

Newsletter

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Welcome back – hope everyone had a lovely half term! It is a busy time in November and December, so please check dates. Any changes will be notified by email or text.

LED Lighting

Over the last 2 weeks, we have had new LED lighting fitted throughout the school. The lights look fantastic and really brighten the whole school. The bulbs are energy efficient and cheaper to use.

ECO Conference

This week, our Eco-council took part in the ECO2 Smart Schools online Eco-conference with Durham University. We discussed climate change, protecting Eco-systems and a sustainable future with over 50 other schools from around the world, including India and Egypt.

Here are our Eco-councillors top tips to try at home to help to reduce climate change and also save money:

1. Take shorter showers
2. Turn off lights
3. Turn down the heating and wrap up in a blanket
4. Walk instead of using a car
5. Have a vegetarian meal once a week



Anti-Bullying week



Anti-Bullying Week 2022 is coordinated in England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. It will take place from 14 to 18 November 2022 and has the theme Reach Out.

The week will kick off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 14th November, where adults and children wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Children in Need – Friday 18th November

This year our children can take part in a Penny Trail which will take place in school or a Parkrun which will be held in Hackworth Park. Further information will be sent out next week.



Poppy Appeal



Zip pulls, wristbands, reflectors and snap bands will be available in school next week. With the suggested donations between from 50p to £1.50. .

Fireworks

Remember, remember the 5th of November!

This week our Yr 1 and Yr 2 were lucky enough to have a visit from the Fire Brigade. The children all learnt about staying safe on Firework's Night as well as getting the chance to use the hosepipe on the fire engine!

They gave the following advice:

- Only attend organised displays
- Be safe using sparklers - hold away from your body and put burnt out sparklers into a bucket of water or sand.
- In an emergency, where clothing might catch fire – use stop, drop, roll technique
- Stay safe everyone!

Stop.



Drop.



Roll.



A few reminders

- Children cannot wear makeup, nail varnish or washable tattoos for school.
- Earrings need to be covered. Advice is 6 weeks to heal and then they must be removed. Can we ask ears are only pierced in the summer holidays.
- With the weather getting colder, please make sure children have warm waterproof coats, hats and gloves and suitable footwear.
- Please make sure all clothing/uniform is clearly labelled.

Important dates

- Tuesday 8th Nov

Reception Forest School

- Friday 11th Nov

Yr 5 Sports Hall Athletics (Newton Aycliffe LC)

Yr 2 Parents Assembly

KS2- Cross Country Comp, Bishop Barrington

Anti-Bullying week

Week beginning 14th Nov

- Monday 14th Nov

Yr 5 – Centre of Life visit

Odd Socks Day

- Tuesday 15th Nov

School Photographs

- Friday 18th Nov

Yr 4 - SAGE visit

Children in Need

- Tuesday 22nd Nov

Yr 3 Forest School

- Thursday 24th Nov

Yr 3 & Yr 6 Oriental Museum visit

- Friday 25th Nov

Yr 1 Parents Assembly

- Monday 5th Dec

Yr 4 Gymnastics Festival – Bishop Barrington

- Tuesday 6th Dec

Nursery/Reception class Library visits

- Thursday 8th Dec

KS 1 Gala Theatre Christmas Show

Carol Service, Civic Centre (6pm)

- Friday 9th Dec

Nursery Christmas Songs

Mini Medics in school

- Monday 12th Dec

EYFS Christmas Party

- Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th Dec

Christmas concert (Yr1-Yr5)

- Thursday 15th Dec

Yr 1 & Yr 2 Christmas Party

- Friday 16th Dec

Reception Nativity and Year 6 – St Johns Church

Yr 3 & Yr 4 Christmas Party

- Monday 19th Dec

Search for Santa – EYFS

Aladdin Show

- Close Tuesday 20th December 2022

Yr 5 & Yr 6 Christmas Party