

St. Mary's Primary, Wingate

November 2014 Newsletter

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 your diary so that you don't miss out on anything.

St. Mary's - a new award!

We have been successful in gaining a new award - the *Sainsbury's Bronze School Games Award*. This awards all of the efforts we make to support our pupils to take part in sport and competitions. Thank you to Mrs. Walton for applying for this. Well done, everyone!

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.*

Christmas Fayre

The Friends of the School are organising a Christmas Fayre on this Friday, 28th November. Please put the date in your diary. We are still raising funds for a variety of school items & events. Our thanks to the Friends of the School for all of their efforts.

They are also organising a Christmas Disco on Monday 8th December. This will start straight after school and will finish at 5pm.

Class 1 Open Mornings Reminder

This is to remind you that, if your child is in Class 1, you are very welcome to come into school every Monday between 9am and 9.30am to see your child in class, have a look at their work, or have a chat to their teacher. You would be most welcome.

Children in Need

Again, thank you to all of the children who took part in the 'Children in Need' day. This time £68 was raised. What wonderful children we have.

Advent

During Advent, we will be collecting our 'Coppers for CAFOD' again - to raise money for this amazing cause. Could you please raid all of your coppers and 5p pieces for this? Thank you.

Hometime Parking

Can I once again ask that you *please* come into the school playground so that staff can see that a parent is there? PLEASE park in the bottom car park & walk up to school so that the road is safe for pedestrians using the park to get home. The road is also needed for emergency access & so we must make sure it isn't blocked.

Scarecrow Competition

Thank you to all who took part in this. The scarecrows that came into school were amazing!! We were all really impressed. Thank you to Mrs. Greener for helping with the soup and to Nikki for talking to everyone about Rights Respecting.

World War 1 Performance

I'd like to congratulate all of the staff and children for the wonderful performance of their World War 1 play. I know all of you enjoyed it too. They did so well and it was a very moving occasion. Well done!

Dates for the Diary

27 th November	-	Class 2 & 3 singing at Ridgeway House
28 th November	-	2pm - School Christmas Fair - all welcome
3 rd December	-	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 trip to Beamish
5 th December	-	9.15am - Advent Mass - all welcome
8 th December	-	3.30pm - 5pm - Christmas Disco
12 th December	-	Christmas lunch for the children
15 th December	-	Class 1 Nativity Play at 2pm
16 th December	-	2 pm - Carol Service in the hall - all welcome
17 th December	-	Reception, Year 1 & 2 Christmas Party
18 th December	-	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas Party
19 th December	-	BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Due to unforeseen circumstances we have had to swap the dates for the Nativity and Carol Service to the above days.

Return to school on 5th January

