



# January Newsletter 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school after the holidays. I trust you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year.

Last term was very busy with our nativities, trips and other enjoyable festive events towards the end of the year. I would like to extend a big thank you to all of our families who have supported us and helped to make our school activities enjoyable for our children. Due to your many kind donations and support, I am pleased to inform you that we were able to raise £1818 at our annual Christmas Fayre. We plan to use this money to further benefit our children by being able to pay for and subsidise some school trips this term.

The first trip we will be attending this term is a pantomime at East Durham College for pupils from Year 1 - 6 which will be fully funded. Our Early Years pupils will also be enjoying a treat planned especially for them.

The Spring term ahead is always a busy one as we work towards SATs, phonics screening and the end of year assessments. There are, however, still many opportunities to enrich the curriculum by taking the children to some exciting and interesting places. Each class will produce their own specific date letter so that you will be aware of the arrangements for your child's class. There is a parental questionnaire attached to this newsletter, please can you complete it by **Friday January 24<sup>th</sup>**, we would like to hear your views about our school, celebrate the things you think we do well and act upon any concerns you may have. We will put returned named questionnaires in a draw to win £20 Asda voucher.

*Mrs J.M. Clark     Head Teacher*

## Spring Term Parents Evening- Wednesday March 11<sup>th</sup>

**Statutory Testing Periods**-Children in Year 6 and Year 2 will be sitting SATs tests in May. There are important meetings coming up for parents of children in these year groups which I urge you to attend as they will give you information on what the tests are and how to support your child at home. Staff will also be putting on booster sessions after school for these children.

It is vitally important that children in these year groups attend school during these periods.

Please attend the parent sessions for more information.

SATs weeks            Year 6 - 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> May            Year 2 - 4<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Year 1 pupils will be sitting the Phonics check in the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Year 4 pupils will be completing the multiplication tables check between 8<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> June.

|        | Parents meeting                           | Booster                                    |
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| Year 6 | Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January at 3pm | Tuesdays 3 - 4pm<br>beginning on 4/02/20   |
| Year 2 | Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January at 3pm    | Wednesdays 3 - 4pm beginning<br>on 5/02/20 |