

Dear Parents and Carers,

November 2022



Parent Meetings have gone well this week. Thanks to all who were able to attend, either in person or via a phone call. It was great to see so many parents taking the opportunity to look at their child's work too.

Year 6 had an excellent time at Howtown last week. The weather was kind (apart from the gales and lashing rain on the Wednesday) and the children literally threw themselves into everything. Like Y5, they'll be spending some time over the next few weeks putting together their slideshow ready to share with parents in the new year. We were lucky enough to get some publicity in the Northern Echo too. If you follow us on twitter, you'll have seen that.



**Next week is a short week for the children.**

**We have Teacher Training Days on Thursday and Friday.**

**This means school is closed for children on both Thursday and Friday.**

**All staff will be accessing some on-line training, following a pathway they have selected for their own professional development.**

## **Staffing**

Mrs Brotherston has settled quickly into Y3. She's enjoyed meeting parents through the Parent Meetings and is starting to get to grips with her Special Needs Co-Ordinator role. We also welcomed Mrs Ashcroft into our Early Years. She is currently in Reception but will be spending most of her time in Pre-School.

## **Football Updates**

### **Girls' football team**

The girls' football team have performed brilliantly this year, showing real team spirit and great determination. Well done on their runner up spot in the league this year, only narrowly missing out on being Champions in a close 2-1 defeat against Catchgate.



SCHOOL	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	POINTS
Catchgate	10	10	0	0	30
Tanfield	10	8	1	1	25
All Saints	10	6	2	2	20
Consett St. P	10	6	2	2	20
Lanchester EP	10	5	2	3	17
Greenland	10	4	3	3	15
Leadgate	10	3	1	6	10
Delves	10	2	1	7	7
Shotley	10	2	1	7	17
Medomsley	10	2	0	8	6
St. Marys	10	1	1	8	4

## Boys' football team

The boys are part way through the season, but are enjoying their matches and battling well against tough opponents. They have shown skill and a great attitude and sit mid-table with more fixtures coming on 15<sup>th</sup> November.

SCHOOL	PLAYED	WON	DRAWN	LOST	POINTS
St. Joes	4	3	1	0	10
East Stanley	4	2	2	0	8
South Stanley	4	1	3	0	6
Tanfield	4	2	0	2	6
Catchgate	4	1	1	2	4
Annfield Plain	4	1	1	2	4
Greenland	2	0	0	2	0
Shield Row	2	0	0	2	0
Bloemfontein	0	0	0	0	0

## School Football Kit appeal

Tanfield Lea Primary has a long tradition of team sports. We have boys' and girls' teams playing frequently and as a result the kit is looking rather tired after many years' service. We would like to appeal to local businesses/individuals who might like to sponsor a kit (or part of a kit) for one of the teams. If you are able to help with this, the school would very much appreciate it and allow future generations to enjoy representing the school. Please contact the school or Mr Temple for further details.



## Christmas Tree Festival

St. Margaret's will be holding their Christmas Tree Festival on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 11 until 4 p.m.

They would love you to visit the church and enjoy the different trees on display.

## Guide Dogs UK

As a school we support one charity per term. In previous years the children have voted to raise money for Children in Need but this year Guide Dogs UK got the most votes. We will have a non-school uniform day on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November we'd like children to bring a monetary donation, one per family, to support this cause. Thank you.



Finally, as usual I've included the current dates for the rest of this term. The full year's dates are on the September newsletter, a copy of which is on our website. Dates added since then have been highlighted in green on the table below.

Many thanks.

Kay Hemmings  
Head Teacher



## Dates for your Diary Autumn 2022



<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Monday 24th Oct to Friday 28th October</b>
Friday 11th Nov	Remembrance Day – 1 minute’s silence for KS2 at 11 a.m.
Weds 16th Nov	Full Governing Body Meeting
	<b>Non-School Uniform Day for Guide Dogs UK</b> – children to bring in a donation, one per family
<b>Thursday 17th Nov</b>	<b>INSET Day – No children in school today</b>
<b>Friday 18th Nov</b>	<b>INSET Day – No children in school today</b>
21 <sup>st</sup> November	Flu Immunisation all morning for Rec to Y6 – More information nearer the time
30 <sup>th</sup> Nov/1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Parents for Pre-School January starters to be invited to come for visits
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	<b>Non School Uniform Day</b> – please send in a donation for school fund (1 per family)
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec	Data Sheets to be given out to parents this week – Y1 to Y6
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y5 Multi Skills Festival (@ Tanfield)
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Christmas Performance for parents by Pre-School and Reception 9:15 a.m.</b>
	Christmas Dinner ALL CHILDREN TO COME DRESSED IN THEIR CHRISTMAS JUMPER TODAY or other Christmas clothing.
	<b>Christmas Performance for parents by Pre-School and Reception 2:15 p.m.</b>
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Y1/2 Christmas Performance for parents 9:15 a.m.</b> <b>Y1/2 Christmas Performance for parents 2:00 p.m.</b>
Friday 9th Dec	Y1 and Y2 Hockey Competition/Dance&Gym Routine (TBC) and ABCs meeting @ Tanfield
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Santa hoping to visit children in Lower School a.m. - if he can fit us into his busy schedule. <i>The Pre-School Ladybirds are invited to join us from 9 until 10</i>
	<b>Reception Party</b> – Lower School Hall p.m. – come to school in party clothes
	<b>Y5 Party</b> - Upper School Hall p.m. – come to school in party clothes
Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Pre- School Party</b> – a.m. and p.m. Lower School Hall – come to school in party clothes
	<b>Y3 Party</b> – Upper School Hall p.m. – come to school in party clothes
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>9:15 Durham Music Service to perform to Y2 and above – a Christmas Concert</b> (Money raised through fundraising during the year will be used to pay for this and the performance of The Clumsiest Christmas Elf)
	<b>10 a.m. Christmas Performance by BigFoot for Pre-School, Reception and Y1</b> - The Clumsiest Christmas Elf <i>The Pre-School Bumblebees are invited to join us from 9 until 10</i>
	<b>Y1/2 Party</b> – Lower School Hall p.m. – come to school in party clothes
	<b>Y4 Party</b> Upper School Hall p.m. - come to school in party clothes
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Y6 Party</b> Upper School Hall p.m. – bring party clothes to school
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Fair (We are working out how to hold this but intend to have one again this year)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Upper School Carol Service</b> – parents of Upper School children invited to attend with siblings. Children attending can go home following the service. Those with no parents attending will come back to school. Lower School children will attend school as usual (unless they have Upper School siblings and attend the service with their parents)
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December until Wednesday 4th January</b>