



## AUTUMN / WINTER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent / Carer

The autumn term has passed by quickly and sooner than we think it will be Christmas, more of which later... I would like to thank all parents / carers who booked appointments for parent consultations; it was a shame that we could not do this face to face as we had hoped but at the time of planning COVID cases in the area were high. We have had some COVID cases in school but no major outbreaks and it looks like cases are starting to decrease in the area; let's hope that the decrease in cases continues.

We hope to have some sense of 'normality' this year with Christmas activities. A big thanks you to all parents who have already returned forms and donations for the Pantomime visit on 10th December.

We will also be holding some of our own Christmas productions. Early Years Foundation Stage will have a production on the morning of 10th December. Key Stage 1 will be performing their production on Monday 13th December and Key Stage 2 will lead the end of term Carol Service on the last afternoon. Some schools are filming their productions without parents attending but I am hoping that case numbers continue to drop and that we will be able to invite you into school in limited numbers (max 2 adults per household). We will provide updated information nearer the date.

Kind Regards  
Mark Turner



### Reporting Absence

Please can you inform us via email or telephone if your child is going to be absent before 9.30am. You should report your child's absence everyday they are absent. If they have sickness and/or diarrhoea and they must remain at home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea.

Even though restrictions have reduced, the Coronavirus is still out there.

If your child is unwell and does present with any of the coronavirus symptoms, please do not send them to school. If symptoms persist, they must have a PCR test. Please ensure your child stays at home until the results are through.

Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

### Outdoor clothing

Could all parents and carers ensure that all children come to school with a suitable outdoor coat as we are outside in all weathers.

### Child's Details

Please can you ensure your child's address, contact telephone numbers, medical and dietary details are up to date.

### Reception and Nursery Places – September 2022

To apply for a Reception place for your child to start in September 2022, please complete the application form on [www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions) Closing date is 15th January 2022.

Our Nursery also has availability please contact the office for information.



### Important Christmas Dates

- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Lunch  
Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Christmas Play – 9.30  
Y1-6 Panto 1pm – 4.15pm
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Play – 10.30  
Year 3 & Year 4 Party - PM
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5 & Year 6 Party – PM
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Party – Morning  
Reception Party – Afternoon
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 & Year 2 Party – PM
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Carol Service – 2pm  
Break Up for Festive Holidays
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 - Return to School



### PE Timetable Autumn Term 2

- Monday**  
Year 4/5 Mrs Fowler
- Tuesday**  
Reception Mrs Bancroft  
Year 1 Mrs Stubbs  
Year 6 Mrs Matthews
- Wednesday**  
Year 2 Mrs Stringer
- Thursday**  
Year 1 and 2 Mrs Stringer  
Year 3/4 Miss Smithson
- Friday**  
Nursery  
Year 3/4 Miss Smithson  
Year 4/5 Mrs Fowler  
Year 6 Swimming



### Christmas Jumper Day



We are celebrating Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December. To raise some money for our school funds we suggest a donation of £1.00.

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Christmas 2021	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
Spring half-term 2022	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2022	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2022
Easter 2022	<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 2022
May Day 2022	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2022	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2022
Summer half-term 2022	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2022	<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>
Summer 2022	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022	

