



November 2018

Newsletter

Children in Need



We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who donated during our Children In Need day. Children were greatly engaged on the day and were able to talk clearly about how they were trying to help other children who were less fortunate than themselves.

Your kindness and generosity has helped raise **£666.08** which will help to change the lives of many.

School Carpark



Parking around schools is always challenging and we understand that, for those who live further afield, this can be problematic at the beginning and end of the school day. However, like the vast majority of schools, we cannot accommodate parents/carers who want to use the school carpark when dropping off or collecting their children.

Very early in the morning and late in the afternoon, parents accessing the breakfast and afterschool club do access the carpark when the barrier is open. Additionally, **children** with disabilities and who are Blue Badge holders are given permission to access the appropriate spaces. Occasionally, where there has been a short term medical need, permission has been granted. It is important to note that St. Anne's Church allows their car park to be used for parents/carers which is a very short walk from the school.

As you will be aware, school parking is limited and it is required for staff and visitors. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Walking Bus



To support transporting children to school, our 'Walking Bus' is available every day. Two members of staff meet at Allerdene shops at 8:30am and walk the children safely over the bridge and straight into the school building. This is a great way of reducing congestion around the school building and enables the children to start the day with a healthy walk. If you would like to access this arrangement, please contact the school office for information.

Parent/Carer Survey



Thank you to everyone who has completed their survey. Your views are extremely important to us and we will endeavour to feedback the results and comments over the coming weeks.

Please remember that you should not wait for an annual survey to raise any issues; please feel free to contact the school when you have concerns and the most appropriate member of staff will respond.

Parent Governor Vacancy



We have one Parent Governor vacancy which we need to fill as soon as possible. We have always aimed for a partnership with parents, which undoubtedly brings great benefits to the children. One of the most significant ways you can help in promoting this aim is to volunteer to be a Parent Governor. The Governing Body's main tasks are:

- to ensure that the school has a clear vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- to hold the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils;
- to oversee the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent.

Parent Governors are welcomed as valued members of the team and play a vital role in ensuring the governing body is aware of the views of parents and the local community. We feel sure that there are parents prepared to take on this important role and give their time and commitment to help us to continue to improve the school's performance.

If you are interested please contact our school office to pick up an application form. These should be returned to school by **Friday 14th December**. If you would like further information about the role, Mr Malik will be happy to discuss this further.

Christmas Party Arrangements



All Christmas parties are in the last week of term. Children who are going home for lunch on that day can be collected at **12 noon** and then return at **12.55pm**. For those children who will stay in school they can bring their change of clothes and change in school. We will soon be requesting food items for children to bring for the party so please watch out for this.

Y5/6 Sporting Success



Harlow Green has had another busy month of sporting activity. Year 5 and 6 enjoyed an afternoon led by Newcastle Eagles where they learned about healthy lifestyles. Year 5 have also enjoyed two coaching sessions led by our link Eagles coach. Our amazing football teams have once again done us proud and Mr McMann is delighted with their achievements. Our Year 5/6 Girls team finished third in their league. A huge 'well done' to Ava H, Gracie S, Kendra L, Ellie B, Terri B and Olivia S. Our Year 5/6 Boys team competed in the National League qualifications along with 11 other teams. They reached the final and narrowly missed out on representing Gateshead. Again, 'well done' to Harley S, Lewis W, Harry S, Ben M, Zac T and Bobby M.

A team of Year 5/6 children also competed in an 'Indoor Athletics' tournament at Joseph Swan and finished a very commendable third place!

Nursery – ‘Bearmania’



The Nursery children have enjoyed looking at a non-fiction text about different types of bears. They were particularly interested in polar bears and enjoyed playing with the arctic scene in the water tray. The children were fascinated to learn how ice was made and liked exploring some giant ice blocks. They also enjoyed sharing the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and then retelling the story in the role play area and book area. Everyone tasted delicious porridge at snack time that Mrs Anderson had made just right! The children and staff also read ‘This is the Bear and the Picnic Lunch’ and then made their own pretend and real picnics. Everyone enjoyed the sandwiches that were made at the picnic area on the field and the boys and girls talked about their own experiences of going on picnics. After reading ‘Biscuit Bear’, the children made their own biscuits that they decorated with yellow icing like Pudsey Bear.

