

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Wow, what a start to the half-term! We have had so much going on in school and the weeks are flying by. Planning for our Christmas performances is well under way and I can't wait to see all the children taking part. Just a reminder that the Annual St.Patrick's Community Carol Service will be taking place on Wednesday 4th December, 7.15pm at St.Patrick's Church, Smith Street. It will be lovely to see as many of our families there as possible.

*Mrs Allen, Headteacher*

### Diary Dates

#### Upcoming Diary Dates

#### December:

Wednesday 4th - St Patrick's Annual  
 Community Carol Service

Friday 6th - Nursery Christmas Craft with  
 Parents/Carers

Wednesday 11th - Nursery Christmas  
 Performance

Thursday 12th - Christmas Jumper Day and  
 Christmas lunch

Thursday 12th - Miss Clarke & Mrs Cruise  
 Christmas performance

Friday 13th - Mrs Scotter & Mrs Simpson  
 Christmas performance

Monday 16th - Miss Clarke & Mrs Cruise  
 Christmas party

Thursday 19th - Mrs Scotter & Mrs  
 Simpson Christmas party

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

#### Attendance from 5th September 2024

Target - 96%

| Class       | Attendance % |
|-------------|--------------|
| Mrs Simpson | 88.3%        |
| Mrs Scotter | 95.3%        |
| Miss Clarke | 95.3%        |
| Mrs Cruise  | 93.9%        |

### Weekly Winners

Please keep an eye out on our  
 ClassDojo School Story, where we  
 will announce our weekly attendance  
 winners every Friday.



# Remembrance Day

● Sunday 10th November 2024 ●

*Thank you to the children who proudly represented our school at the local Remembrance Service, where they laid a wreath at the War Memorial on the village green.*



*Lest We Forget*





# YOGA

This half-term the children have been taking part in yoga sessions as part of their P.E. enrichment. Adele from 'Yoga Doxford' has been teaching the children about circles of calmness and body strength activities, working together with a partner to support each other and keeping active whilst being mindful.



 DURHAM  
CHRISTIAN  
PARTNERSHIP

Sunderland  
**foodbank**

Weight of donation 34.60 kg

You have provided 43 meals



**Thank you!**

Registered Charity Number 1077549

Thank you to everyone who was able to make a donation for our harvest festival. Revd Chadwick came into school to lead our special harvest festival assembly and then all donations were taken to the Sunderland foodbank to be distributed to families in need.



BBC

# Children in Need

A huge thank you to everyone that was able to donate to our Children in Need non-uniform day. We raised a total of £81.62. Thanks to Miss Henderson entering a competition, we won a visit from Pudsey himself! The children were so excited by his surprise visit! Thank you to AK Teaching for this fantastic prize.



THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

## Reporting an absence.



If your child is absent you must contact the school office on 0191 917 1910 before 8.45am and leave a message with your name, your child's full name and the reason for their absence.

As a school, we have a responsibility to follow up absences for all children, including those who attend our nursery provision.



Please do not send any urgent messages via Class Dojo, as the teachers aren't always able to check them throughout the day.



### Social Media

Please remember to follow our school social media pages to keep up to date with all the exciting activities and learning that the children have been taking part in.



## PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS

We have a range of good quality, pre-loved school uniform and coats in our reception area that have been washed and bagged. Please feel free to take anything you need and leave a small donation, if possible. We would welcome any donations of good quality, pre-loved uniform and school book bags.



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility! If you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to contact school and speak to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Mrs Allen, Miss Lumsden, or Mrs Scott