



Christmas Newsletter (2)



This term has to be one of the best times to work in a school. The anticipation of Christmas is just lovely to witness in the children and Santa Claus has already confirmed that he can fit a visit to our school into his busy schedule. He can come to both our school fair and Christmas parties, which is great news for us all! I am sure you will soon start to hear some of the nativity songs being sung at home too – it never ceases to amaze me how quickly the children pick up the new songs!

We are also expecting our SIAMs (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) inspection this half term. It is almost five years since we were last inspected so we are certainly due a visit. For this, there are three questions the inspectors will ask, find evidence of and report on:

1. How well the school, through its distinctive Christian character, meets the needs of all learners?
2. What is the impact of Collective Worship on the whole school community?
3. How effective are the Leadership and Management of the school as a Church School?

We are also expecting our Ofsted inspection soon. It is just over 4 years since we were inspected and know that the call could come any time. We are informed the day before the inspectors come into school. Part of their inspection is looking at parents' opinions and comments about the school. If you haven't done so already, it would be really helpful to us if you could log onto ParentView and complete the parent questionnaire on there. The link for this is: www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk. We would really appreciate you making the time to complete the survey. (Please note – you need to input the full name of our school- Lanchester Endowed Parochial Primary School). Many thanks.

We are three weeks into our longest and busiest half term already. Thankfully, we don't seem to have succumbed to any major germs or bugs but this can be the time of year that the children become susceptible to such things. To try to prevent any major outbreaks, we continue to encourage the children to wash their hands regularly and please remember that our school policy is that children remain absent from school for 48 hours after they were last sick – just to help prevent any bugs spreading quickly round school.

School is such a happy place to be at the moment. The ethos and atmosphere around the building is lovely and our children are really super little characters – so polite, content and well-mannered both in and around school. It is wonderful to witness and just to be part of their happy little lives.

Please look at the diary dates very carefully so that you know when all the different events are taking place, as the rest of the half term is going to be very busy. Please note that these diary dates always supersede the ones sent in the previous newsletters as occasionally times or dates can change and additional events are always added. Thank you.

As usual, if there is anything at all that you want to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Jane Davis



Switching on the Christmas Lights



As usual, two of our Year 6 children have been asked to help switch on the Christmas Lights on Saturday 25th November at 6 p.m. on the Village Green. This year, the two children that the staff have nominated for this honour are Ava Bullerwell and Jack Hall. I know that they were both thrilled to have been asked and I am sure they will do a very good job. It is always very tricky to nominate only two children out of so many but both Ava and Jack are both delightful children who deserve the accolade.

Staff News



Ms Susan Deans will be retiring from her post as a Cleaner at Christmas. Mrs Deans has worked here for over 26 years, starting out as a Dinner Lady before becoming Caretaker and in later years, a Cleaner. She has seen the school change and grow quite significantly over the years and although she has thoroughly enjoyed the close friendships made as well as getting to know many of the children, she is now ready to retire and enjoy more time with her grandchildren. Mrs Deans has been a great asset to the school and we wish her a very long, very happy and very quiet retirement!

With this in mind, we will be advertising for a cleaner in school on our website next week. The post will be for 10 hours per week, which will be worked either before or after school. Please let interested people know!



It has been great to welcome Mr Andrew Knighton, our new Deputy Head Teacher, into school earlier than expected! He certainly seems to be enjoying getting to know the children, as well as sharing some of his memories about his escapades when he attended our school as a child!

Friends of the School



We are really lucky to have a very enthusiastic and supportive group of parents who are keen to organise social events for both parents and children as well as trying to raise money for the school and support our children. They meet once a month and are really a very friendly and happy group of people! They have some great ideas and as well as organising the Quiz and Bingo night detailed below, are also organising a Christmas Party Night (PJs, Polar Express and Hot Chocolate!), a second-hand uniform shop, Mother's Day afternoon tea, discos and organising stalls for the Christmas fair. They have also managed to obtain some wonderful raffle prizes to raise even more funds for school! Their next meeting date is to be confirmed soon.



