



Allendale Primary School January 2019 Newsletter

Happy New Year to everyone. Welcome to Mr Davies who is the new class teacher for Lapwing Class.

The end of the Autumn Term seems a long time ago now but £76 was raised from Christmas jumper day for Save the Children and £35 was raised for the RSPCA from the children's carol singing.

Those of you who dropped off at school this morning may have seen that there is now a noticeboard at the main school gate for any reminders or notices.

Last term, Skylark parents were invited to come into a maths lesson to see what sort of activities the children experience. This half term, Curlew and Pipit parents are invited to share a maths lesson with their child(ren). The Curlew maths lesson will be on **Thursday 17th January** at 9.00am and Pipit maths lesson will be on **Monday 4th February** in the afternoon. Parents must book a place for these sessions; Curlew parents will receive further information about the lesson and how to book a place.

There will be an Open afternoon on **Thursday 7th February** from 1.45pm. This is an opportunity for parents or family members to come into school and share the children's work with them. For any working parents or those unable to attend during school hours, the open afternoon can be attended with your child after school until 6pm.

Parents Evenings will be held the following week, on **Tuesday 12th February** and **Thursday 14th February**. Letters will be sent out in a couple of weeks for you to select a date and time slot for an appointment with your child's class teacher.

The Y5/6 girls' football team have a match against Newbrough Primary on **Tuesday 15th January**.

There will be a bags2School collection on **Thursday 24th January**. Any donations of clothing, shoes, bags etc. can be dropped off at the main reception any time.

In December the Government published the school performance data for end of KS2. This can be found at: <https://www.compare-school-performance.service.gov.uk>

Below is the data for schools in our area. It shows the percentage of pupils who achieved the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths combined. It gives a measure showing how much progress has been achieved in KS2 in each subject and finally shows the average scaled score for Reading and Maths.

School	Reading, Writing & Maths	Reading Progress	Writing Progress	Maths Progress	Greater Depth	Reading average score	Maths average score
Allendale Primary	77%	+3.3	+4.3	+0.1	31%	110	106
Shaftoe Primary	79%	+2.9	+1.2	+0.1	21%	110	106
Hexham Middle	76%	-0.6	+0.2	-0.7	18%	107	106
St Joseph's Middle	73%	+1.5	+2.3	-0.1	11%	106	104
Bellingham Middle	59%	+0.1	-0.7	-3.7	4%	105	101
Haltwhistle Middle	56%	-1.5	-3.6	-2.6	3%	104	102
England schools	64%	0.0	0.0	0.0	10%	105	104

Since our school started the Accelerated Reader Programme, we have seen a consistent improvement in Reading standards across the school which enables the children to access so much more in other subjects and topic work. It is important that all children, from Pipit Class right up to Kestrel Class, practise their reading at home, even 10 minutes a day makes a huge difference.

Also, in maths, children who practise and learn their times tables at home find their work often easier but also more accessible as so many maths concepts are rooted in tables knowledge. As one of the Y6 children reflected last year when asked if there was anything he would have changed about school, replied that he wished he learnt his tables earlier!

The children will finish school on **Friday 15th February** for half term for 1 week, starting back on **Monday 25th February**.

Mrs A Hawkins
Headteacher