

Weekly Newsletter

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Beehive Club

The Beehive Club which provides quality affordable childcare provision before and after school is now situated in the Lifelong Learning Centre behind 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.



St Nicholas' Church Services

Details of the Christmas services at St Nicholas' Church are:



20th December at 6pm ... Christingle
24th December at 6pm ... Blessing the Crib
11.30pm ... Midnight Mass
25th December at 9am ... Sung Eucharist
26th December at 10am ... Holy Communion



Special Awards



There were no **Year Group** or **Class Awards** this week. They will recommence the first week back next term.



Attendance Award: This week's attendance awards were presented to Class RM in Reception / Key Stage 1 who achieved 98.60% attendance rate for week ending Friday 11th December and to Class 4C (98.50%) in Key Stage 2. Overall attendance for the school was 96.50% - a great way to round off this term everyone - let's keep it up in January!

Dunston Hill Community Primary School



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 **Monday 4 January** to begin the new term.

Grand Christmas Raffle Draw

Thank you to everyone who found the time yesterday to join us for our coffee morning and grand raffle draw. Children from Reception, key stage 1 and Year 6 started proceedings with some lovely singing. We raised £ for school funds. The winning tickets for the various prizes were: 1st (I-Pod and £50 ... kindly donated by John Taylor, manager of Comet on Team Valley) - 2203, 2nd (staff hamper) - 4906, 3rd (food hamper) - 4989, 4th (children's stocking) - 0286, 5th (signed Gazza photo) - 3873, 6th (M3P player) - 0395, 7th (signed Alan Shearer photo) - 3687, 8th (pamper hamper) - 3274, 9th (Dulux dog) - 3382, 10th (large bottle of champagne) - 4711, 11th (children's toy and chocolates) - 3328, 12th (Rington's cookie jar) - 3966, 13th (JML cleaning products) - 4542, 14th (mini golf set, bottle of gin and aftershave) - 4713, 15th (Smirnoff vodka and toffee) - 3601, 16th (spa gift set) - 3320, 17th (candle set) - 1707, 18th (wine, biscuits and chocolates) - 0919, 19th (wine and teddy) - 3794 and 20th (wine and chocolates) - 3700.

A number of the prizes have been claimed and all other winners notified.



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Christmas Tree Recycling

is available from 7th-8th January from Gateshead Council.



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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.

Community Carol Service

The annual community carol service held in St Nicholas' Church on Tuesday evening 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 choir sang their hearts out and were a credit to school.



Special Visitor



Our foundation stage and key stage 1 children received a surprise visit yesterday 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 all very honest and said that they've been good all year.

New School Menu

Enclosed with this week's newsletter is a copy of our new menu which will be launched on Monday 4th January 2010. Three options will be served each day over a three week period including one cooked dish or a jacket potato (with a choice of three different fillings and a side salad) or a sandwich meal (served with either vegetables or salad). A varied desert will be on offer together with fresh fruit, yoghurt, cheese and crackers, wholemeal bread and a milk drink. The main dish will be based on the children's favourite meals and each day will have a particular theme i.e. Monday will be pizza day, Tuesday meat and veg day, Wednesday pasta day, Thursday roast dinner day and Friday fish day. Every child will select one of the three options and this will ensure that the correct number of meals are prepared and cooked thus ensuring that the children receive their particular choice. Our younger children will obviously receive help in selecting their choice and parents and carers will be reminded each week of the daily menus via our school website, newsletter and display outside each year group entrance. The meals will cost the same as at present either £1.80 a day or £9.00 a week. Vegetarian options will obviously be on offer each day.

Sport

Football Coaching: A reminder to Year 1 parents that the first coaching session for the children is on Wednesday 13th January.

Gymnastics: The first session for Julie's gymnastics club on a Monday after school is on 4th January.

Karate: Likewise, Brian's karate club on Wednesdays and Thursdays after school is on 6th January.

Attendance



Well done to all those children who have achieved 95% or above attendance this term. There were 257 children who were awarded with a certificate this week for this achievement. Congratulations in particular must go to those 107 children who have not missed a single session in either the morning or afternoon.

A reminder that 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.

Recycling

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

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.

