

## Weekly Newsletter

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](http://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 7.45-9.00am 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: Elisha Manning Class RA    Year 1: Elysia Muir Class 1T  
Year 2: Jasmine Wilson Class 2G    Year 3: Kaytie Breen Class 3R  
Year 4: Emily Watson Class 4C    Year 5: Callum Sargeant Class 5S  
Year 6: Ashlyn Rutherford Class 6S

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



**Class Awards** this week were presented to Class 2A in Reception/Key Stage 1 and to Class 5A in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

**Attendance:** This week's attendance awards were presented to Class RA for Reception and Key Stage 1 who achieved 99.00% attendance rate for week ending Friday 4th December and to Class 3G (98.00%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 95.30% - a good week everyone!



## Dunston Hill Community Primary School

### Christmas Fayre



This week's Newsletter has been sponsored by Rutherford AFC (Farnacres, Beggars Wood, Lobley Hill) who will be holding their Christmas Fayre tomorrow from 4-6pm. Entry is free and there will be a range of craft and gift stalls together with Santa.

### Christmas Productions

Our two respective Christmas productions this week were very special events and extremely well attended. Our youngest children in the Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 excelled and we were very proud of all the boys and girls. It was rewarding to see all of the hard work during rehearsals pay off. We hope that you too enjoyed the performances and will have captured those one off moments on camera or video to watch over Christmas - essential viewing for sure!



### Grand Christmas Raffle Draw

Please ensure that all completed ticket stubs, unsold tickets and money are returned to school by next Wednesday to be entered for our **Grand Christmas Raffle Draw** which takes place on the morning of Thursday 17th December at 9.15am in the hall. Refreshments will be served and a number of our children will be singing to entertain you. Do come and join us.



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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.

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## Christmas Fayre



A big thank you to all those who came along to our Christmas Fayre last Friday after school. The event was extremely well supported as always and all told we raised nearly £1,500 for school funds. This money will be used to purchase new ICT hardware equipment for the children. Congratulations to all those lucky people who won prizes.

## Community Carol Service

The annual community carol service takes place on Tuesday evening in St Nicholas Church at 6.30pm. This is always a special opportunity for children, staff, parents and friends to come together to celebrate the festive season. Our school choir will be performing along with children from Dunston Riverside and Kingsmeadow schools. Do come along and join us and make this a true community event.



## Community Singing



Mrs Anderson and Mrs Ion took members of our school choir to St Nicholas' Church on Wednesday to sing some festive carols to a group of blind people. As always, the children were warmly received and applauded for their singing.

## Christmas Dinner

The children enjoyed their traditional Christmas dinner yesterday and particular thanks must go to the school catering team for preparing and serving so many meals in a relatively short space of time.



## Let's all Recycle



Gateshead Council is organising Christmas tree collections in early January to save people a trip to their recycling centre. Residents just need to put out their real Christmas tree - minus baubles, tinsel, lights etc - from 7.30am collection on either 7th or 8th January 2010 depending upon where in Gateshead they live.

Christmas cards can also be recycled at Gateshead Civic Centre, public libraries, TK Maxx, Marks 'n' Spencer and W H Smith in association with Woodlands Trust.

## Attendance and Punctuality Initiative

We will be running an attendance and punctuality initiative during the month of January. All children who arrive for school on time and have 100% attendance for the 4-week period from 4th January will have the opportunity to win a pair of Newcastle United football tickets against Cardiff City on Saturday 6th February. Names of qualifying children will be placed in a hat and the first three drawn out will receive tickets to attend the match along with an adult.

## Sport

**Karate:** The last session for the Karate Club is Thursday 17th December. It will then recommence in the New Year on Wednesday 6th January.

## Jars of Grace



This year we are once again supporting St Nicholas' Church UNICEF collection. Money raised from their **Jars of Grace** appeal will go towards UNICEF's Emergency Fund, which ensures a rapid and effective response to disasters. To support this appeal, all classes this year will be making their own collections. Please remember to send in any loose change you may have in an envelope marked 'Jars of Grace'. A special thank you to those children who already have.

## Musical Play

Dunston Family Church warmly invite you to an evening performance of 'The Drummer Boy' at 6.30pm in the main hall at Dunston Activity Centre. This is an all-age musical play and includes a short Christmas message and free seasonal refreshments. For further details contact Ed Nichols on 0191 4604567.

## Future Events

### Christmas Parties:

Monday 14th December - Years 1 and 2 (pm)

Tuesday 15th December - Years 3 and 4 (pm)

Wednesday 16th December - Years 5 and 6 (pm)

Thursday 17th December - Nursery (am) and (pm) and Reception (pm)

**Community Carol Service in St Nicholas Church:** 15th December at 6.30pm

**Christmas Grand Raffle Draw:** Thursday 17th December at 9.15am