Quiz and Bingo Night



This is taking place in the Junior Hall on Friday 24th November from 7 pm until 10pm. Bring your own snacks and drinks for what is shaping up to be a fantastic, fun-filled night. There will also be a raffle, and prizes on the night, including a hamper which has been kindly donated from the wonderful Knitsley Farm Shop. Have you got what it takes to win the Quiz?! Come and have a go! Tickets are available now from the school office at £2.50 each.



Foundation Stage News



Reception's main story for next week will be 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears'. We are planning activities both indoors and outdoors to explore the themes in the story.

In Nursery, our stories will be 'Don't Call me Sweet!', 'Oi Frog!', 'Little Jim Lost', 'Don't Put your Finger in the Jelly, Nelly!' and 'The Gingerbread Man'. Our song of the week will be 'Down in the Jungle where Nobody Goes'.

Thanks for your continued contributions to the 'Wow Walls' in Foundation Stage. It is lovely to share your child's successes from out of school. We see such a positive impact on their self-esteem when their achievements are celebrated. Extra Wow slips are always available. Please feel free to take them as often as you need to.

If anyone has any old padlocks or door numbers, we would love them to help with some of our ideas for the outside area. Your contributions of buttons, ribbons, old cards, fabric and wool scraps, plastic bottle tops and corks are also all welcome!

Don't forget our information sessions about Learning Journals will be running at 2.30 pm and 6 pm next Wednesday (22nd). These sessions will last no longer than 30 minutes.



Non Uniform Day for Fair



We will be holding a non-uniform day on Friday 24th November. This is an annual non-uniform day that we hold at the same time every year. We ask children to bring in a gift for the Christmas Fair in exchange for being allowed to wear non-uniform. We would really appreciate any of the following: chocolate/confectionary, toiletries, bottles of alcohol (an adult should drop them in at the office please!), children's stationery/gift or any item suitable for a raffle prize. Please make sure anything you bring in is still in-date as we often have to throw things away that are past their use by date! We really appreciate your help and support with this as it makes a huge difference to the success of our Christmas Fair! All profits made from the Fair will be going towards the next stage of our playground development.



Rights Respecting Schools



Thank you so much for your wonderful support for our recent 'Big Me' day which the children thoroughly enjoyed. We also managed to raise over £300 for Action Aid which was great.

Next week we will be taking part in OutRight 2017 and speaking out about children's rights on World Children's Day, 20th November. OutRight is a campaign for children, by children, that helps to promote and protect children's rights in the UK and around the world. This year the campaign is focused on the rights of refugee children - especially their right to protection and be with their family. By taking part in the campaign our children will develop their knowledge and understanding of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child; learn about the impact of the refugee crisis and have the opportunity to express their views on children's rights. This will be led by our Rights Respecting School Ambassadors who will be presenting various activities in Class Assemblies.



Arts Leaders



Last half-term, the Arts Leaders were set the task of designing and making a piece of artwork to brighten up our new school entrance hall. We chose to create a piece of art using the medium of glass and had a great workshop with Janet Rogers from Crushed Chilli in Durham. We each made a colourful daffodil which we then added to a glass cross. The children loved the opportunity to participate in this and we feel that the finished product is a lovely addition to our new extension. More projects to follow soon!



START Project



Miss Jackson's Year 5 class have been given a fantastic opportunity to be part of the Start Programme which is funded by Children and the Arts and delivered by Artichoke and OASES. There are several activities in this project, the first of which was a behind the scenes visit to the Lumiere in Durham. This visit focused on 'For the Birds' which includes 20 installations in Durham University Botanic Gardens. We became art critics for the evening and this was an amazing experience for all children involved. This will be followed up by a workshop and then a visit to the Oriental Museum in the Spring term.



Buddies



Y5 buddies are now fully trained and are enjoying their role out on the playgrounds at break time. They have shown a great deal of independence, enthusiasm and commitment so far. They are proving to be positive role models to all our children. Well done buddies - keep it up!



