



7th December 2018 – Weekly Newsletter

Congratulations to this week's achievers:

Carol Singing at Bishop Auckland General Hospital

Our school have been invited to sing at Bishop Auckland General Hospital Carol Service at 2pm on Monday 10th December. The hospital radio will be transmitting the service to all the wards and the children are very excited about this. Parents are welcome to come along to the service which will be held in the hospital restaurant.

Advent Window

Every child in our school and nursery has contributed to a beautiful Advent Window display for Bondgate Gallery. This will be opened at 11am on Wednesday 12th December. A group of children will be accompanying Mrs Graham and Mrs Harnaman to sing and enjoy a mince pie at the opening. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Relocation of Nursery

We are delighted to welcome our nursery children and staff up into the main school. They are already enjoying seeing and spending time with all the other children.

Awards for week ending 07-12-2018

| | Kindness | Pupil of the week | Star of the week | Headteacher Award |
|---------|-----------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Class 1 | Isla Lumley | Leon Canovan | Priya Bainbridge | Evie Patterson |
| Class 2 | McKenzie Shaw | Daniel Ross | Isabelle Turner | Daniel Ross |
| Class 3 | Freddie Graham | Ava Peart | Izzy Courtney | Sebastian Coulthard |
| Class 4 | Jessica Bowman | Amelia Foster | Elliot Hanson | Naomi Shaw |
| Class 5 | Emily Burke | Belle Slack | Grace Ndiyamba | Ellie Thornton |
| Class 6 | Lacie-Mae Dodds | Tallulah Hope | Mason Musgrove-Bell | Jessica Young |

Attendance

Classes attendance this week:

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| Class 1 | 93% | Class 2 | 96% |
| Class 3 | 99% | Class 4 | 96% |
| Class 5 | 98% | Class 6 | 93% |

FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER – Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation to Save the Children

There will be no after school clubs in the last week of term.

Looking ahead

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| Tuesday 11 th December | - 2pm Nativity for parents |
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| Wednesday 12 th December | - 2pm Nativity for parents |
| Friday 14 th December | - Christmas Jumper Day Christmas Dinner Day |
| Monday 17 th December | - 2pm Christmas Celebration Service |
| Tuesday 18 th December | - 2pm Christmas Celebration Service |
| Wednesday 19 th December | - Christmas Party Day (no money required) |
| Thursday 20 th December | - Morning – Christmas Disco Afternoon – Christingle Service for our children |
| Friday 21 st December | - Toy day and non-uniform |



COCKTON HILL INFANTS' SCHOOL - CHRISTMAS EVENTS

7th December 2018

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

This is to let you know about the Christmas Events taking place over the next 2 weeks:

- **Monday 10th December** groups of children from Year 1 and Year 2 carol singing at Woodhouse Close Library, the March Hare for their Lunch Club, and Bishop Auckland General Hospital
- This year's Nativity, "**A Miracle in Town**", is performed by all of our Reception and Nursery children on **Tuesday 11th December and Wednesday 12th December** starting at **2pm** and finishing for home time. Please note : this start time is slightly earlier than previously stated.
- **Wednesday 12th December 11am** Opening of our Advent Window at Bondgate Gallery just off the Market Place. A small group of children will go down with Mrs Graham and Mrs Harnaman. Everyone is welcome to join us.
- **Friday 14th December** Christmas Jumper Day
- **Friday 14th December** Christmas Dinner Day for the children
- **Monday 17th December and Tuesday 18th December 2pm** -Our Christmas Celebration, where Year 1 and Year 2 children take part in a lovely Service of Carols, Readings and Christmas songs, held in our **school hall** again this year. We should finish just before 3.00pm.
- **No tickets are required for any performances of the Nativity or the Carol Service. We always try to accommodate everyone who would like to join us. Families may choose which performance to attend – both if they would like to!**
- **Wednesday 19th December Party Day** all day – children can come to school wearing party clothes. They will still need a warm coat and outdoor shoes.
- **Thursday 20th December Disco Morning** for the children – again they can come to school in disco clothes and keep them on all day.
- **Friday 21st December** – Last day of term – Toy Day and Non uniform.

NO MONEY IS REQUIRED FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE ACTIVITIES

- This year once again we are making a "Cockton Hill Infants' Christmas" DVD with the children performing "A Miracle in Town" and singing carols. This can be purchased for £5.00 at each of the Nativity performances, at the Carol Service

I hope this clarifies what is happening and who is involved.

Our staff always appreciate the gifts and cards many parents kindly give them, however, this year it would be wonderful if instead of this, parents sent an item of food into school as a donation to our local foodbank. On the last day of term, we will hand everything over to this very worthy cause.

We look forward to some enjoyable Christmas celebrations and hope that most families can join with us in giving thanks for the birth of Jesus.

**Merry
Christmas**