



# Wallsend Jubilee Primary School Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2018



### Head Teachers Blog

As we come to the end of another successful term I would like to thank you all for the support you have given us this term. As well as attending various events in school, such as Christmas performances and read write inc & Christ-Maths drop in sessions you have been an integral part of our very successful Ofsted Inspection. I hope you have had the opportunity to read the report and reflect on all the positive aspects of the report. Although this is very important for the whole school community we will continue to develop and grow as a school to ensure the best outcomes for all of your children. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very merry Christmas and a peaceful new year and will see everyone back at school on January 7th 2019

### Giving...

We have successfully sold all of our St Oswald's Beanies this year and raised the fantastic sum of £680.00. Our hugely successful Christmas jumper day raised the whopping sum of £300 which was sent to Shelter this week.

We also collected over £200 for Eddy, our lollipop man. He received a hamper of goodies and £200 on a gift card & was overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you all.



### .....and Santa came to lunch!

We were delighted to welcome Santa into our school on Friday 14th December. He sat in the hall and the children sang songs to him, and gave him Christmas cards. He gave each child a selection box, and visited the classrooms, after which he joined the children and had a lovely lunch.

### School Fund

In school any money we collect from events such as fairs and performance go towards improving the experiences of our children. The project that we are working on at the moment is the development of a new library and seating area where children and adults can enjoy reading. Moving forward this year any school fund money will be used to support this project

Throughout the Autumn term, we have been trialling a change to the times of lunchtime for our Reception children. The children now go down for their lunch at 11.40am and they go back into class at 12.40pm. This change was in response to senior leaders raising questions with regard to the length of the lunch hour for our youngest pupils, especially during the cold winter months. The children have the appropriate time for their lunch then a period of play on the yard stretching over a maximum of one hour. This now brings the Reception children into line with the rest of the school. I am already seeing the benefits of this for both pupils and staff, and after consultation with the Reception team, we intend to extend this trial into the Spring term.

### Attendance

Improving the attendance at our school is a priority I have been working on since I took up the role as Head teacher. As we are now at the end of the term you will be given a letter informing you if they are in the red, amber or green zone.

Any attendance below school target of 96% will result in an amber or red letter. A red letter will result in a meeting at school with Mrs Bryson and I to look at how we can improve your child's attendance.

### Changes to our Behaviour Policy

Positive behaviour is so important in our school and we are always looking at new ways to reward good behaviour and minimise the instances of inappropriate behaviour. I hope that you will be able to visit the website to view the amended behaviour policy. I have been so pleased with the children's responses to the lunchtime stars awards. The lunchtime supervisors are telling me they are having a positive impact on the yards at lunchtime







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### Morning Arrangements

As you are aware the teachers are on the yard from 8.45am and again after school, to make themselves available to you to discuss your child.

When you bring your children onto the yard before school can I remind you that it is your responsibility to ensure they are safe until they are passed over to the teaching staff. Recently the staff and I have noticed children riding their scooters/bikes around the yard, climbing the trees on key stage one yard and playing football. All of these activities can cause injury to your child, another child or a parent/carer, so could I urge you to ensure your child refrains from this behaviour and be extra vigilant in the morning, and also after school, to support us with this.

I have also noticed that parents/carers are getting very close to the children when they are being lined up in the morning and released again in the evening.

Could I please ask that you stand back and when your child sees you they will tell the staff member and they will be released to you. Recently it has been very difficult for the staff to see children go to their parents/carers when they are released as some adults have been in the way. I hope you can support us with this to ensure the safety of all of our pupils.

### Uniform

I must admit that our children look very smart in their uniforms and I am so pleased that you have supported me in ensuring that the children wear black trainers or shoes. However recently there have been a few children across school not wearing black shoes or trainers and coming to school in black jeans. Can I remind you that black jeans and leggings are not school uniform. If your child comes into school in uniform that is not part of the school policy we will discuss this with them and ask them to talk to you to help solve this.

### Christmas Performances

The Christmas performances were a huge success. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the children and all of the staff for their hard work. I would also like to thank all parents/carers who attended. The comments were extremely positive. A huge thank you to our small group of parents who give up their time to serve refreshments, prepare party food and supervise at the disco - we really couldn't do it without you!!

### Staying Safe Online

Thank you to all the parents and children for your support during our Anti-Bullying day in school. The children worked so hard and the pupil questionnaires show a real growth in their knowledge and understanding following on from the event. Additionally, for anyone who missed the parent/carer session, we have included some useful websites below.

**To develop knowledge of games, sites, social media and apps (including features, risks and how to reduce the risks):**

[www.net-aware.org.uk](http://www.net-aware.org.uk)

[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)

@nationalonlinesafety on Twitter— great parent guides in the photo section for current trends such as Roblox, Instagram, Fifa, Minecraft, Fortnite and Fifa.

**To develop knowledge of topics such as bullying, including cyber-bullying:**

[www.antibullyingalliance.org.uk](http://www.antibullyingalliance.org.uk)

[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

[www.kidscape.org.uk](http://www.kidscape.org.uk)

The school Twitter @WallsendJubilee

### Dates For Your Diary

Look out for the 'Dates for your Diary' in the calendar section of the school website. This will be updated for the Spring term very soon. [www.wallsendjubileeps.org.uk](http://www.wallsendjubileeps.org.uk)

