

Dunston Hill Community Primary School



Anti-bullying Week



A reminder that this year's **anti-bullying** theme is 'Stop and think ... Words can hurt!' The children have been taking part in a range of fun and interesting activities to support their understanding and to promote their awareness and all next week we will be selling 'Anti-bullying' wrist bands for £1.00. Every class is preparing a song for our special assemblies on Friday 18th November. To see your child's performance, please log on to our school website. We hope as always that you will support this important subject and help your child to be aware of the dangers of bullying.

Christmas Fayre

Our annual **Christmas Fayre** takes place on Friday 2nd December from 3.30-5.00pm in the hall. Please send in donations of bottles, soft drinks, chocolate, toys, teddy bears, books, toiletries etc for our tombola. If any parents are able to get any donations of gift vouchers/prizes from their workplace for raffle prizes we would again be extremely grateful. Any offer of help would also be most welcome. Please see Mrs Cox, our Extended School's Co-ordinator.



For those parents who park their cars in Park Terrace at the beginning and end of the school day, we ask that you remember to keep the access to and from the garages clear for the local residents. Also, please be careful not to churn up the grassed areas.

Weekly Newsletter

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Coffee Morning every Friday at 9am in our community room. Do come and join us for a cuppa and a chat with your friends.

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Parent Consultations



We were delighted with the turn out for this week's parent consultations to discuss the children's progress. We trust that you found your appointment informative and helpful. It was particularly pleasing to hear so many positive comments about our new literacy scheme, 'Read Write Inc', which is proving to be very popular with our children.

Family Learning

There are still a few places left for our latest Family Learning course 'Playtime Activities' which are taking place on Monday afternoons from 1.15-3.15pm. The six week programme involves making a range of games and activities including 'Messy Play', Rhyme Bags, Story Boards and Number Games. If you are interested in going along to the next sessions please contact the school office.



Stress Free Christmas Shopping



Our Pre-school setting currently has morning, lunch club and afternoon sessions from Monday to Friday in the lead up to Christmas. Prices are: £4.00 for the lunch club and £8.00 for a full session. No pre-booking is required, just call in the Sure Start building at the main gate and ask to see Ann or Helen. For more information feel free to drop in or call 07510435877.

Road Safety Talk

Earlier this week the children in our Nursery, Reception and Year 1 classes received a special visit from a road safety lady who talked to them about being safe when crossing our busy roads.



Poppies



Mr Foreman will be representing the school at the **Remembrance Sunday** service at St Nicolas' Church this weekend.

Sport

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If you would like to sponsor our Weekly Newsletter, please see Mrs Hogarth, our School Business Manager, in the General Office.

School Website

www.dunstonhillprimary.org.uk



Beehive Club

The Beehive Club which provides quality affordable childcare provision before and after school is now situated in the Lifelong Learning Centre in front of the main gates on Market Lane. The Breakfast Club operates from 8.00-9.00am and the After School Club from 3.15-6.00pm. If you require further information, please call in to the Club or telephone either 07986673950 or 07979734312.



Special Awards



Year Group Awards were presented today to the following children:

Reception: Hannah Kippen Class RC	Year 1: Phoebe Pears Class 1A
Year 2: Carl Borthwick Class 2M	Year 3: Jessica Dial Class 3A
Year 4: Emma Parry Class 4AD	Year 5: Richard Smith Class 5R
Year 6: Jack Wilson Class 6S	

Well done to you all, we are very proud of you.



Class Awards this week were presented to Class 1A in Reception/Key Stage 1 and to Class 3R in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

Attendance: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 2AW in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved 97.90% attendance rate for week ending Friday 28th October and to Class 6A (99.60%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 95.10% - just above our school target everyone.



