

NEWSLETTER



A SUPER START TO THE NEW YEAR!



The return of visits and visitors!

It has been so wonderful for some of our classes to experience some educational visits this half term. Year 4 visited Arbeia Fort and Year 6 enjoyed a trip to Beamish. Other year groups have visits planned throughout the year which we know our children will enjoy. EYFS were so excited to welcome their grandparents into school and show off all the wonderful things that happen in our early years setting.



Sponsored Walk

Our children thoroughly enjoyed participating in their sponsored walk. It was great to get active whilst raising funds for school which are used to enhance your child's experiences. We really appreciate all of your donations and look forward to announcing the grand total once all of the money has been collected on 1st November.

Scarecrow Festival

We hope you enjoyed looking at our super scarecrows! They were great fun to design and make and the children came up with some fantastic ideas. Whilst all of the creations were amazing, the winning class was Year 2, with their super spaceman Fred! We hope you enjoyed your prize!





A special Visitor

We were honoured that the Mayor and Mayoress of South Tyneside took time out of their busy day to come and visit us. They wanted to meet all of the staff and children to say 'Thank You' for all of our hard work during the lockdowns. Each class made a special gift to present to them and we wrote some questions we wanted to ask. Some of the questions were pretty challenging; they varied from "What is your favourite flavour crisp?" to "Do you agree with Boris Johnson's policies?"

Harvest Festival

Thank you so much for all of your generous contributions for our Harvest Festival celebration. The food will be donated to Hospitality and Hope who support local families in need.

It was great to be able to celebrate harvest at Whitburn Methodist Church—the children read and sang beautifully!



Message from Mrs Marshall

What a half term!! There has been so many delightful 'returns' of events which we have missed so much and some of our children have never experienced. It has been wonderful to share assemblies again, play together and enjoy activities away from the constraints of bubbles.

This term, I want to personally thank the community for all of their support and understanding. Even yesterday, the sudden closing of the school was met with such a positive note from every adult who had to drop their normal routines to take their child home—we really do appreciate this support. Also, today, we have been overwhelmed with the amount of chocolate and bottles that you have kindly donated and the generosity you have shown in your support toward the sponsored walk. Next term, we look forward to even more activities and welcoming you all into the building.

Dates for the Diary

Next half term is always a busy one with Christmas celebrations in full swing! Please make a note of these dates; further information will follow.

- 1st November**—school reopens
- 3rd November**—individual pupil photographs
- 11th November**—Y6 Remembrance Assembly
- 12th November**—Y5 visit to Jarrow Hall
- 12th November**— Children In Need
- 19th November**—Toy Fair
- 25th November**—Flu vaccines
- 26th November**—Christmas Craft Day
- 1st December**—Christingle Service at Whitburn Church
- 10th December**—Christmas Panto at Sunderland Empire
- 16th December**—Christmas Cake competition
- 17th December**— Toy day, Christmas jumper day, Christmas carols and stalls on yard

Productions

- 3rd December (PM)** - EYFS production
- 6th December (AM)** - EYFS production
- 7th December (PM)** - Y1,2 and 3 production
- 8th December (AM)** - Y1,2 and 3 production
- 9th December** - Y4, 5 and 6 production (PM performance and after school performance)

Parties

- 13th December**—EYFS
- 14th December**—Y1 and Y2
- 15th December**—Y3 and Y4
- 16th December**—Y5 and Y6
- School closes 17th December and re-opens Tuesday 4th January**

