



December 2016 Newsletter

All children and young people have a right to a primary education...Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education they are capable of. (Article 28, United Nations Convention on the Rights

Christmas Fair

A great big thank you to everyone who supported this event - the Friends of the School who organised it, the volunteers on the day & beforehand, and everyone else for spending their money & selling raffle tickets. We are so grateful to them.

The amount raised of nearly £600 was absolutely amazing, especially when you consider the size of our school!!

Thank you again!!!

**HUNGRY
FOR
CHANGE**

Advent Collection

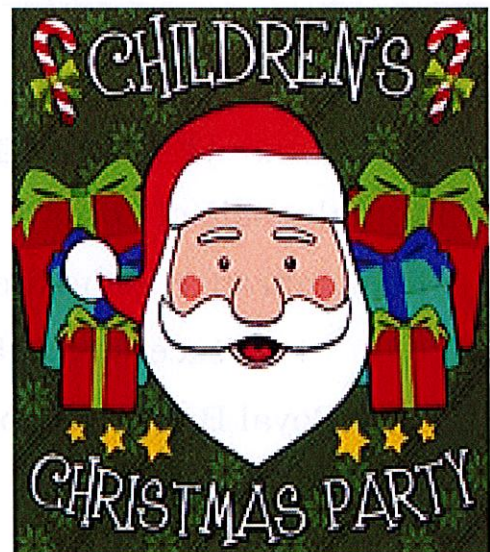
We are continuing to collect coppers & 5p pieces to send to CAFOD as part of their 'World Gifts' campaign. The children will choose which gifts to send to the 3rd World when they know how much they have raised - eg a pair of piglets, a school starter pack, a doctor's bicycle - really useful equipment for people.

Please encourage your child to bring money into school.

Christmas Parties

The children's Christmas parties take place in the afternoon.

- They can either come to school dressed in their party clothes but they may get dirty when playing outside.
- They can bring their clothes with them to change into after lunch themselves.
- Or - you can come up to school to help them get changed - after 12.45pm please!



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Winter!

Winter Weather

Please make sure your children come to school with a change of shoes & warm outdoor gear like hats & gloves. They do like to play in the snow, but we can only take children out who are appropriately dressed.

A change of shoes is really important so that they are warm all day, & so that our school floors don't get too slippery.

Please listen to the local radio stations (Metro, Galaxy & Durham FM) on a snowy morning in case we have to close - this would only be in the most extreme circumstances, as we do like to stay open. Our school website will also immediately be updated if we close the school.

New School Mission Statement Competition

Staff, Governors and the children are all currently developing our new school mission statement & ethos statement. We are developing it from the following bible quote that was chosen because we feel this is what we want to aim for, for our children:

"You must shine among them like stars lighting up the sky".

(Paul's letter to the Philippians 2:9-15)

We are launching a competition for our children to design a logo for this statement that we can then display around school, on our website & in lots of our documentation. This is a great opportunity for our children to be creative & imaginative. Please encourage them to do this at home. The closing date for this is Friday 13th January.

Remembrance

From the sale of Poppy's and various other Remembrance items the school raised in

excess of **£150** for

The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

A huge well done!



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Dates for the Diary

- 14th December - 2pm - Class 1 Nativity Play
- 15th December - 6pm - Some children taking part in the village
Carol service
- 16th December - Christmas Craft Afternoon
After school Christmas Movie night 3.15 -5.00 p.m
- 19th December - Class 2 & 3 Carol singing at Divine Care Home
Class 1 Christmas party (p.m)
- 20th December - 9.15am - Class 2 & 3 Carol Service in school
Class 2 & 3 Christmas party (p.m)
- 21st December - Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch.
2.00p.m—Christmas Musical Concert
Break up for CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
- 9th January - **Back to school**

And Finally...

We would like to wish everybody a happy and holy Christmas, and a wonderful new year.

See you in 2017!