

## Allendale Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers

There is currently a sickness/diarrhoea bug going around the school. It is vital that in a closed community like a school that we try our best to keep the spread of infections to a minimum especially with winter fast approaching.

If your child has an outbreak of vomiting or diarrhoea please adhere to the guidelines of **48 hours from the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea** so as not to spread infection to other children and members of staff.

Here's hoping for a relatively bug free winter!

Mrs A Hawkins

**Allendale Primary School**  
**November / December 2014 Newsletter**

There are a lot of dates in this newsletter detailing plans for events, competitions and performances taking place throughout this half term. If you lose this newsletter, there is always a copy uploaded to our website, where you will also find any important notices and notification should we ever be closed unexpectedly. Our website address is

[www.allendaleprimary.northumberland.sch.uk](http://www.allendaleprimary.northumberland.sch.uk)

Thank you to everyone who attended our Harvest celebration. £145.55 was collected for the People's Kitchen Newcastle.

Well done to Curlew Class on their BikeAbility achievements. Every member of Y5 took part in the cycle safety course and achieved either level 1 and / or level 2. Y6 will have the opportunity to take part in BikeAbility in May 2015.

Mrs Short is to retire at the end of term, so we have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor as from January 2015. This post is suitable for anyone who wants a part time job 5 days a week or to job share. If you are interested or know of anyone who is, the job is currently advertised on the NE jobsite or applications and details are available from Miss Crossley in the office.

### **Sports News**



Miss White, Miss Porteous and Mrs Charlton took Y3 and Y4 to a football tournament in Haydon Bridge in October. We're really pleased that they did so well we are through to the next round which will take place in Hexham on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Mr Charlton took a team of Y5 and Y6 footballers to a competition at Highfield Middle. Although taking on Y6 teams from much larger Middle schools. Our boys won their group and got through to the final where they were narrowly defeated by Ovingham Middle.

Well done to Mr Charlton and the team, and Mrs Robson and Mrs Pringle who provided transport and support.



Mr Charlton is currently coaching **Y3 – Y6**, ready for the inter-schools cross country tournament which we are hosting on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November**. The Tynedale School Athletics association are also holding a Y5 – Y11 cross country competition at Ovingham Middle School, on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November**, which a team of Y5 and Y6 will be attending.

### **Trips and Visitors**

On **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November** we have a theatre company in school performing 'In a Nutshell', a seasonal play for **Reception and Year 1**.

Mr Charlton is taking **Curlew class** to the Laing Art Gallery and Discovery Museum on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. This will be an extended day, with the class returning at 5pm. Keyboard will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

The Mad Alice Theatre Company will be presenting 'Nonsense and Stuff', a performance featuring the rhymes, poems and songs of such authors as Edward Lear, Lewis Carroll, Roald Dahl and John Lennon on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November** for all children in **Y3 – Y6**.

**Lapwing Class** are visiting Bede's World Museum in Jarrow on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December** as part of their study of Anglos Saxons.

The WMC Theatre Company are coming to school on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December** to perform the Firebird, a Russian folk tale, to the whole school.

Miss Armstrong has organised joint sessions for **Reception and pre-school** children in the sports hall on each Monday afternoon in November.

### **PTFA and Preparations for Christmas**

Further information on the following will be set out as each event arises.

The Christmas Fair will take place in school on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December** from **6.00pm to 8.00pm**. In preparation for this we would like to ask for your help. We plan to hold a non-uniform day on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November**, children can come in their own clothes, pyjamas or onesies if they want. In return, we would like a donation for the tombola stalls as follows:  
Pipit, Skylark and Barn Owl Classes - any chocolate item  
Lapwing, Curlew and Kestrel Classes - any bottle, (drink, toiletries etc)

School calendars will again be available to order this year for £4.00. the children are currently on with their artwork.

The Elves' Christmas shop will also be open for business again this year. For £2.00, the elves will help the children to choose a present for a family member, wrap and label it. The shop will be open as follows: **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** for **Kestrel and Curlew Classes**; **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** for **Barn Owl and Lapwing Classes**; **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** for **Skylark and Pipit Classes**.

**Christingle** is on **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November** at 3pm at St Cuthbert's Church. All the children are invited to attend this celebration.

**Christmas Dinner** will be on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. Packed lunch children are very welcome to have a school dinner on this day.

The PTFA are organising a **film night** for the children on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**.

The **Christmas play** will be on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** at 1.45pm and 6.00pm.

Christmas parties will take place as follows on afternoons during the last week:

**Reception, Y1 and Y2 - Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

**Y3 & Y4 - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**Y5 and Y6 - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

The whole school will be carol singing on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December** in the village square at 11.00am. A collection will be made for charity.

Term finishes on **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** and the children return for the Spring Term on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2015**

The PTFA have organised bag2school collections for 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and 8<sup>th</sup> July 2015. Any donations can be brought into school now and will be stored until the collection in January.

School Council elections took place last half term and our new School Council comprises of Lillie and Luke from Y6, Paige and Sam from Y5, Freddy and Daisy in Y4 and Sam and Hannah in Y3. We look forward to their plans and suggestions for school.

Finally, Mrs Turnbull and Mrs Little in the kitchen have done a great job in getting to grips with the new menus and choices for lunch. We now have almost 90% take up for school dinners, plus the pre-school lunches which are cooked on our site. Previously, the families for good food parents committee produced guidelines for healthy packed lunches; fizzy drinks and bars of chocolate are not allowed in packed lunches at school.

Just a note for parents who pay by direct debit; if a strange meal choice appears on your account it most probably is because something has to be entered when your child is on a trip and requires a school packed lunch, as there is no choice for this.

Mrs A Hawkins  
Headteacher

A summary of diary dates:

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Pipit Class and Pre-school joint session in Sports Hall
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Pipit Class and Pre-school joint session in Sports Hall
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	Non uniform donation day
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Y3 & Y4 Football finals at Hexham
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	'In a Nutshell' Theatre performance for EY & Y1
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Pipit Class and Pre-school joint session in Sports Hall
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Y5 & Y6 Cross Country team competition
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Schools cross country competition KS2
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Curlew Class trip to Discovery Museum/ Laing Gallery
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	'Nonsense and Stuff' KS2 drama performance
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Christingle 3pm St Cuthbert's Church
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Lapwing Class trip to Bede's World
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	'The Firebird' whole school theatre performance
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair 6pm - 8pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Elves Shop for Kestrel/Curlew
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Elves Shop for Lapwing/Barn Owl
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Elves Shop for Skylark/Pipit
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas dinner
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Film Night
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Play 2pm & 6.30pm
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception / Y1 / Y2 Christmas party
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Singing in village 11.00am
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Y3 & Y4 Christmas party
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5 & Y6 Christmas party
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm Haydon Bridge High School Creative Arts' students present an entertaining evening featuring an Innovation and Fantasy Fashion Show and Dance and Singing performances working in collaboration with Excelsior Academy and Nathan Roberts - tickets are £5/£3.50 and the school contact number is 01434 684422