



December 2017 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you very much for your support this last term- particularly with our fund raising events. We have raised a lot of money for various charities and collected food for the needy and gifts for the Shoe Box Appeal. Well done to you all.

I would like to say a massive **"Well Done!"** to our choir who performed on the stage of the Sage. All of them were brilliant and are absolutely elated in school today. We are extremely proud of them all and hope to repeat the experience next year. Again, a big thank you to our parents and families who came along to support them. Well done to Emily Audus, Gabrielle Barnaby, Ellie Boyd, Mia Browne, Christian Dixon, Tanvitha Gowda, Sophie Greaves, Ava Hewitson, Lilia Hui, Brooke Irvine, Kayleigh Liddle, Vanessa Maciejewska, Alexia Mares, Star Marshall, Jake Sawyers, Alisha Selkirk, Brooke Sharp, Meshaa Shrinitharan, Cerys Simpson and Shrinithi Vijay. Please note below all of the events we have organised for the next few weeks and do please ask us if you need any further information. Have a good Christmas and a peaceful New Year!

Best wishes,
Mrs Goodfellow



Dates For Your Diary

Friday 1st December - Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 Carol Singing Performance in School 2:30pm

Monday 4th December - Key Stage Two Carol Singing Performance in School 2:30pm

Monday 4th December - Thursday 7th December - Scholastics Book Fair in school

Monday 4th December - History Workshop for Year 6 in school

Wednesday 6th December - Christmas Lunch Day for pupils and staff

Friday 15th December - Christmas Jumper Day - Save the Children

Monday 18th December - Newcastle Eagles Hoops4Health Workshop and Training for Year 5

Thursday 21st December - Community Carols Service at St Nicholas' Church 6pm - All Welcome

Christmas Productions

Tuesday 12th December - Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) Afternoon Christmas Production

Wednesday 13th December - Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) Morning Christmas Production

Wednesday 13th December - EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Afternoon Christmas Production 2:00pm

Thursday 14th December - EYFS (Nursery and Reception) Morning Christmas Production 10:00am

Christmas Parties

Tuesday 19th December - Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party

Wednesday 20th December - Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party

Thursday 21st December - Nursery and Reception Christmas Party

Friday 22nd December - Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party



Friday 22nd December 2017 - Last Day of Autumn Term

Monday 8th January 2018 - All Pupils and Staff Return to School for the
First Day of Spring Term



We raised **£234.10** for Children in Need 2017. Thank you once again for your support.



Reception Intake 2018 – Stay and Play Session

**Wednesday 10th January
2018 from 9.00-10.30am**

Following the successful Reception 2018 intake coffee morning, we would like to invite parents and carers back in the new year to our 'Stay & Play' in Reception class. If your child attends our nursery they will be brought to meet you to take part. Families who have children in other local nurseries are more than welcome to come along also! There will be opportunity to ask any questions about our school and you and your child will experience what Reception life will be like should you decide to join us at Riverside Primary Academy. There will once again be tea and coffee served in the community room and a crèche will also be available to care for any younger children if required. We would love to see you all there once again. If you would like to attend please send an email to contact@riversideprimaryacademy.org.uk or call the School office on 0191 460 1918 and we will add your name to the list. We look forward to seeing you there

Jewellery, Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

Children are **NOT** permitted to wear jewellery in school. Rings, chains, earrings and sleepers represent a considerable accident risk in physical education and play activities. Children who wear jewellery at school will be asked to take it off. Mobile phones and Smart watches are not permitted in school as they have potential to disrupt lessons and have been known to be used in some forms of bullying. Mobile phones and smart watches are extremely valuable and we want to minimise the risk of loss or damage to expensive property. (The governing body of our school has specifically requested that any child who brings a mobile phone to school should hand them to the school office where they will be kept secure until the child collects them at the end of the school day.)

Community Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church



Once again our choir will be performing at the Community Carol Service at St Nicholas' Church, Dunston. The service will be held on Thursday 21st December at 6pm. Our whole school community are invited to join in. We look forward to seeing you there.



