

## Weekly Newsletter

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### 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 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: Isabel Turnbull Class R6    Year 1: Poppy Dixon Class 1L  
Year 2: Abbie Guyan Class 2AW    Year 3: Aaron Bradford Class 3R  
Year 4: Holly Wright Class 4A    Year 5: Amy Musham Class 5S  
Year 6: Emily Clark Class 6A

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



**Class Awards** this week were presented to Class 2M in Reception/Key Stage 1 and to Class 6S in Key Stage 2 for their general behaviour at lunchtime.

**Attendance:** This week's attendance awards were presented to Class 1L in Reception/Key Stage 1 who achieved 97.30% attendance rate for week ending Friday 9th December and to Class 5R with 98.80% in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was a fantastic 95.60% - another excellent effort everyone!



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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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This is the last correspondence for this term. We hope that our weekly newsletters etc have kept you fully informed about events in school.

On behalf of the staff, children and governors can we take this opportunity to wish you all a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year**. Enjoy the festive break and please remember that we return to school on **Tuesday 3rd January** to begin the new term.

### Grand Christmas Raffle Draw

Thank you to everyone who found the time yesterday to join us for our Grand Raffle Draw. Some of our children started proceedings with some lovely singing. We raised £863 for school funds which will be used to purchase new ICT software for the children. The winning tickets for the various prizes were: 1st - 0597 (A Dickson), 2nd - 3479 (M Faulis), 3rd - 4556 (J Redshaw), 4th - 1386 (J Stewart), 5th - 4658 (Karen G), 6th - 2390 (P Glistner), 7th - 1109 (A Gallacher), 8th - 0652 (B Robson), 9th - 4644 (E Alderson), 10th - 3003 (A Gough), 11th - 3031 (J Waugh), 12th - 0511 (D Hailes), 13th - 2701 (L Davis), 14th - 1229 (E Gemmel), 15th - 0483 (R Turner), 16th - 1743 (A Poyraz), 17th - 4998 (L Roberson), 18th - 2711 (J Moorhead), 19th - 1771 (V Walker) and 20th - 3033 (M Robson).

All prizes can be collected from the main office on receipt of the winning ticket.

A special thank you once again to all those parents who kindly donated a prize and also to Mrs Dawson, Mrs Iredale, Mrs Brown and Ms Park who helped serve the refreshments.



## Community Carol Service



The annual community carol service held in St Nicholas' Church last night was full to capacity and provided the ideal opportunity for children, staff, parents and friends to come together as one at this special time of year. Our 'Singing for Fun' Club sang their hearts out and were a credit to school.

## Christmas Parties and Discos

Our Christmas disco parties have all been a great success this week. It was lovely to see the children getting dressed up for the occasion and they certainly enjoyed their party tea, games and dancing the afternoon away. A big thank you for all of the food brought in - the boys and girls certainly had a feast.



## Special Visitor



Our Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 children received a surprise visit on Wednesday from Santa, who broke his busy schedule, to come and hand out early Christmas presents to the boys and girls in Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2. They were very honest and said that they've been very good all year so they should all be lucky on Christmas Day!

## Thank You!

Mrs Cox received a lovely letter earlier this week from a representative from the 'People's Kitchen Care Box Appeal' thanking the children for their recent donations to the less fortunate. The contents were a lovely surprise and the recipients were very touched by the warm messages inside.



## Attendance



Well done to all those children who have achieved 95% or above attendance this term. There were 277 children who were awarded with a certificate this week for this achievement. Congratulations in particular must go to those 109 children who have not missed a single session in either the morning or afternoon. The overall attendance for this term up to last Friday is 95.47% - a super achievement!

## Sport

**Football:** Well done once again to those Year 3 and 4 boys and girls who have been attending our latest coaching programme with Newcastle Community Football. Coach James was very impressed with their attitudes and progress and awarded the 'Player of the Course' award to Cameron Downie in Class 4D.



**Gymnastics:** A reminder that our Gymnastics Club re-commences in the new year on Monday 9th January. There are still a few spaces for any interested boys from Year 2 upwards. Any parent who would like their son to attend should see our coach, Julie Brydon, on Monday at the end of school in the hall.

**Karate:** Our karate club operates on Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5-6.30pm in the school hall and is open to any of our children. If you are inter-

**Christmas Beanies:** The recent sale of 'Beanies' in school in aid of St Oswald's Hospice raised £268.00. Once again a special thank you for supporting this very worthy cause.

## Jars of Grace

This year we are once again supporting St Nicholas' Church **Jars of Grace** appeal in aid of UNICEF's Emergency Fund, which ensures a rapid and effective response to disasters. To support this appeal, all classes will be making their own collections. Please remember to send in any loose change you may have in an envelope marked 'Jars of Grace'.



## Where can I recycle my Real Christmas Tree?



Real Christmas trees can be chopped up and recycled in your Green-it bin or taken to Chopwell Woods or the Household Waste and Recycling Centres at Cowen Road, Blaydon or Campground, Wrekenton, up to the 16th January 2012.

**School dinner** menu the first week back next term is **Week 1**.

A reminder that as part of our Healthy School programme, we ask that children do not bring chocolate or fizzy drinks in their packed lunches.

