one of the busiest in school with sporting events and the build up to Christmas. Below is a summary of what is going on in school and when. Further information will be sent out about many of the events nearer the time but, hopefully, having the dates in advance is helpful to put on your calendar. All the dates and events are on our website; www.allendaleprimary.northumberland.sch.uk
If you click on the event on the calendar, further information is displayed.

Health and Well-being Week / Sporting Events:

Health and Well-being week will now be in full swing. The children have a packed programme of activities and should wear their PE Kits, with jogging / tracksuit bottoms every day. Activities for the classes are featured on the calendar on our website.

Well done to all the children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 who competed at the Gateshead Cross Country Tournament. Every competitor put in 100% effort but special mention must go to the following children who placed in the top ten for their year groups:

Nathaniel - 3rd Year 6 boy
Owen - 4th Year 3 boy
Daisy - 5th Year 6 girl
Jem - 8th Year 4 boy



On **Tuesday 8th November from 9.30am**, we are hosting a Y3 / Y4 Football Tournament for local schools and on **Thursday 17th November** a multi skills festival for Year 1 and Year 2. In addition our annual local schools cross country tournament is on **Tuesday 22nd November** for Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 children; let's hope for a dry morning! Parents are very welcome to come along to all the events to lend their support.

PTFA:

A huge thank you to the PTFA Committee for organising a very successful Halloween Disco last Friday. Their next big event will be the **Christmas Fair on Friday 2nd December**, followed by a **Christmas Film Night on Friday 9th December**. The PTFA will be holding their next meeting on **Monday 7th November** at 7pm at the King's Head. If you are able to offer any help for the Christmas Fair or Film Night, please let a member of staff know.

We will be holding a **Christmas Fair Donation Day on Friday 18th November**. Children can come to school in their pyjamas / own clothes and in return we would request that children in **Pipit, Skylark and Barn Owl** Class bring in some chocolate to be used as prizes on the chocolate tombola and children in **Lapwing, Curlew and Kestrel** bring a bottle of something, (drink, bubble bath, perfume etc.), to be used as prizes on the bottle tombola. Please do not wrap your donation as we have to check sell by / use by dates.

Fancy Feet and Whirly Wheels:

Last year we were runner up in the walk on Wednesday initiative in Autumn and Summer. Walk on Wednesday has now been replaced by Fancy Feet and Whirly Wheels. A letter accompanies this newsletter giving details of this scheme which runs for the next 4 weeks.

British Legion Poppy Appeal:

We have a British Legion Poppy Box at school for a couple of weeks. Y6 will visit each class daily from 1st November, so that the children have the opportunity to buy a poppy. There are also themed wristbands, friendship bracelets, (to be worn at home!) and rulers for which the recommended donation is 50p or £1. We will also mark Remembrance Day on Friday 11th November.

Parent Governor:

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you would like more information about the role and responsibilities of school governors, a leaflet and nomination form is available from Mrs Clarke in the School Office or prospective governors can contact Mrs Hawkins to discuss what is involved. All nominations must be received by 12.00pm on Monday 14th November, with elections to follow if necessary.

Miss Carpenter has been with us since January, covering Miss Guttridge's maternity leave. Miss Carpenter's last day with us will be Friday 25th November as Miss Guttridge intends to return at the beginning of December.

Christmas Events:

As previously mentioned we have the PTFA Christmas Fair on Friday 2nd December 6pm - 8pm and Children's Christmas Film Night on Friday 9th December. They will also be offering the Elf Christmas shopping experience from 5th December. There will be a performance by the West Midlands Children's Theatre Company on Tuesday 29th November, for all children on school.

The Christingle at St Cuthbert's Church in the Village will be on **Sunday 4th December at 3pm**, all children and families welcome, our children sing one of their Nativity songs as part of the service.

The whole school **Nativity performance**, 'Too Busy for Christmas', will be on **Thursday 8th December, 2pm and 6pm**.

Christmas Dinner will be on **Thursday 15th December** and finally, each class will have a Christmas party during the last week of term.

We are again selling the school calendar for 2017. Calendars cost £4, if you wish to place an order, please complete the order form or let Mrs Clarke know and send payment into school. Thank you.

I would like to order _____ school calendar(s) and enclose payment for £_____

Please print name_____