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Autumn Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2015

**Toy Donations:** This week, I was very moved when Year 6 asked whether they would be able to use the funds raised so far from their Fruity Friday venture, in order to help those children in the local community who may not get a present this Christmas. The children unanimously agreed they wanted to support Woodhouse Close Church in their Toy Appeal for local families. So, on Wednesday, the whole class set off to buy toys for children aged 0-16 years and in this morning's assembly, they presented a Powerpoint to the whole school, explaining what they had achieved. Mrs Armstrong collected the toys on behalf of the church and told Y6 how gratefully received their donations were. Rarely have I felt so proud as I did this morning: Year 6, you are a credit to yourselves, your families and your school. Well don!

**Adventure Valley:** Yesterday, Mrs Byrne, Miss O'Connor and EYFS staff successfully managed to take 87 children and parents to Winter Wonderland at Adventure Valley to visit Santa. As you will appreciate, this required a lot of organisation and I would like to compliment our wonderful children (some of whom are 2 years old) and their parent / carers, for being so superbly behaved and having a fantastic (if a bit soggy!) time. Santa rang me personally this morning to tell me you were his favourite school so far and that you are all on his Nice List!!

**Traffic Calming:** As you will have noticed, Durham County Council have installed some new illuminated traffic calming signs at both entrances to the school on Walker Drive. This clearly shows the area surrounding school is a 20MPH zone and must be adhered to. We still have some parents and carers who are parking on or close to the yellow zig zags immediately outside of school: please park slightly further along the street, to ensure your child is safe at all times when arriving at and leaving school. Thanks for your cooperation.

**Structured Conversation Meetings:** Thank you to those parents invited to attend Structured Conversation meetings with Miss Ashley and Mrs Connor this week. This is part of a programme we are implementing in school to help raise achievement of pupils and as such, was a small trial group this week. It was wonderful for those staff to have such detailed discussions with parents and carers, enabling us to work together to secure the very best for your children now and in the future.

**Christmas Fayre:** All classes have already been busily preparing goodies to sell on their Class Stalls at this year's Fayre. If anyone would like to donate raffle or tombola prizes, we would be extremely grateful. All donations can be left at the school office and need to be received by Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December please. Christmas Fayre is next Friday (can you believe it?) at 1.30-2.45pm.

**Key Stage 1 Christmas Panto:** Next week, Year 1 and 2 will be visiting Bishop Auckland College again to see their Christmas Panto (oh yes, they will!) As in previous years, the children do not need to bring any sweets or drinks with them for the show, as school will provide this as part of their treat. Thank you.

**Outstanding Behaviour Reward:** Our end of term behaviour reward will be ice-skating at Auckland Castle in 2 weeks. As you are aware (and following suggestions from Parent Questionnaires) it is important to reward unblemished behaviour in our school. The end of term Outstanding Behaviour trip is for those children who have not had a single instance of their name being moved on the class behaviour tracker, even a warning.

**Appointments in School:** May I remind all parent / carers that if you need to discuss any issues with a member of staff, you **must** speak to a member of staff in the office to make an appropriate appointment. Thank you.

**Butterwick Hospice Christmas Toys:** Are now on sale at the school office for £1.50 each. We only have a limited supply, so it is strictly on a first come, first served basis.





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**Astronomical Attendance:** The overall winners of the best attendance this week are Year 2 . Well done!

- YR: 93.7%
- Y1: 89.7%
- Y2: 95.6%
- Y3: 93.8%
- Y4: 88.9%
- Y5: 95.2%
- Y6: 93.3%

Remember! We aim to have at least 95% attendance for every class, every week: let's see if we can make this term the best attendance yet!

**Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award** this week goes to Clorisha Tyler for always being very kind and helpful: well done!

**Dates for your Diary:** (please also check the school website diary pages for key dates throughout the year)

W/C 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent & Teacher Consultations & Craft Sessions to be held all week: appointment slips will be sent out soon
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	EYFS Parent/Teacher Consultation & Christmas Craft sessions
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December, school hall	Key Stage 1& 2 Christmas Concert for Parents / Carers of KS 1 children, 9.30-10.00. Refreshments & tombola served afterwards.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December, school hall	Key Stage 1 & 2 Christmas Concert for Parents / Carers of KS 2 children, 1.30-2.30 Refreshments & tombola served afterwards
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre, 1.30-2.30pm
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December, Woodhouse Close Church	9.30AM-10.30AM: Y1, 2 & 3 Parents / Carers Welcome 11.00-12.00am: Y3, 4, & 5 Parents / Carers Welcome
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	KS 1 Christmas Party (Y1 & 2) 1-2.55pm
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Concert (for Reception Parents only, please) 10am
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	KS 2 Christmas Party (Y3 & 4) 1-2.55pm
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	2 Year old's & Nursery Christmas Concert 10am (2 year old's and Nursery Parents only, please)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	KS 2 Christmas Party (Y5 & 6) 1-2.55pm
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch whole school
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>School closes for Christmas Break</b>
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>School re-opens for teaching</b>

Mrs Page  
Headteacher

