



14 December 2018

Dear Parents

Friday is Christmas Jumper Day and we will be visiting St Mary's church to sing Carols (children only). Please can children bring some change for the collection plate and a donation for Christmas Jumper Charity.

Mr Kelly

Mr Kelly has returned from his visit to Shanghai full of stories, tales and ideas for Front Street.

HMI

Our school was used for a pilot on Monday. HMI came and tested out new frameworks and procedures for the new Ofsted Framework in 2019. They were very complimentary having visited lessons and looked at children's work. HMI said behaviour was outstanding too.

Christmas

We are now fully into our season of events! Productions will start as soon as the children are registered and changed into costumes. This will be as near to 9am as possible. Children will bring in their party clothes first thing in the morning and stay in school over lunchtime to get changed for their party.

Christmas Lunch

A HUGE THANK YOU to our team who produced the most magnificent Christmas Lunch for our children. Go and have a look at the photos on our website to see the effort that was made. We are very lucky to have such an amazing team!

Barney

A huge thank you to Heidi and Barney who have been in this term listening to readers. We hope Santa visits Barney as he's been very good and deserves some treats.

Christmas Events

Wreath Event - There is a free Christmas Wreath event on **Saturday 15th between 11am and 1pm** in Chase Park- there will also be some bulb planting.

Santa in the Garden - Visit Santa at the Hermitage Garden **Saturday 15th 10am - 2pm - £4** per child.

Christmas Tree Festival - Spoor Methodist Church **13th, 14th & 15th 10am -4pm**

Cost of School Meal

Just to remind you that the cost of a school lunch will increase to £2.70 per day From April 2019.

JoJo Bows

Please can I ask that large Jojo bows are not to be worn in school. Children who sit behind these cannot see past them. Thank you for your co-operation.

Animation Club

After Christmas we will be running an Animation After School Club on Fridays for Years 4 and 5 from 3:20pm - 4:20pm. Are you interested in learning about animation? Join animator Sheryl Jenkins to find how animation is made and make your own animated films.

During the club we'll look at old animation toys like the zoetrope, thaumatrope and praxinoscope, and learn about the modern day equipment and software that can be used to make an animated film. We'll experiment with different animation styles like drawn, cut out and model, and we'll have a go at story writing, character design, audio recording, green screen, filming and editing.

Using your new filmmaking skills we'll make animated characters, use apps to animate them, and add our own voices and sound effects to bring them to life.

By the end of term we will have created a collection of films that we can share with family, friends and everyone at school.

The cost of the club will be £15.00 for 5 weeks starting Friday January 18th to Friday 15th February. There are 18 places available, please pay on Agora to secure your child's place.



Friends of Front Street

And the winners are

The bake sale was a huge success and the winners were - 1st Fearne (5G) and Jake (1G), 2nd Felicity (Rec), 3rd Austin - 2M.

Adopt the Elf - the name was Peppermint and was won by Katy from 6L.

Guess how many sweets are in the bauble - there was 494 and was won by Sam from 5G.

Christmas film night - this was a great event, the children had a wonderful time and it has certainly put us all in the Christmas spirit!

Christmas plays - remember FOFS will be selling tuck and will have an amazing cake you could win by guessing the weight. There will also be a raffle running as well. You will be able to purchase tickets and tuck before and after your child's Christmas performance.

FOFS Raffle - please find below a list of winners - please collect any prizes from the school office ASAP.

Jan Gordon c/o Ethan 4K - £100 INTU vouchers donated by school staff

Ethan H 5H - 1 year gym membership donated by - Energie Fitness Blaydon

J Innes - A family Day ticket donated by Adventure Valley

Mya L 5G - £25 voucher donated by Jashn

L Scott (staff) - £20 voucher donated by the Jamdani

H Hunter c/o Hattie 1S - £15 voucher donated by Greggs

Alfie c/o Rec 1 - 2 x standing show tickets donated by The Boulevard

Mrs Burdon (staff) - Bottle of Moet

J Horsfall (staff) - A meal for 2 donated by The Bay Horse

Sian c/o Layla R - A meal for 2 donated by The Coachman

Daniel 5H - £10 voucher donated by Martins butchers

Katy 1S - Sweet Hamper - donated by ASDA

Laura c/o Archer - A cut and blow dry donated by Nicola Hall

Ava 2M - Hand painted canvas donated by Jen R

M Walker C/o Laura 6W - Ted Baker Gift set

G Robb c/o Bethany 3ON - Christmas cake donated by P Archer

Ethan 4K - Large box of Dairy Milk chocolates

Hattie 1S - Voucher donated by Jump Arena

Ewan 6 - Deanos voucher

Auntie Emma Austin 2M - Fruit Basket or Wreath Elliot's Whickham

G Gill Sienna 2S - Namco Family Ticket

Roxy 2M - Thornton's Chocolates

Lily 4H - Wine Gift set

D Hetherington, Hannah S, Tommy G, D Longstaff, Ryan L 6L, K Hamilton, L Gray, Alfie 5G, H Sewell, Mila 2M Liam 5H, J Stanley, Ewan 6L, M Havery, Emily 5G, Freya 5G, Matthew 2S, A Robson, Sienna 1G Jayden R2, S Simmons, Mrs Wilkinson, J Derrick, Sean 5H, Granny Austin 2M, Mrs Wilkinson, Massimo R, Matthew 2S, Mila 2M, D Hailes All win bottles of wine - Adults must collect please.

Reminders

Primary School Applications - Primary school (Reception place) applications are required by 15th January 2019 at www.gateshead.gov.uk/schooladmissions.

Christmas Festivities - Please pay your £5.00 donation towards the Christmas Festivities (M&M Production and Christmas party food) asap. This is available to pay on Agora under 'Events'. Thank you.

Dinner Money - Please ensure all dinner money, music tuition fees etc. are paid up to the end of term by **Wednesday 19th December**. Unfortunately should payments not be received we will be unable to provide further school meals or tuition in the New Year.

If you have any concerns or queries do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

HJ Gladstone

Headteacher

11th December 2018

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Beth Newton and I am a student social worker from Northumbria University. This is my final year to complete of my degree and I will be present here until April.

During my time at Front Street Primary School I am available to families and children to offer support and guidance. I can offer support one to one with children and parents linked to different problems. These could be family problems, behaviour, attendance issues and other concerns you might be experiencing as a family or the child individually. I will be attending meetings, monitoring attendance and behaviour. During my time on placement here I hope to expand staff, students and parent's knowledge on the support available through the school, whilst creating awareness of the positive impact social work practice can have through the right support.

I will be continuing to expand my own knowledge of child development and relevant knowledge of the area to help support individuals who may seek my support.

If you have any concerns or queries regarding your children, please do not hesitate to approach me and ask questions. I will be more than happy to assist in any way that I can if I am unsure I will always get back to you with an answer.

Yours Sincerely

Beth Newton