School Council



Our School Council have had a very busy year so far - starting the new Healthy Tuck Shop, meeting our local MP and helping to appoint Mr Knighton as our new Deputy Head Teacher! We also have some exciting projects in the pipeline for the rest of the year! At our next meeting, we will be discussing and deciding on some new snacks for our Healthy Tuck Shop.



Lanchester Calendars



Lanchester 2018 calendars will be on sale at home-time - weather permitting - in the school yard. Twelve pictures by local artists, of Lanchester and its surroundings illustrate the year. The calendars are priced at £5 and all proceeds will be shared equally between Willowburn Hospice and Save the Children.



Parking Complaints



Unfortunately, I have received three complaints this week about dangerous and irresponsible parking and driving around school – two from other parents and one from the police. We have evidence of parents parking on footpaths (or in some cases even driving along the footpath), parking in front of driveways, parking on double yellow lines, parking on the yellow zig-zags and driving off quickly with children not even strapped into their seats with seat belts. I find this incredibly frustrating, as I seem to be writing something in nearly every other newsletter about the same issue. I am also incredulous that some parents seem to think it is acceptable to set such a bad example to their own children, never mind not thinking about the safety and welfare of other children.

Please – the Social Club nearly always has spaces – and they are keen to help us out by allowing us to park there at drop off and pick up time. The last thing we want is to alienate the local community. We need to be working with them and not acting irresponsibly.

So – to all parents who park in Lee Hill Court – the Social Club is literally two minutes further up the road. Park in their car park rather than in a small estate which causes huge congestion.

Reading Shed



Thanks to Mrs Lloyd (one of our Yr 5 parents) Mrs Startup and her husband, our reading shed is almost ready for use! The aim of the reading shed is that it is a place to relax and enjoy a good book, either alone or with friend. It will be open every break and lunchtime for different year groups. Ask your children all about it!



Trip to Waterstones Book Shop



We have decided to raise the profile of reading this term and develop ways in which we can promote the children's love of books across the school. Books stir the senses, inspire imagination and spark a love of reading that lasts a lifetime. We believe reading for pleasure is crucial and it is something that we promote in many different ways throughout our school. All classes are enhancing their reading provision by developing appealing and inviting reading zones. Each class will have access to a range of high quality books, comics and magazines. As part of this initiative, we will be taking two children from each class to Waterstones in the Metro Centre to buy a selection of books for their class. I am sure you will agree, this is a wonderful opportunity to involve the children in their own learning and give them responsibility for improving their own classrooms.



Fair Trade



As a school, we are proud to know and understand the meaning of Fairtrade and are so proud to be given the Fair Active award as recognition of this. Our Fairtrade steering group will soon be getting ready for the Christmas Fair so please come along and support us as we will be selling lots of Christmas Fairtrade goodies! Please watch this space for more Fairtrade activities and events in the new year.



Erasmus+ Projects

On Monday and Tuesday this week, we were privileged to welcome 33 visitors from 9 European countries to Lanchester. They were attending as we launched two joint projects that we will work on over the next few years, funded by the British Council as part of the EU's Erasmus+ project.

First, our visitors were treated to a very special assembly presented by some of our Y5 children, who impressed everyone with their language skills! Our guests then spent time in our classrooms and were very impressed by how hardworking, polite and respectful our children were. For the rest of their visit, they worked with members of our staff to decide how exactly our projects will work. We cannot reveal all the details just yet, but there will be a very high-profile launch of one of the projects very soon. Keep an eye out for some strange goings-on!

As with previous projects, there will be opportunities for some of our Year 5 children to travel to our partner schools, including a visit to Hungary in March and then to Sicily in Italy next April. Some Italian and Hungarian children will also be joining us in school for our Fun and Fitness Week at the end of May. There will be more information about this in the coming weeks. However, we are really looking forward to further developing our European links and hope that the children will be able to make some life-long European friends.



