



Allendale Primary School

November 2015 Newsletter

Welcome back to a busy 7 weeks! There are lots of things happening in school over the next few weeks and dates and times are listed below. A copy of the newsletter is always available on our website - www.allendaleprimary.northumberland.sch.uk

We welcome our new teacher, Miss Fawcett, who is now sharing the teaching in Barn Owl Class with Miss Porteous.

The children need to bring their own labelled water bottle to school; a small plastic bottle is perfectly acceptable; it is unhygienic to be sharing cups, especially with colds on the increase at this time of year.

Please check your child's hair regularly as a few parents have reported that there have been head lice sightings!

We are supporting the poppy appeal in school. If the children wish to bring in a donation, the poppies and themed accessories will be brought around the classes each day. The British Legion suggested donation for accessories starts at 50p.

This Thursday there is a themed Guy Fawkes menu for school lunch.

We are currently taking part in the Northumberland Schools W.o.W challenge. Walk on Wednesdays (or walk once a week) runs until December and encourages children to do more walking whenever possible.

Y3/4 Football:

Tomorrow, Y3 and Y4 are going to Haydon Bridge High School for an inter-schools football tournament. It starts at 10.00am and the children will be back for lunch. Parents are very welcome to go down to Haydon Bridge High School to cheer the teams on.

Fire Service:

Members from the Fire Service are coming into school on Thursday to run workshops throughout the day with each class about fire and Bonfire Night safety.

Steel Pans:

Steel pan tuition continues for Curlew Class on a Thursday afternoon for the next 5 weeks.

Health and Well-being Week:

We are holding our annual health week from **Monday 16th November to Friday 20th November**. This year we will be incorporating safety themes such as e-safety and anti-bullying into the activities for the week.

Young Sports Leaders:

Year 6 children will be taking part in the Young Sports Leaders course on the mornings of **Thursday 12th and Thursday 19th November**.

Cross Country:

The local inter schools cross country festival will be held at Allendale Primary on **Thursday 26th November from 10.00am**. Years 3 - 6 will be taking part; again parents are warmly invited to attend to cheer the children on.

Pyjama Day:

Friday 27th November will be pyjama / onesie day. In return for a donation for the Christmas Fair, the children can come to school dressed in their favourite pyjamas or onesies. Pipit, Skylark and Barn Owl Classes are asked to bring in some chocolate for the chocolate tombola stall and Lapwing, Curlew and Kestrel are asked to bring in something in a bottle for the bottle tombola.

Cross Country (2)

On **Monday 30th November** a team of Y5 and Y6 children will be going to Ovingham Middle School to take part in a schools' cross country event. This runs from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

Christingle:

The Christingle will be held at St Cuthbert's Church on Sunday 29th November at 3pm. We always have a superb attendance at this celebration and hopefully as many children as possible will be able to attend this year. Our children do sing a song during the service, so should come dressed in their school uniform.

Theatre Performance:

The West Midlands Children's Theatre Company are performing the Apprentice Sorcerer for the whole school on the afternoon of **Tuesday 1st December**. Thank you to the PTFA for funding this.

Y2 Multi Skills Festival

On **Thursday 3rd December** there will be a Y2 inter school multi -skills festival, held in our Sports Hall. All the Year 2 children in Barn Owl class will be taking part. Parents are very welcome to attend.

PTFA Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair will take place on **Friday 4th December** between **6pm and 8pm**. This is the major PTFA fundraiser during the year and your support is appreciated.

The PTFA are also offering the Elves gift shopping service again this year. Children can come and buy a present for a family member which the elves will help to wrap. These will be held on the following afternoons:

Wednesday 9th December - Pipit, Skylark and Barn Owl Classes

Thursday 10th December - Lapwing, Curlew and Kestrel Classes

Friday 11th December - catch up for anyone who missed their class' date

There will also be a PTFA Film Night on Friday 11th December, where a selection of Christmas films will be shown after school.

Christmas dates in school:

Friday 11th December - Christmas Dinner

Monday 14th December - Whole School Nativity performance afternoon and evening - times to be confirmed.

Tuesday 15th December - Y3 & Y4 Christmas party

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

Thursday 17th December - Carol Singing in Village; Y5 & Y6 Christmas party

Friday 18th December - School finishes for Christmas holidays

Tuesday 5th January - Spring Term Starts

News from last half term:

Thank you to all the family and friends who came to the Harvest Celebration at the Methodist Chapel. The collection raised £107.18 for the Children's Heart Unit Fund at the Freeman Hospital.

We have some very talented children at school. Pictured left is Ollie in



Y5, who has a very successful motocross career and won this impressive trophy representing the North East in a competition in Doncaster.

Pictured right is Sasha in Y2,



and won an impressive array of medals a few weeks ago.



Well done to all the children who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge. Jackie White from the Schools' Library Service came into school to present the certificates and medals to those children who had taken part.

Monty. Monty, (pictured right), stands for, Mastering Our Numerical Times tables - Yipee! When the children have demonstrated that they have learnt their times tables up to 12x12, they can earn a Monty. He is proving very popular and a great incentive to learn times tables!

The older children may have mentioned

