



November 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

We are leading up to a very busy time of year as you will be aware. There will be many opportunities for you to visit us during our various celebrations and we look forward to seeing you there. Please particularly take note of the dates for the diary so that you don't miss out on anything.

Again, we apologise for any inconvenience to you during the Teaching Assistant strikes. We are doing all that we can to cause as little disruption to our children's education as possible. If they continue, we will continue to provide work for our children to complete if they are unable to attend school.

Please note the change in time for our Advent Mass this Thursday – 2.15pm

Admissions to School – September 2017

Please note that the closing date to send applications to start Reception at primary school in September 2017 is **15th January 2017**.



Winter Weather

Please make sure your children come to school with a change of shoes and warm outdoor gear such as 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 floors don't get too slippy – black school shoes, please, not slippers!

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, and, if possible, we will send out texts.**

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PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL OFFICE IF NEEDED

Ofsted

Once again, thank you for your support during our inspection and, particularly, to our children who impressed the inspectors so much. Thank you, too, to all of the staff for their hard work. The report should be published in the next two weeks.

Medication

No medication is allowed in school unless it has been prescribed by a doctor and must be taken 4 times per day or more. If this is the case, an adult must bring the medicine to school & collect it, and must fill in a medication form at the office.



Neighbourhood Fund Grant

Councillor Taylor kindly put our school forward for the above grant to improve the drainage in the children's playground, to try to stop the pooling of water at the bottom. We have now received that grant and work will be starting soon. Thank you to Councillor Taylor for this.

Breakfast Club

Thank you to those of you who have kindly volunteered to help at breakfast club. If you do find you have a spare half hour, we would love to hear from you.



CAFOD

The children managed to raise £48.41, wearing bright socks for the day for 'Brighten up Bolivia, Well done to all involved.



Advent

During Advent we will be collecting our 'Coppers for CAFOD' again – to raise money for this great charity. Could you please raid all of your coppers & 5p pieces for this? Thank you.

Our School Christmas Dinner will take place on the last day of term – 21st December. The children can pay an extra £1 to dress in a Christmas jumper that day to raise money for 'Save the Children'.

Christmas Fayre

The Friends of the School are organising a Christmas Fayre on this Friday, 2nd Dec at 2pm. We continue to raise funds for a variety of school items & events. Our thanks to the Friends of the School for their efforts. Any fresh cakes can be brought in the morning of the fayre.

Thank you.



Absence

If your child is going to be absent, please inform school **before 9.30am** so that we know that they are safe.

Remembrance Sunday

Thank you to all of the children who took part in reading the poem at the village Remembrance Sunday service. They read really well and we were so proud that so many of them gave up their weekend time to take part.



A special thank you to our local Councils—who have donated the sum of £150 to the school, to go towards the Children's Christmas activities.

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Please note, our holidays are different to many other schools around us - so please make sure you have the correct dates in your diary.

Dates for the Diary

- 29th November - 2.45pm - Class 2's St. Andrew's Day Assembly
- 30th November - 5pm- 1st Holy Communion meeting for parents in school
- 1st December - 2.15pm - Advent Mass - all welcome
Teaching Assistant strike - school closed to reception
- 2nd December - 2pm - Christmas Fayre - all welcome
- 14th December - 2pm - Class 1 Nativity Play
- 15th December - 6pm - Some children at Village Carol Service
- 16th December - 1.30pm - Class 1 Christmas Craft afternoon
- 19th December - Class 1 Christmas Party
- 19th December - Class 1 & 2 Divine Care Centre 9.30am Carol Singing
- 20th December - 9.15am - Class 2 & 3 Carol Service - all welcome
- 20th December - Class 2 & 3 Christmas Party
- 21st December - School Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Break up for Christmas Holidays!

Return to school on Monday 9th January