Junior Choir



Congratulations to the KS2 choir! They recently entered a competition for County Durham Primary School Choirs. After only a couple of lunchtime rehearsals, a video performance was recorded of them singing the Gary Barlow & Andrew Lloyd Webber song called 'Sing'. The children impressed the judges and have been selected to take part in the next round of the competition. They will be one of ten choirs from County Durham singing at Ushaw College on Thursday 7th December 2017. It should be a fabulous day for them all. They will spend the morning learning new songs and after lunch each school will perform their Christmas song. I am sure they will have a great day and I look forward to hearing their final performance.

Sport in School



Our PE and Sports Clubs are just as busy this half term, with a range of different clubs and activities on offer. We have linked up with Durham County Cricket Club and they are working with our Year 3 classes for PE whilst also providing an after school club for Year 4 and Year 5. We have continued our strong relationship with SAFC who are providing high quality PE lessons twice a week and an after school club for Year 2.

Girls' Football Team

The girls' football team completed their league fixtures and for the second year running finished second, just behind the winners - Shotley Bridge. The team had an excellent record, finishing with 10 wins and 2 draws from 12 games, meaning it is now over two years since they lost a competitive match! What was particularly impressive is that they did not concede a single goal in the whole league campaign - that has to be some sort of record! The good news is that the team have qualified for the Champions League in the Spring Term, defending the trophy that they won last year.

Netball

The Autumn term has seen a huge interest in netball, so much so that we had to put on an extra night to cater for the large numbers. Mrs Smith and Miss Martin now run a Monday After School Netball club for Years 3&4 and Mrs Smith and Mrs Grieve take the Year 5&6 children on a Thursday. All the children have been working so hard on their netball skills and we are constantly amazed at the talent we have in Lanchester EP. A number of our girls now also play for Consett Cinders on a Saturday morning in the Durham Netball League.

It is the time of the year now when the evenings are too dark to play outdoors and Mrs Smith is in the process of putting together a small league with a number of local schools to give the children the opportunity of playing against different teams in readiness for the Netball Leagues which begin next year. We are hoping to play these matches at St Bede's, details of which will be given as soon as they are finalised.

I would like to say a huge thanks to Mrs Smith for her continued time and commitment and giving our children the chance to participate and enjoy this great sport.

Holiday Club



Our Christmas holiday club places are getting booked up fairly quickly so please do not forget to return your booking form if you would like to make the most of this opportunity while you work or do some last minute shopping! It takes place on Friday 22nd December for either the whole day from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. or you can have mornings from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. or afternoons only from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Forms have been given out already but they are also available on our website or from the school office. Early booking is recommended. Payment can be made on ParentPay.

Deadline for Applications for School for September 2017



All Nursery Parents – please do not forget the deadline of Monday 15th January 2017 for applying for a school place for all Reception class new school starters. Missing this deadline hinders your chances of gaining your first choice school.



Theatre Trip to The Northern Stage

We are very fortunate to have been offered significantly reduced price-tickets once again for 'Alice in Wonderland' which is being performed at the Northern Stage. We have decided to take all 335 of our children from Reception to Year 6. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will go on Wednesday 29th November with Years 3-6 going on Thursday 30th November. Letters have already been sent out with the children with the request of £8 which helps to cover the cost of transport and ticket (the ticket alone should have cost £10 per child). Once again, the director will be coming into school to work with some of our children in the week after the show – another fantastic opportunity for them all!



Christmas Cards



Once again, we are suggesting that this year you may like to decide that your child just sends one Christmas Card to their whole class, which can be displayed in the classroom. Then, a donation could be made to our charity of the year – (the School Council are deciding next week) – instead of spending the money on cards. We have done this in the past as many parents prefer to make a donation to charity instead and staff in school will also be doing this. Any donations can be sent to the School Office in a clearly labelled envelope please.