Reception – Outdoor Games



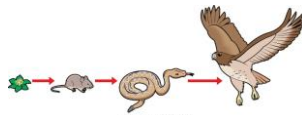
In Reception, the children invented their own game to play in the outdoor area, involving plastic skittles and water. The children worked as a team to fill up the plastic bottles with water. After this, they chose to practise their throwing skills by seeing who could knock the water skittles over.

Year 1 – Space Rocket Fun!



The children have enjoyed their Design & Technology lessons this half term. They have been investigating how pictures move and have read books with moving parts. Using their new knowledge, they made a zooming rocket using a slider and then all zoomed off to space!

Year 2 – Science Food Chains



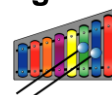
In Science, Year 2 have been learning about food chains. The children have been using some scientific vocabulary such as: predator, prey, producer, consumer, herbivore, carnivore and omnivore. Everyone was keen to make their own food chain. They did this by linking their parts in a paper chain style. They were very proud of their final products.

Year 3 – Creating Games in PE



In Year 3, the boys and girls have been working creatively in a group to plan their own challenging game. The children were given a choice of equipment and they had to decide on rules and strategies to make their games fair, safe and fun. The boys and girls then described their games to the rest of the class and explained why particular rules had been made. Once this was done they had the chance to play each other’s games which was great fun!

Year 4 – Playing the Glockenspiel



Year 4 children have enjoyed learning to play the glockenspiel in their music lessons. They have been reading musical notation and have learned to play some simple tunes with an accompaniment. The children have also had the chance to make their own music by improvising with the notes C, E and F.

Year 5 – Anglo Saxon Workshop



Year 5 had an amazing time with a special visitor; Dr Jo is an Anglo Saxon specialist who came in to launch their History topic. The children learned all about day-to-day life for a typical Anglo Saxon, although they didn’t fancy the idea of working on a farm at 9 and 10 years old! The children also took part in a mock burial and discovered that the Anglo-Saxons thought that burying someone with their precious belongings meant they would have them with them in the afterlife. The children enjoyed: playing some fabulous games from the Anglo Saxon era, writing their names using a feather (using the Anglo Saxon alphabet of course!), braiding with wool, wove twigs and even playing Nine Men’s Morris!

Year 6 – A Special Visitor



As part of their ‘Peacekeepers’ topic, Year 6 have been learning about Judaism. Mr Glickman, a local Jewish Rabbi, was invited into school to speak to the children about the religion and some of the main festivals including Rosh Hashanah. It was a really interesting and engaging discussion, in which the children were able to ask a lot of questions to discover information from an expert.



Christmas Diary Dates



December	
Christmas lunch (Don’t forget to wear your Christmas jumpers!)	Mon 10 th
<u>Performances</u>	
Year 3/4 Performance 9:30am & 2:15pm	Tue 11 th
Year 5/6 Carol Service 9:30am & 2:45pm	Wed 12 th
Reception Performance 9:30am (grandparents)	Thurs 13 th
Reception Performance 2:15pm (parents/carers)	Thurs 13 th
Year 1/2 Performance 9:30am & 2:15pm	Fri 14 th
Nursery am Nativity 11.00am	Thurs 20 th
Nursery pm Nativity 2:30pm	Thurs 20 th
<u>Parties</u>	
Year 5/6 party	Mon 17 th
Year 1/2 party	Tues 18 th
Year 3/4 party	Wed 19 th
Reception party	Thurs 20 th
Nursery am party	Fri 21 st
Nursery pm party	Fri 21 st
Pantomime visit for Years 1–6	Thurs 20 th
Last day of term	Fri 21 st
January	
Training day for teachers	Mon 7 th
Children return to school	Tues 8 th