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Harvest Festival

A huge thank you, once again for your generosity in providing donations for 'The



People's Kitchen'. In preparation for their Year Group Worship, some of our Year 5 children visited the People's Kitchen to see what happens to the food we donate and got to meet the volunteers, who work hard to ensure that there is a warm meal and a friendly place available for the homeless on the streets of Newcastle. Representatives from Year 5 also attended St. Margaret's Church to talk about the People's Kitchen and to lead the congregation in prayer.

Remembrance



Year 6 have once again taken charge of our Poppy Appeal this year as part of their preparation for their Year Group Worship. They have been selling poppies in and around school and a group of children went down to Durham to sell them. Over £1000 has been raised for the British Legion! Representatives from Year 6 will be attending St. Margaret's Church, taking an active role in their Remembrance Service.

Snowflake Bentley Project

Our Year 2 children are taking part in a maths enrichment project linked to the story of 'Snowflake Bentley'. Jeremy Dawson, the local co-ordinator of the North East Regional Further Maths Support Programme is leading the project in class with support from the Local Authority.

Do Jo Privacy Notice

Our recently adopted Do Jo awards system is running well in school and the children are responding well to it. We are obliged to let you know that this system is cloud based and the information is stored in the USA. The only information stored is children's first names and an initial if there are more than one child with the same name in the class. If you have any concerns about this please contact Mrs Tait.



School Dinners

The last date for any changes to be made to lunchtime choices for next term is December 8th.

Our School Christmas Dinner will be served on December 20th this year. Forms will be coming out in the next few weeks to see if any of our children presently on packed lunch would like a dinner on that day. Christmas jumpers can be worn on that day!

Attendance

Our school day begins at 8.55. There is supervision in class for infants and on the yard for juniors, from 8.45. Please ensure that your children are in school in a timely fashion to ensure a smooth start to the day. Both the infant and junior gates are closed at 8.55 to enable staff to come straight into school and begin teaching. Any children arriving after the gates have closed will have to be signed in at the office. Please note that persistent lateness will be addressed by the Attendance Improvement Team at the Local Authority.



Sporting News

Our football and netball teams have been in action this term with both performing well in their respective leagues. Our netball team came second overall and our football team won the Durham County Cup. They will now go through to the national final in Sheffield.

Congratulations to all the junior children who ran in the inter-house cross country competition, winning valuable points for their team. Oswald was the winning team on the day! Our Year 4 children and our Cross Country Team put in an excellent performance once again at the School Sports Partnership competition, with every team coming first and several of our children qualifying for the Durham County Final- a fantastic achievement!



International Work

Our school has recently been awarded the International School Award in recognition of the work we do to promote curiosity in and learning about other countries and cultures. Mrs Stoker, Mrs Gibson and two year six children attended the award ceremony at the Tyneside Cinema to collect our award. Next week we will be hosting a Russian teacher in school, who will share information about her country with the children.

Our Friends of the School will be hosting a coffee morning on Thursday 16th November up in the Infant Hall. All are welcome.