Christmas Jumper Day

Wear your Christmas jumpers and Christmas accessories to school on **Friday 15th December.**

(Suggested donation of £1 per pupil.)



Save the Children
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Carol Singing in School

Come and join us for some carol singing in the school hall – we will be hosting two events this year.

Friday 1st December

Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 children will be in the hall for the Carol Singing Event in School 2:30pm

Monday 4th December

Key Stage Two children will be in the hall for the Carol Singing Event in School 2:30pm

Please choose to attend one of the sessions; not both due to space available in the hall. (Children will be released from classes to join their parents / carers during the event no matter which date you decide to attend.)

No tickets are required for this event.

The same carols will be sung at each event.

Christmas Party Information

All Christmas parties take place during the afternoon session at school.

Nursery & Reception party will start at 1:30pm.

Nursery morning children are invited to attend the afternoon party.

Pupils going home to get ready for the party can be collected from their usual classroom door from 11:45am. Pupils are welcome to stay at school for lunch as normal and get ready for their party in school.

All other parties will also start at 1:30pm.

(Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Pupils are welcome to stay at school for lunch and get ready for their party in school; alternatively they can go home at lunch time to get ready.

If you would like to collect your child from school on the day of their party you must collect them from the following places:

Year 1 and year 2 – 12:00pm pick up from Key Stage One Main Entrance

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – 12:00pm pick up from Key Stage Two Entrances (at the usual end of day collection points)

(ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT WHEN LEAVING SCHOOL AT LUNCHTIME)



PROUD OF OUR PUPILS

Teachers have nominated pupils they are proud of this term. Children can collect a gift from the school office if they are mentioned below.



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| Nursery | Max Redshaw | has settled well in to full time nursery |
| Reception A | Henry Armstrong | is working extremely hard in numbers |
| Reception B | Amber-Mae Graham | is demonstrating amazing progress in Maths and Read Write Inc. |
| Year 1 | Amber McNeill | has excellent Handwriting in all lessons |
| Year 1 / 2 | Rosie Gibson | is always working hard |
| Year 2 | Masarah Alsudany | has completed some brilliant Maths work |
| Year 3 | Destiny Marshall | has been practising her times tables |
| Year 3 / 4 | Ellie-Mae McGuire | is trying her best in all lessons |
| Year 4 | Jodie Garnett | always gives 100% effort |
| Year 5 | Zahraa Alsudany | always tries her best and is caring towards others |
| Year 6 | Tanvitha Gowda | works extremely hard in every lesson |

Christmas Productions

Nursery and Reception – there will be two Christmas performances of the same show. We ask that families attend 1 performance only. Tickets will be issued in late November / early December and there will be 2 tickets per family.

If your child attends morning nursery please come to the morning show. If your child attends afternoon nursery please come to the afternoon show.

Year 1 and Year 2 - There will be two Christmas Performances of the same show. Tickets will be issued in late November / early December

Pupils in Year 3 and Year 4
have raised

£206.25

for Cancer Research UK.
Thank you for supporting
their non-uniform day.
**WELL DONE YEAR 3 and
YEAR 4!!**



CANCER
RESEARCH
UK

Calling all Year 5 and Year 6 parents / carers... Come and take part in a SkillForce lesson!

You are invited to join your child in class on Friday 15th December to participate in a SkillForce lesson. You can observe part of a lesson and take part in some of the games and activities that your children are learning each week as part of the Prince William Award.

Year 6 parents / carers are invited from 1:15pm – 2:15pm

Year 5 parents / carers are invited from 2:00pm – 3:00pm

Please let school know by Monday 4th December if you are able to attend so we have an idea of numbers.

Sarah and Paul our SkillForce instructors look forward to seeing you there!



Newsletter Free Draw



This month's free Newsletter Draw was won by Grace Blackett in Year 2. She has won a bottle of wine for her parents / carers and a box of sweets for herself.

Parents / Carers must collect their prize from the school office.