



## Information and Achievement Newsletter

Thank you to everyone who attended the Parent Consultations last night. There was a lot of positive feedback and it seems the majority of children are enjoying their learning at Aycliffe Drive. I'm sure tonight's Parent Consultations will be another success. A reminder that the school is closed on Friday 24 November for an occasional day. I hope everyone has a lovely long weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 27 November.

Yours sincerely, Mrs Green, Headteacher

### Money

When paying for events, trips, etc, please can we ask that each payment and slip are in separate envelopes. Please pay with the correct money as we do not have change and write child's name, class, amount of money and event on the envelope.

### Christmas Cards

Children are able to bring in Christmas cards for their friends and teachers from Friday 1 December. The post box will be in the dining room and some year 6 pupils will take them to classes. Please ensure the child's name, you are sending the card to, and their class is on the envelope.

### School Trips

Please ensure all meals are cancelled on School Grid on school trip days. Only children entitled to FSM are able to take a school packed lunch with them (must still be provided with a drink from home). If school meals are not cancelled, parents will still be charged.

### Fundraising

Thank you for your on-going support in our fundraising events. We raised a total of £167.50 for the Harvest Appeal and £135.50 for Children in Need. All monies have been sent to these charities.

### Upcoming Christmas Performances

Reception - Tuesday 5 December at 9.45am/1.30pm – Donkey for Sale – 2 tickets per performance  
KS1 – Thursday 7 December at 1.30pm/6.00pm – Prickly Hay – 1 ticket per performance  
Nursery – Thursday 14 December at 9.30am – Christmas Concert



The children are very excited to show parents their Christmas performances which they have been working so hard on. Due to fire regulations, please ensure that only the number of people attend that is stated on the tickets (listed above). Reception are able to have more parents at each performance due to them having 45 children, whereas there are 90 children in KS1. Following our policy, photos and videos must only be taken of your child and they must not be posted on any social media site. Thank you for your understanding.

### Safeguarding – Gates

We had the automatic gates installed a couple of years ago for the added protection of the children and staff. The gates open at 8.15am to allow parents to drop their children to school and will lock again at 8.30am. In the afternoon, the gates open at 2.50pm and lock at 3.10pm. If you are one of the last parents on the grounds at drop off or collection time and you have seen the gate is open, please can we ask that you close it behind you. If you visit the school during the day, you must buzz using the keypad and the office will let you through. Please do not let anybody else waiting enter the site, they must buzz and be let in. When coming through, please make sure the gate is pushed closed behind you and not let it swing shut as this is an opportunity for a person to come in or leave the grounds. This is to ensure we are aware of who is on site at all times and for the safety of the children.

### Upcoming events

27/11 – 18/12 Christmas Campfires - classes will let parents know when their Christmas Fire is.

01/12 – PJ Day – Please send in a chocolate donation for the chocolate tombola at the Christmas Fair.

06/12 – Wonderful Wednesday – Wear something that makes you feel wonderful! Please send in a non-perishable item for the Christmas Fair. Please ensure clothing and shoes that are worn are sensible.

08/12 – LKS2 trip to Hampton court – Children need to arrive at 8.15am and will return at 3.45pm. Uniform must be worn.

09/12 – Christmas Fair – Please come along to the Christmas Fair between 11.30am-2.00pm!

11/12 – UKS2 trip to the Harry Potter Studios – children need to arrive to school on time and will return for 3.00pm. Uniform must be worn.

12/12 – Flu Vaccinations

13/12 – Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day – children can wear a Christmas jumper/top for a voluntary contribution of £1. Christmas lunch must be ordered on SchoolGrid.

20/12 – School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas holidays.

