



Windy News

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Pantomime time

It's that time of year again where the school shows off its musical and dramatical talents through our school pantomime. The staff and pupils always put on a fantastic show so please make sure you get your tickets for what is always a fabulous night of family entertainment. This year we will be performing Jack and the Beansprout.

Tickets go on sale on Friday 30th November from the main reception and cost £2 per adult ticket and £1 for children. All money raised is used for school funds.

Please come along and support us.

Value of the month

Last month's value was **Thoughtfulness**. The following pupils were successful in receiving Windy Winners Certificates for showing Thoughtfulness

Robins— Hollie O'Brien
Owls - Freddy Martin
Mrs. Ferry - Olivia Pickering
Mrs. Preece - Heidi Gardiner
Bluebells - Jake Longstaff
Tulips - Millie Norman
Snowdrops - Jay Shaw
Elms - Will Adamson
Oaks - Erin Parkin
Beeches - Myla Gaffney

Well done to all of the winners last month.
This month the value we are exploring is
Responsibility

Pond Clearing Day

A huge thank you to all of the staff, pupils, parents, grandparents and volunteers who came along on the 20th October to help clear the school pond area and paint some of the planters around school. It was a lovely day and everyone worked hard resulting in the pond area now being ready for further improvements.

We have been lucky enough to have been chosen by the CO-OP to receive a sum of money from their monthly community pot to help further improve the pond area. We hope to have it up and running as a learning resource by the spring.

The Co-op have also chosen to support our bid to develop the Early Years Outdoor area via their Local Community Fund. If you have a co-op card please register your card to support our fund via this link

<https://membership.coop.co.uk/causes/23620>

Alternatively visit the Co-op at Beacon Lough, Low Fell or Fewster Square.



Remember!
We close for the Christmas break at the end of Thursday 20th December.

Article 31: The right to rest and play



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What's happening?

- ◇ Dates for your diary
- ◇ Staffing update
- ◇ Adverse weather procedures
- ◇ Reminders
- ◇ PTFA

Charitable Giving

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Gateshead foodbank this month. We are proud to be able to support people in need within our local area.

Thank you also for the Shoe boxes that have been donated this year. This is the last year we will be supporting this appeal so if anyone else has a shoe box they would like to donate please drop it in by Monday.

We appreciate that November and December are expensive months for all families. We have therefore decided not to celebrate Children in Need day this year as your above donations are helping a range of different children both here and abroad.

The money collected via Tuppence Tuesday has been used to buy a donkey, an orchard, some chickens, some taps, a mandala garden and some garden gadgets.

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PTFA

A huge thank you to all parents and pupils who supported the PTFA Halloween disco.

Once again it was a huge success and raised over £400 to be used by staff to enhance your children's time at Windy Nook Primary.

The PTFA do a fantastic job of raising money through a range of different events. They are always looking for new members to help with ideas or to come along and lend a hand.

If you would like to be part of the PTFA please have a look at their page on the school website or speak to Miss Clough in Nursery, who is the teacher representative. Their next Committee meeting is on 13th November at 4pm at Windy Nook Primary.

Remember if you are doing any online Christmas shopping Don't forget the PTFA are registered with

www.easyfundraising.org

All you need to do is register at the site and then when you do any online shopping if you go through their site first they will make a donation to the school PTFA.

Winter Weather Procedures

As winter approaches we need to think about our school procedures in the case of bad weather.



The adverse weather policy, which outlines our school procedures, has been shared on the school website for your information. As always we will endeavour to keep the school open in all circumstances, however on

occasions Health and Safety concerns mean we do have to close the school. We will try to let parents know as soon as possible if this is likely to occur—please refer to the policy for more information.

Article 19: The right to be safe

We are currently trying to ensure the children have more active and engaging playtime experiences. The lunchtime team would be extremely grateful if you could donate any of the following items: Tarpaulin sheets, pine cones, conkers, old clean paint brushes and buckets, musical instruments e.g. small shakers, tambourines etc

Barnardo's 'Drop In

Our next parenting drop-in takes place on Thursday, 6th December (11am-1pm) at Barnardo's on Bewick Road.

Dates for your Diary

Please note that some dates may change due to circumstances beyond the school's control.

Mon 12th Nov	Anti Bullying week
Tue 13th Nov	PTFA Committee meeting 4pm
Wed 14th Nov	EYFS Family learning Story Sacks
Thu 15th Nov	Musicians trip to Northern Sinfonia KS2 Anti-bullying workshop Governors Curriculum committee 5pm
Mon 19th Nov	Road Safety week
Tue 20th Nov	School Photographer in
Wed 21st Nov	EYFS playdough parents workshop
Mon 26th Nov	Assessment week
Thu 29th Nov	Full Governing Body 5pm
Fri 30th Nov	Pantomime tickets on sale
Thu 6th Dec	Christmas Fayre 2pm
Fri 7th Dec	Year 5 Sports Champions training
Mon 10th	Reception Christmas Sing Along 9:15
Tue 11th	Reception Christmas Sing Along 9:15(adults only)
Wed 12th	Nursery Christmas Sing Along 11am School Pantomime 6pm start
Thur 13th	KS1 Christmas Production 9:15 School Pantomime 6pm start
Fri 14th	KS1 Christmas Production 9:15 (adults only) School Christmas Lunch Wear your Christmas jumper day
Mon 17th	UKS2 Christmas Party pm
Tue 18th	KS2 Carol Service at St. Albans 9:45 start Nursery Christmas party am LKS2 Christmas party pm
Wed 19th	Rec Christmas Party am KS1 Christmas Party pm KS2 visit to Gateshead Stadium Pantomime
Thu 20th	School finishes for Christmas—Toy Day

School uniform

Please remember that our school uniform guidelines states that children must wear black shoes, boots or trainers.

As winter approaches please make sure your child has the appropriate clothing for the weather as we try to get the children out for playtime as much as possible. Hats, gloves, warm coats and waterproof shoes are needed.

Staffing Update

Mrs. Hanratty, who has worked as our school cook for the last 7 years has decided the time is right to move onto a new post. She will be a great miss on a lunchtime as she knew the children's likes and dislikes so well. We wish her well in her new venture. She will be replaced by Mrs. Vicky Pegg.

We also welcome Miss Harriet Hawdon to our lunchtime team, following the departure of Miss Matfin.