

Newsletter



'Attend, Enjoy, Try Your Best, Achieve and Succeed'

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Library Visits

Reading- is the key to learning. As a school we are working to promote reading for pleasure in all year groups. During November Y2-6 will visit Durham Library. FS and Y1 will visit in the New Year. The children will be given a library card. Try to make time to take the children into the library and become regular users. Take a book out yourself. Dates of visits are outlined below.

We have an identified author of the month. Our author for November is Anne Fine.

Mrs Shallaw is launching a request a book scheme. If your child wants to read a book which

have not got in school then we will purchase the book and add it to our stock. This excludes ancient manuscripts!!

We have a Book Fair arranged for- 16th -20th November - come and buy some early Christmas presents!!

Book exchange - continues Friday 6th November- come and swap old reads for new!! Please bring books to be swapped over the course of the whole week!!

Class assemblies- have been a great success. Parents who have attended have commented upon the confidence which the children deliver their part/the way they work as a team. Thank you to the parents who attended our class assemblies this half term. These will resume in the Spring term with FS, Y1 and Y2!

Disco/copper trail... The Friends of the School have done a brilliant job with our Halloween disco and copper trail raising nearly £500 in total. These events would not be able to go ahead without such dedicated parents. Why not volunteer to help run these events?

Two Community Events for your holiday calendar.....

Holiday Craft session, at Esh Winning Library on Thursday 29th October- there will be fun, stories craft, juice and biscuits all between 2 and 3pm (or until our biscuits run out) 03000 264632

Ron Hogg, Durham's Police and Crime Commissioner is hosting a free community event on Saturday 31st October 2015 at Sedgefield Racecourse and is encouraging young people and their families to attend and get involved.

Parent Interviews- thanks to the 160 parents who made appointments to attend parent interviews after the holiday. As you know the way in which pupils are assessed/tackle the curriculum has changed. This means that our reports will change too. I will provide you with an information sheet explaining some of these changes to help at parent interviews. A further meetings will be arranged for all year groups over the next couple of terms particularly for Y2/6 pupils who will take national tests in May.

Derby Day frenzy... the school football team finished their pre-Christmas programme with draws against New Brancepeth and St Josephs. This meant we finished 8th in the league. Following the festive break the team will play against similar ability teams- Miss Ray is targeting her first trophy!!

Parent Calendar 2015 - new dates added- as you can see a busy half term ahead!!

Tuesday 3rd November Y4 / Y5 Parent Interviews

Wednesday 4th November Y1 / Y2 Parent Interviews

Thursday 5th November Y6 / FS Parent Interviews

Monday 9th November Y3 Parent Interviews

Wednesday 11th November Y2 Library PM / Y5 Bede's World trip / Y4 Centre for Life trip

Thursday 12th November Y3 Library PM

Friday 13th November Children in Need

Monday 16th November Y1/2 Immunisations-see letter from school nursing team

Tuesday 17th November 2.30pm Attendance meeting-all invited

Wednesday 18th November 2.15pm Poetry recital, all invited

Thursday 19th November Y4 Library AM

Tuesday 24th November Phototronics

Wednesday 25th November Y5 Tyneside Cinema

Friday 27th November Christmas Fair PM-All invited

Monday 30th November Y6 Library AM

Tuesday 1st December Y5 Library AM

Friday 4th December Phonics 2pm / Reading workshop 2pm (rest of the school)

Tues/Wed 8th & 9th December KS 1/FS Christmas productions

Wednesday 9th December Shildon Railway Museum to meet Santa FS/Y1

Thursday 10th December Y2 Victorian Christmas at Beamish

Friday 11th December Christmas Service 10am St Luke's

Monday 14th December FS, Y1, Y2 - Party

Tuesday 15th December Y3/4 - Party

Wednesday 16th December Pantomime Visit KS2

Thursday 17th December Y5/6 Party

Holiday information is on the website/previous newsletter and will return on the next one!!