Foundation Stage Nativity



Our Foundation Stage Nativity, 'Our First Nativity' takes place on Wednesday 13th December at 10am and 2pm Tickets will be available from Wednesday 29th November at a cost of £2 each. Initially, due to space restrictions, tickets will be limited to 4 per family. We will start rehearsing our songs next week, so you will very quickly get to know the songs yourself!

Please note, Reception children and children in Nursery who attend for 30 hours will be in both performances, so many parents often decide to have 2 tickets for both the morning and the afternoon performances so that there is someone at each performance. Children who attend nursery for five mornings or in the Monday – Wednesday group only take part in the 10am performance and those who attend Nursery for 5 afternoons or in the Wednesday – Friday group only perform at 2pm.

If there are any remaining tickets after all parents have had the opportunity to buy 4, these will be on sale from Wednesday 6th December 2017. If you have any questions at all about this, please speak to a member of staff.



Key Stage One Nativity



Our Key Stage 1 Nativity takes place on Monday 18th December at 10am and 2pm. Please note that this is a change of time to previous years. Both performances are always very popular with parents and tickets, which cost £2, will be on sale from Monday 4th December. Initially, tickets will be limited to 4 per family but additional tickets (if there are any left) will be available from Thursday 7th December. Again, if you have any questions at all about this, please speak to a member of staff.



Key Stage Two Nativity and Christingle Service **Thursday 21st December at 10 a.m. & 2 p.m.**



Our Christingle and Key Stage Two Nativity will be performed in All Saints Church during the morning and afternoon of Thursday 21st December at 10am & 2pm This year, due to our increasing numbers, we are holding two performances which will hopefully alleviate some of the space issues in church. Our Year 3 children organise and lead the Christingle, whilst the Year 6 children take the main roles in the nativity with all of our KS2 children singing. No tickets are necessary for this. Instead, there will be a retiring collection in aid of our charity of the year, which the School Council are discussing next week. If you have any questions, please just ask a member of staff.



Pyjama Day in School

I am sure many of you will already be aware of the very sad death of Lucia Smith, aged 9, earlier this year. Lucia was the sister of Archie in Year 3 and she was an amazing girl with a terrific strength of character. Archie has written to a number of organisations to ask whether they would be willing to raise money in her memory. So, on Friday 1st December we are asking the children, staff and adults to come to school dressed in their pyjamas (Archie's idea!) in exchange for £1 donation. All donations will be split between the charity, 'Bethany's Wish' - a special fund within the Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG), which funds vital research into Wilms tumours - as well as The Sick Children's Trust who provide free accommodation for families with children in hospital. I am sure you will agree that this is an exceptionally worthwhile cause and one that is very close to our hearts.

Enterprise Week



During the week beginning Monday 4th December, all children will be taking part in our annual Enterprise Week. Each class decide on their project and, working as a small business, attempt to make and sell a product with the aim of making a small (or large!) profit. These products will all be sold at the Christmas Fair at the end of the week. In the past, the children have thoroughly enjoyed this challenge and their aim is to be the class making the most profit! (Actually I think it is more competitive amongst the adults in school!)



Christmas Fair – Friday 8th December at 2 p.m.



Our Christmas Fair takes place between 2pm and 4pm on Friday 8th December. As usual, there will be a huge variety of stalls including a raffle, tombola stalls, Christmas gifts, craft activities and stalls for children, refreshments and a number of gift stalls. In addition to these, the children's enterprise goods which they make during the week will also be on sale. For this event, children can be collected early from the classrooms so that they can accompany you to the fair. This is usually a lovely, social afternoon and one which we all look forward to. Hope to see you there! More details will follow nearer the time about collecting the children early.



Christmas Jumper Day



On Friday 15th December, we are supporting our Charity of the Year by holding a Christmas Jumper Day in school. For this day, we are suggesting that children come to school dressed in either a Christmas Jumper or T-shirt, or even just wearing a Christmas hat. We don't want you to go out and buy anything new for the day, we just want to support the charity by wearing non uniform and something that is Christmassy!! All in exchange for £1 donation of course!



