



After School Clubs - cancelled

Due to the many activities taking place in and out of school in the run up to Christmas, after school clubs will not be on until the new year.

Homework

Children will not be getting any homework in the month of December. We feel that this is a busy time for both parents and children and it should be a time to celebrate and enjoy with family.

Raby, Barnard and Durham Castle Classes visit to Gala Theatre to see 'Aladdin'



Our children in Raby, Barnard and Durham Castle classes are going to see Aladdin on Tuesday. Children will have early lunch so we can leave early to arrive at the theatre in good time. We should return to school by 4.45/5.00pm depending on traffic. Please collect your child/ren from the main entrance. Children will go inside before being allowed home with parents/carers or family members. Please don't try and collect them from the bus.

Payments for School Visits

Please don't forget to pay for your child's school visits via ParentPay (or alternatively if you require a letter for PayPoint, please let us know).

Tuesday 3rd December - Raby, Barnard and Durham Castle Classes are visiting Gala Theatre, Durham to see 'Aladdin' (£15.00)

Tuesday 17th December - Bowes Castle Class are visiting Gala Theatre, Durham to see 'One More Sleep' (£12.00)

Year 6 visiting The Work Place, Heighington - Wednesday 4th December

Our Year 6 children are taking part in the Safer Futures project at The Work Place on Wednesday. Your child will require a healthy packed lunch (a school packed lunch will be provided for children in receipt of free school meals). Children will need to wear school uniform.

Year 5 - swimming (Wednesday 4th December)

Please remember to send your child with their swimming kit.

Christmas Disco - Wednesday 4th December (4.00pm - 5.30pm)

Children in Reception to Years 6 are invited to our Christmas Disco on Wednesday. Entry is £1.00 and there will be sweets, crisps, juice and ice pops on sale for 20p each.

Adam Bushnell, Author in school - Thursday 5th December

We are privileged to have Adam in school again. He will be working with the children in class on writing around topics. In addition to the work with the children, he is hosting "A book and a biscuit with Bushnell". Come and join Adam at **2.15pm—2.45pm** to look at developing reading at home. You are then invited for an assembly at **2.55pm** where the children will be celebrating their work.

Christingle Service, St Paul's Church at 2.00pm on Friday 6th December

You are invited to our Christingle Service at St. Paul's which will be lead by Reverend Brian.

Winter clothing



Can you please ensure children come to school with appropriate clothing for the winter months (warm winter coat, gloves, hats).

Non-uniform day—Friday 6th December

Next Friday will be non-uniform day. We are asking if you could bring in raffle prizes and tombola prizes for our Christmas Fayre. If you don't have any prizes could you please bring a donation so we can buy some items.



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Attendance

25th November – 28th November 2019

R	98.8%
Y1	97.2%
Y2	92.3%
Y3	92.0%
Y4	94.3%
Y5	95.8%
Y6	94.4%

Happy Birthday to....

- Callen
- Harvey



Key Dates

DECEMBER

Tuesday 3rd	pm - Raby, Barnard & Durham Castle Classes at Gala Theatre, Durham to see 'Aladdin'
Wednesday 4th	9.15am - 2.30pm - Year 6 taking part in Safer Futures at The Work Place, Heighington 4.00pm - 5.30pm - Christmas Disco for Reception to Year 6
Thursday 5th	All day - Adam Bushnell (author) in school working with children
Friday 6th	2.00pm - Christingle Service at St Paul's Church
Tuesday 10th	9.00am - 12 - Reception children are attending a Multiskills Festival at Staindrop Academy
Wednesday 11th	All day - some children taking part in a Lego competition in Gateshead 9.30am - 12 - Year 1 & 2 children attending Multiskills Competition In Newton Aycliffe 2.15pm - 3.15pm - Early Years Nativity in school
Thursday 12th	9.30am - 12 - Year 3 & 4 children attending Multiskills Festival at Staindrop Academy 2.15pm - 3.15pm - Early Years Nativity <u>in school</u>
Friday 13th	10.00am - Years 1 - 6 Nativity <u>in school</u> 1.30pm - 3.00pm - Christmas Fayre
Monday 16th	12.00 - Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 17th	pm - Bowes Castle Class at Gala Theatre, Durham to see 'One More Sleep' 1.00pm - 3.00pm - Years 3, 4 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18th	1.00pm - 3.00pm - Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 Christmas Party
Thursday 19th	3.15pm - break up for Christmas Holiday

JANUARY

Tuesday 7th	am - school re-opens for Spring Term 1
Tuesday 14th	pm - Year 5 children are visiting Wolsingham School
Friday 17th	All day - The Bowes Museum are working in school with our Year 5 & 6 children (Norman Cornish Project)
Tuesday 21st	pm - Year 5 children are visiting Wolsingham School
Thursday 23rd	All day - Year 5 & 6 visiting The Palace Green (Norman Cornish Project)
Tuesday 28th	pm - Year 5 children are visiting Wolsingham School

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 4th	pm - Year 5 children are visiting Wolsingham School
Tuesday 11th	All day - Safer Internet Day pm - Year 5 children are visiting Wolsingham School
Wednesday 12th	am - Year 5 & 6 taking part in a Netball Competition at Newton Aycliffe
Thursday 13th	am - Year 1 & 2 taking part in a Multiskills Festival at Staindrop Academy
Friday 14th	pm - break up for Spring Half Term
Monday 24th	am - school re-opens for Spring Term 2