



Children in Need - Spotacular

On behalf of children in need this Friday, children are invited to come to school wearing spots. For nursery children, spotted outfits can be worn anytime between Wednesday and Friday. Please do not buy new outfits specially for the occasion, homemade spotted garments are perfectly fine. Our planned fun run will not take place now as the school grounds are too wet. Please send a donation for Children in Need into school with your child. A big thank you to those nursery parents who have already made contributions.



Party Time! Christmas party dates

Nursery	Wednesday 7 December
Reception	Wednesday 7 December
Year 1	Thursday 8 December
Year 2	Thursday 8 December
Year 3	Thursday 8 December
Year 4	Friday 9 December
Year 5	Friday 9 December
Year 6	Friday 9 December

Children can come to school on their party day wearing their party clothes.



Christmas Performances For Parents

Nursery Nativity	-	10am & 1.30pm	-	Wed 14 Dec
Reception Nativity	-	9.10 am	-	Friday 16 Dec
Year 1 performance	-	1.00pm	-	Thursday 15 Dec
Year 2 performance	-	2.00pm	-	Thursday 17 Dec
Year 3 performance	-	10.00am	-	Friday 16 Dec
Year 4	-	11.00am	-	Friday 16 Dec
Year 5	-	1.00p.m.	-	Friday 16 Dec
Year 6	-	2.00p.m.	-	Friday 16 Dec

All performances will take place in the main school hall. Children are allowed to go home after their performance if they have a parent/adult to collect them, otherwise they will stay at school until normal finishing time. If your child has a school meal and is in Year 3 or Year 4, please let the office staff know if you intend to take them home after their performance so that dinner numbers can be adjusted, otherwise you may be charged for a school lunch that day. Parents will be allowed to take photographs of their children at the end of their performance. Can we ask that these photographs be kept for personal use and not shared on social media.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 17 Nov - Y3 visit to library 9.30 & 1.30

Wednesday 23 Nov - Y3 parents craft afternoon

Monday 28 Nov - Y4 children to visit Methodist church crook

Wednesday 30 Nov - EYFS Mad Hatters Tea Party

Friday 2 Dec - Xmas jumper day

Wednesday 7 Dec - Nursery & EYFS party

Thursday 8 Dec - Y1 & Y2 & Y3 party

Thursday 8 Dec Y5/6 to King James xmas show

Friday 9 Dec - Y4,Y5,& Y6 party

Wednesday 14 Dec - Nursery nativity 10am and 1.30

Thursday 15 Dec - performances for Y1 & Y2

Friday 16 Dec - performances for R, Y3,4,5 and 6

Friday 16 Dec - school closes for xmas break

Tuesday 3 January - school re-opens



Parking

The police have asked to let you know that there have been several incidents of people blocking driveways and footpaths of residents at the South End Villas entrance.

They are monitoring the situation and will be patrolling the area. Please ensure you park appropriately when picking up/dropping off your child at school to avoid causing problems for our school neighbours.



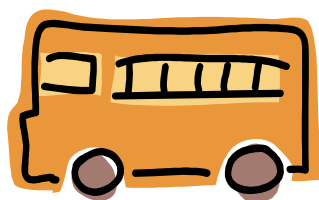
Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper for school on Friday 2nd December. This will mark the start of our Christmas celebrations in school.

Out and About

This term several year groups have had some great learning experiences out of school. Year 6 children learned some new safety information at the annual safety carousel and visited the Eden Camp war museum in Yorkshire. Both Y2 and Y6 represented our school at the remembrance service at the cenotaph last Friday. Year 3 have visited the Oriental Museum in Durham and the library in Crook. Year 2 children took part in the xmas journey workshop at St Andrews. Y4 children will be visiting St Andrews next week. Year 5 were invited to

Parkside Academy to enjoy a variety of activities as part of their multi-skills events for local primary schools. We have arranged a post xmas treat for all children at the beginning of next term, further details will follow shortly.



Our class Dojo winners who collected the most Dojo's for the first half term of this year were classes 1L & 4M. These 2 classes were rewarded with a trip to the Town Hall in Bishop Auckland to see an animated film called Zarafa which was shown as part of a film festival. Well done to both classes. The winners of this half terms Dojo competition will be rewarded with a trip to ROF 59 activity centre in Newton Aycliffe. Good luck everyone!

Forthcoming Holiday Dates - 16/17

	Closing Date	Date re-opens	Length of holiday
Christmas holiday 2016	Friday 16 December 2016	Tuesday 3 January 2017	2 weeks 1 day
Spring half term holiday	Thursday 16 Feb 2017	Monday 27 February 17	1 week and 1 day
Easter holiday	Friday 7 April 2017	Monday 24 April 2017	2 weeks
Bank holiday	Monday 1 May 2017		1 day
Summer half term	Friday 26 May 2017	Monday 5 June	1 week
Training day	Friday 16 June 2017		1 day
Summer holidays 2017	Friday 21 July 2017	Tuesday 5 September	6 weeks 1 day
Autumn half term 2017	Friday 20 October 2017	Monday 6 November 2017	1 week
Christmas holiday 2017	Friday 22 December 2017	Monday 8 January 2017	2 weeks