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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 Cinderella.

Tickets go on sale on Friday 29th 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— Eliza McIvor White
Owls—Gabriella Allen
Mrs. Ferry - Freddy Martin
Mrs. Preece - Miya Smith
Bluebells - Heidi Gardiner
Tulips - Allexa Martin
Snowdrops - Niamh Welsh
Elms - Annabell Boyle
Oaks - Lloyd Emmerson
Beeches - Ashton Conroy

Well done to all of the winners last month.

This month the value we are exploring is Responsibility.

Parking around school

As a school we like to prioritise the safety of our children and local residents by ensuring that parking in the local area is both legal and considerate. We regularly get complaints from parents and residents linked to inconsiderate and on occasion dangerous driving and parking. As the dark nights close in this becomes even more of an issue as children are often difficult to spot.

If you can walk to school, please do, or even consider parking a distance away and walking the final half-mile or so. The Fiddlers are more than happy for parents to use their car park at the start and the end of the school day. Our pupils would also enjoy cycling or scooting to school if this is practical. They have had sessions with Cycle Generation this term to reinforce the safety aspects of biking and scooting to school. Walking, cycling and scooting all help our local air quality too.

But if you really need to drive to school, please make sure you avoid the Keep Clear zig-zag markings and yellow lines when parking. To help ensure this happens, Gateshead Council staff carry out regular enforcement and issue Penalty Charge Notices (tickets). In addition, during this half-term officers from Northumbria Police will be patrolling the area around school at the start and end of the school day to ensure that cars are not obstructing pavements or driveways, and not endangering pedestrians by driving onto the pavement.

Many thanks for your help and cooperation with this matter.

November 2019

What's happening?

- ◇ Dates for your diary
- ◇ Adverse weather procedures
- ◇ Reminders
- ◇ PTFA
- ◇ Recent Illness

Charitable Giving

Thank you to everyone who supported the School Council and Mrs. Ramanandi on Children in Need day. They managed to raise an amazing £533.09.

The School Council are hoping to organise a reverse advent calendar for the Gateshead Food Bank and Changing Lives Charity. More information will follow.

The school are also raising money by taking part in a Christmas Singing Relay on the 11th December, organised by the Dame Allan's Schools' Social Enterprise Group. The money raised from this will be donated to the Eating Stones Charity. Watch out in the local press for this event. Rather than asking for a contribution from parents for this event we have decided to use the money raised from the entrance fee to the School Fayre .

Dates for your Diary

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

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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 £619 to be used by staff to enhance your children's time at Windy Nook Primary.

They also raised £200 through the slime workshops.

They will be holding a craft workshop for pupils in the EYFS on Tuesday 10th December.

The PTFA would like to say a huge thank you to TESCO and Warburtons who donated goods to help make the events so successful.

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.

Remember if you are doing any on line 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 on line

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

Mon 25th Nov	Y5/6 Hifive netball
Wed 27th Nov	Governor Attendance Panel 11am
Thu 28th Nov	School council visit St Albans Full Governing Body meeting 5pm
Wed 4th Dec	Operation Encompass workshops Y6
Thu 5th Dec	Christmas fayre 2pm
Fri 6th Dec	Flu vaccines Choir singing at Felling Park 1pm
Mon 9th Dec	Nursery Christmas Sing along 11am (Nursery closed pm Home visits)
Tues 10th Dec	Reception Nativity 9:15 am PTFA EYFS Craft Workshop
Wed 11th Dec	Reception Nativity 9:15 am (adults only) Singing Relay in school 11am School Pantomime 6pm
Thu 12th Dec	KS1 Production 9:15 School Pantomime 6pm
Fri 13th Dec	KS1 Production 9:15 (adults only) Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Mon 16th Dec	Show in school for KS1 and EYFS am Reception Party pm Reports out
Tue 17th Dec	Nursery party am (Nursery closed pm—home visits) LKS2 Carol Concert- St. Albans's Church 9:45 LKS2 Party pm
Wed 18th Dec	KS2 visit Pantomime at Gateshead Stadium KS1 party pm
Thu 19th Dec	UKS2 Party pm
Fri 20th Dec	School breaks up for Christmas holidays 3:15
Tues 7th Jan	School reopens for Spring term

REMEMBER SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2020 FOR STAFF TRAINING

Recent Illness in school

As you are aware, school has had a number of children absent due to the seasonal bugs that have been hitting schools around the North East. Public Health advice was obtained and followed as soon as the number of illnesses began to rise. This has included 2 deep cleans by the cleaning staff. We know that these bugs have been particularly nasty and have affected not only the children and staff but also parents and carers.

We are hopeful that numbers are now beginning to fall and that all members of the school community will get to enjoy the lead up to Christmas.