

## Newsletter

**17th December 2021**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**



As we approach the end of such a busy term, it has been lovely to reflect on all of the wonderful moments from the past four months. From our Remembrance assembly, our Christmas performances, the incredible learning opportunities and experiences our children have had, the sporting events the children have attended and excelled in, to our now yearly Christmas 'Live raffle' (which never fails to entertain!) - it has been a truly amazing term!

It has also been wonderful to see lots of charitable events taking place within school this term. We were able to raise £331.50 for Jeans for Genes and an incredible £564.32



for Children in Need. More recently, we have been completely overwhelmed with your generosity for our Cause for Christmas Hamper campaign.



### Early Years outdoor area

We have been extremely fortunate to have secured a large amount of funding to develop our Early Years' outdoor space. We were wondering if



any of our parents knows of anyone who may be able to help rebuild our nursery gate? If you do, could you please contact the school office. Works will commence during February half term.



### Key dates

- 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 return to school
- 18<sup>th</sup> February break up for half term
- 28<sup>th</sup> February return to school
- 8<sup>th</sup> April break up for Easter holidays
- PD day 6<sup>th</sup> June and 21<sup>st</sup> July 2022

### Christmas Raffle

Thank you so much for everyone who donated prizes and purchased tickets for our Christmas Raffle. This year, the children requested that the funds go towards purchasing some new books for school. The raffle alone raised over £900.00. Thank you so much; this will go some way towards the £5,000 estimated amount of money we need to spend on new books for the children to enjoy.



### Christmas Performance

Thank you to Rachel Nesbitt, our parent governor, who helped us with filming and editing our school Christmas performances. All of our Christmas productions can be found on our website under the video gallery tab. We would also like to thank Bridie Bailey, our music teacher, who supported our school choir with their performance for the Mayor's carol concert. Their song, There's Nothing Quite Like The Christmas Time can also be found on the school website.

### After school clubs

- Monday - Cookery
- Tuesday - Drama
- Wednesday – Dance
- Thursday – Mr Sheahan football
- Friday - Newspaper

### Good luck and Goodbye

I would just like to take this opportunity to wish Mr Beane good luck and to thank him for everything he has done for the children at Durham Lane Primary School. Mr Beane will be moving to a school in Hartlepool and will be taking up a promotion as Assistant Head Teacher. We would all like to wish him good luck and all the best for the future.



### Thank you

Over the Christmas holidays, I would like to remind everyone to stay safe, but most of all, to have fun with loved ones and enjoy this time of the year. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and I am looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Kind regards,  
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