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## Newsletter – November 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Children in Need – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November

The theme for this year's Children in Need is 'Champions of Change'. If your child would like to support this charity they can dress up for the day in non-uniform or even as a superhero. The official date is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November but our Year 5/6 class are at the Safety Carousel and we didn't want them to miss out on the fun. Donations are warmly welcomed.

### Anti-Bullying Week 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> November

The theme for this year is 'Make a Noise' with the idea being that children shout out about bullying. We will be supporting this campaign on the week beginning Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November with a range of activities focusing on the theme of bullying. PCSO Mark Lumsden will be in school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November to talk to children about difference and tolerance for others. He will then offer a workshop for parents at 2.30pm focusing on how to keep your child safe on-line (including discussion on cyber bullying). All parents/carers are welcome to come along to this at 2.30pm.

### Year 2 Class Assembly – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November parents/carers of Year 2 are invited into school at 9am to watch their class assembly. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Friends of Bournmoor Christmas Fayre – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

You are invited along to the Christmas Fayre on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. There will be stalls and games at this annual event. Santa will be coming along to meet the children. Donations of good quality, unused items would be appreciated by the Friends for the tombola and raffle. Any unwanted toys would also be gratefully received.

### Year 5/6 Visit from PCSO Mark Lumsden

PCSO Mark Lumsden has worked in school with our Year 5/6 pupils to talk about Hate Crime and Bullying. The children were able to have an open discussion on topics such as racism and stereotypes. Mark said the children offered very open and mature opinions and communicated their opinions very well.

### Blue Team Winners

Well done to Blue Team who achieved the highest overall total of stars last half term. The team were rewarded with a non-uniform day on the last day. The scores were as follows: Red Team 15 stars, Yellow Team 13 stars, Green Team 9 stars and Blue Team 16 stars.

### Colouring Competition

We have been invited by the Chester-le-Street & District Business Association to take part in their colouring competition. Children can enter an A4 size Christmas themed picture of 'what Christmas means to them'. All entries need to be returned to school by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. The winner will be invited to the Chester-le-Street Christmas lights switch on and entries will be displayed in Wilko, Chester-le-Street.

### Singing at the Sage, Gateshead

Year 5/6 have been invited to join other local primaries to sing at the Sage on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Year 5 and 6 were offered the chance to work with Liz Woods, Park View music teacher, to learn the songs in preparation for the concert. The sessions begin next week and we wish our pupil representatives the very best of luck with the event.

### Outdoor Area

We have been developing a new learning area in our school grounds for our pupils. The aim is to improve outdoor learning spaces to support aspects of the curriculum such as Literacy, Numeracy, Science, Art and Drama. The area has been cleared over half term and very soon will have an archway into it as well as paths and seating. Pupils have been making bird boxes, designing signs and bringing logs into school to make minibeast hotels. We very much appreciate the children being involved from the beginning of this project with their great DT and Science work.

### Dogs on School Premises

Just a reminder please that dogs are not allowed on Durham County Council's school premises. Your support with this is appreciated.

### Christmas Arts and Crafts

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December and Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December Mrs Stavens will be running her Christmas arts and crafts activities at 3.30pm. This is a chance for children and families to work together on fun art activities. She will be sending out a letter soon with further information.

### Thank You

Many thanks for all the of the food and goods sent in for the Durham Foodbank as part of Harvest Festival. Your kindness is greatly appreciated and the response was fantastic.

### Christmas Events – Dates for Your Diary

Some dates to put in your diary for Christmas:

- Chester-le-Street Christmas lights switch on is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 4pm with the Frosty Sisters.
- Infant Christmas performance am and Christmas meal for families of infants (and older siblings) on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December.
- Christingle Service at St Barnabus on 15<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm (all families welcome to meet us there).
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December is the lunch for families of junior children as well as the junior Christmas performance in the morning.
- Party day, where pupils will have games and fun activities to reward all their hard work, is on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. Please note this is a non-uniform day.
- We are paying for pupils to have a pantomime in school as a treat on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am.

**JUST A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER FOR STAFF TRAINING**

Yours sincerely, Mrs L A Snowdon, Headteacher