Christmas Parties



The Christmas parties are listed on the diary dates at the end of the newsletter. We suggest that on their party day, children can either come to school for the day in their party clothes, or they can bring their clothes to change into at lunchtime when staff will be available to help. All parties finish at the end of the school day.

This year again, each party is having slightly different arrangements for their party food. Foundation Stage children will all be given their own party bag in advance (which they will design and colour in at school) to take home and fill with food that they would like to eat and these are then to be brought into school on the day of their party. This way, at this early age, we know that all children will be eating something that they like! **Please note – nuts are NOT allowed in school due to us having a number of children with a nut allergy. Thank you.**

The rest of the school will be provided with a party tea prepared by staff in school.

Year 6 Pantomime Trip



Our Year 6 children are looking forward to one of the highlights of their year! On the final Tuesday of the term, Tuesday 19th December, they will be taking the train from Durham to Newcastle, where they will visit the quayside and the Baltic, before having dinner at Uno's Trattoria on the Quayside. They will then walk to the Theatre Royal where they will enjoy this year's pantomime, 'Peter Pan'. A coach will then bring them back to school for approximately 6 p.m. Year 6 will receive a separate letter with further information about this visit.



Carols and Hot Chocolate Round the Christmas Tree



On Wednesday 20th December we will be gathering around the Christmas tree in the Junior Hall straight after school to enjoy a carol-singing session and hot chocolate. Again, this has become one of the traditions of the school with many parents joining us all for a good old sing-song. All children must be accompanied by an adult for this festive and very popular occasion.

Christmas Dinner



Christmas Dinner will be enjoyed by the children on Wednesday 20th December. For this one special occasion, we do open this up to children who do not normally stay for school dinner. However, when potentially catering for over 300 people, we obviously do need to order food in advance. Therefore, if your child does not usually stay for a school dinner but would like to stay for their Christmas Dinner, it is essential that you let the Office know and pay £2.00 (this charge only applies to pupils from Year 3-6). A separate form will go out and must be returned to school no later than **Monday 11th December**. We have disappointed children every year whose parents come to the Office too late to order their dinner. Some parents do not seem to realise that it is essential to have a cut-off point to be fair to everyone in school and think that one extra won't matter. However, if we do this for one family, we would have to do it for all and obviously this is just not possible. Therefore if your child does not normally stay for school dinner and you would like them to have Christmas Dinner, please adhere to the deadline of letting us know no later than Monday 11th December. Thank you!



Rotary Shoe Box Appeal



Don't forget our shoe box appeal. We have boxes in the office ready for anyone to collect but they are going fairly quickly! We will be giving the boxes to people who would like to fill one in exchange for a £1 donation, as we will be raising more money to go towards the cost of the boxes over the rest of the term. If you would like a box, please ask for one at the office, with your £1 donation. A leaflet will be given out with the box to let you know what things can/cannot be put in them. Let's hope we can get as many donations as we have in the past for this really worthwhile cause – it does feel truly wonderful to be able to give something to those who are less fortunate than ourselves and around Christmas time it is a nice reminder of how lucky we really are here at Lanchester E.P.

School Holidays – Academic Year 2017 – 2018

Holiday	Closing Date	Date re-open for teaching purposes
Christmas Holiday	Thursday 21 st December 2017	Monday 8 th January 2018
February Half Term	Friday 9 th February 2018	Monday 19 th February 2018
Easter Holiday	Thursday 29 th March 2018	Monday 16 th April 2018
May Day	Friday 4 th May 2018	Tuesday 8 th May 2018
Summer Half Term	Thursday 24 th May 2018	Monday 4 th June 2018
Summer Holiday	Friday 20 th July 2018	Tuesday 4 th September 2018

