

St. Mary's Primary, Wingate December 2014 Newsletter

Christmas Fair

A great big thank you to everyone who supported this event - the Friends of the School who organised it, the volunteers on the day & beforehand, and everyone else for spending their money & selling raffle tickets. We are so grateful to them.

The amount raised of over £650 was absolutely amazing, especially when you consider the size of our school!!

Thank you again!!!

Advent Collection

We are continuing to collect coppers & 5p pieces to send to CAFOD as part of their 'World Gifts' campaign. The children will choose which gifts to send to the 3rd World when they know how much they have raised - eg a pair of piglets, a school starter pack, a doctor's bicycle - really useful equipment for people.

Congratulations to the children who led a lovely assembly to launch this appeal in school.

Please encourage your child to bring money into school.

Mini Vinnies Food Bank Collection

We are continuing to collect food items for this wonderful charity that, unfortunately, so many people need to access at the moment. Please give generously if you can. Thankyou to our Mini Vinnies who thought of this wonderful idea & led a lovely assembly to launch it.

Congratulations

Some of our children took part in a gymnastics festival last week and came 4th in their overall competition! Well done!

Proud Staff & Head Teacher

Our children have been highly praised twice recently. Some of our older children trained to become 'young leaders' with a sports coach. She said that they were the best group she had ever taught in over 20 years of working! After mass last week, many of you complimented the children on their lovely singing - they are all doing so well. Particular thanks go to the soloists who sang the psalm.

School plays & concerts

We look forward to seeing you at the nativity play on Monday and the Carol Service on Tuesday. There is also the guitar & ukulele concert on Wednesday morning. Our children & staff have been working very hard to prepare for these - well done to them all.

Christmas Parties

The children's Christmas parties take place in the afternoon.

- They can either come to school dressed in their party clothes but they may get dirty when playing outside.
- They can bring their clothes with them to change into after lunch themselves.
- Or - you can come up to school to help them get changed - after 1pm please!

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.

Just a quick reminder

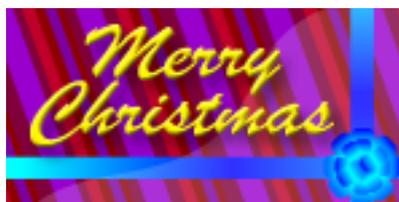
Children can wear Christmas Jumpers tomorrow as it is Christmas Lunch Day. We are asking the children to pay £1 - proceeds to go to Save The Children.

Dates for the Diary

15 th December	-	2pm - Class 1 & all of Year 2 Nativity play
16 th December	-	2pm - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Carol Service
17 th December	-	9.15 a.m. Guitar and Ukulele Concert. Class 1 & all of Year 2 Christmas party
18 th December	-	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Christmas party
19 th December	-	Break up for CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
5 th January	-	Back to school

And Finally...

I would like to wish everybody a happy and holy Christmas, and a wonderful new year. See you in 2015!



This newsletter is available in large print format if requested.