Year 1 & Year 2 Phonics Screening Test - Week Beginning Monday 11th June 2018

KS1 Statutory Assessment Tests - May 2018

KS2 Statutory Assessment Tests - Week Beginning Monday 14th May 2018

DIARY DATES

Monday 20 th November 2017	3.30 p.m.	Governor Sub-Committee Meeting at 3.30 p.m.
Wednesday 22 nd November 2017	Morning	Carlton Books working with Mr Mordue's class
Wednesday 22 nd November 2017	Afternoon	Visit to Waterstone's Book Shop at the Metro Centre
Wednesday 22 nd November 2017	2.30 & 6 pm	Foundation Stage Parents' Information Session on Learning Journals
Friday 24 th November 2017	All Day	Non Uniform Day in exchange for a Christmas Fair gift
Friday 24 th November 2017	7 pm	Adults only Quiz and Bingo Night in School
Monday 27 th November 2017	10.30 a.m.	Young Carer's Assembly
Wednesday 29 th November 2017	Morning	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 at Northern Stage
Thursday 30 th November 2017	Morning	Years 3 – 6 at Northern Stage
Friday 1 st December 2017	All Day	Pyjama Day for Charity
Week Beg Monday 4 th December 2017	All Week	Enterprise Creativity Week
Tuesday 5 th December 2017	6 p.m.	Parents' Meeting about Ski Holiday
Thursday 7 th December 2017	All Day	Choir at Ushaw College – Choir Competition
Friday 8 th December 2017	2 pm – 4 pm	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 12 th December 2017	10.15 a.m.	Holy Communion in School – all welcome
Wednesday 13 th December 2017	10 am & 2 pm	Foundation Stage Nativities
Thursday 14 th December 2017	5.30 p.m.	The Polar Express Christmas Party Night
Friday 15 th December 2017	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15 th December 2017	Morning	Puppet Show for Foundation Stage – St Nic's and The Nativity Story
Friday 15 th December 2017	Afternoon	New College students performing Roald Dahl's 'Revolting Rhymes'.
Monday 18 th December 2017	10 am & 2 pm	KS1 Nativities
Tuesday 19 th December 2017	All Day	Year 6 at Newcastle – Uno's & Pantomime
Tuesday 19 th December 2017	Afternoon	Year 3 & 4 Party and Year 1 & 2 Party
Wednesday 20 th December 2017	All Day	Foundation Stage Parties
Wednesday 20 th December 2017	Afternoon	Year 5 & 6 Party
Wednesday 20 th December 2017	3.30 p.m.	Carols round the Christmas Tree in the Junior Hall
Thursday 21 st December 2017	10am & 2 pm	Christingle and KS2 Nativity
Thursday 21 st December 2017	5.30 p.m.	School Closes for Christmas
Friday 22 nd December 2017	8am – 5 pm	Holiday Club in School
Monday 8 th January 2017	7.30 a.m.	School Re-opens for Spring Term
Friday 26 th – Sunday 28 th January 2018	Weekend	Digital Leaders at The Bett Show, London
Friday 9 th February 2018	5.30 p.m.	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 19 th February 2018	7.30 a.m.	School re-opens
Monday 19 th - Wednesday 21 st February	3 Days	Year 6 at Ford Castle
Friday 9 th March 2018	2.30 – 6 pm	Mother's Day Afternoon Teas
Saturday 10 th March 2018	Early!	Ski Trip leaves for Les Menuires, France
Sunday 18 th March 2018		Visit to Ajka, Hungary for 4 Year 5 pupils
Thursday 29 th March 2018	5.30 p.m.	School Closes for Easter
Monday 16 th April 2018	7.30 a.m.	School re-opens for Summer Term
Sunday 22 nd April 2018		Visit to Sicily, Italy for 4 Year 5 pupils
Week Beg. Monday 14 th May 2018	All Week	Year 6 Statutory Tests
Week Beg. Monday 21 st May 2018	All Week	Fun and Fitness Week
Week Beg. Monday 21 st May 2018		Hungarian and Italian Children in school
Thursday 24 th May 2018	5.30 p.m.	School Closes for Half Term Holiday

