



# December 2011 Newsletter

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## **Children In Need - Thank you**

Thank you to everyone who supported our efforts to raise money for Children In Need. The grand total of £295 was raised. Well done!

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## **PTA Christmas Fair**

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Fair on Friday after school. The fair was very busy and there was a real sense of the build up to Christmas beginning.

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## **Wake Up Shake Up**

A special thank you to all of the parents who have supported and participated in the daily Wake Up Shake Up in the yard each morning before school. As the temperature has dropped and we are now getting frosty mornings we have temporarily suspended this activity in case someone slips. We will begin this daily activity again in the spring.

Thank you to Mrs Thomsom, Miss Dinning and Mrs Johnson for making this part of our daily routine so successful.

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## **St Oswalds Christmas Beanies**

We are once again selling the Christmas Beanies in aid of St Oswalds Hospice. There are 2 designs this year, a snowman and a santa. They are each priced £1.50 and are available to buy from the school office.

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## **Christmas Performances**

We are looking forward to sharing our Christmas performances with you this week. Morning performances begin at 9.30am and the afternoon performance on Wednesday is at 2.15pm. Please come early to the performances to secure a seat and have a cup of tea and a mince pie to get you into the festive spirit.

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## **Nursery Christmas Celebration**

The end of term for nursery children will be Thursday 15 December. Their final session in nursery will be a Christmas Celebration and parents are invited to join their children at the end of the session to sing some Christmas songs. Please see Mrs Ramsey for the specific timings. Thank you to Cowell's Garden Centre for supplying our nursery Christmas tree once again this year.

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## **Christmas Parties**

In the final week of term we are having our Christmas Parties in the afternoon. We ask that the children come to school in their school uniform and bring party clothes to change into later in the day. This avoids party outfits being ruined before the party even begins! Please note that there is a change to the date of the reception and KS2 parties from those that were circulated in previous newsletters.

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## **Courtesy To Our Neighbours**

We have had a complaint from Mr Needham who lives opposite our school entrance. He is complaining that children and parents are peering into the properties whilst coming to school. Please be respectful of our neighbours privacy.

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## **Pont News And Views**

Thank you to all of the parents who took their children to see the lights being turned on last Monday on Coates Green. It is lovely to see their photograph on the front of The Pont News and Views December Issue.

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## **Ofsted**

Thank you to everyone for your words of support during our recent inspection. The report is being drafted at the moment and will hopefully be circulated to all parents before the end of term.

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## Dates for your diary in Autumn Term 2011

Tuesday 6 December	KS1&2 Christmas Performance "The Donkey Seller" - am
Wednesday 7 December	Reception Christmas Performance "Busy Busy Bethlehem" - am KS1&2 Christmas Performance "The Donkey Seller" - pm
Thursday 8 December	KS1&2 Christmas Performance "The Donkey Seller" - am
Friday 9 December	KS1&2 Christmas Performance "The Donkey Seller" - am KS2 - Lights, Camera, Action Award Ceremony
Monday 12 December	Year 2 Christmas Party Choir singing at Athol House -10am
Tuesday 13 December	Year 1 Christmas Party Choir singing at Ponteland Manor -10am
Wednesday 14 December	Reception Christmas Party Choir singing at Sainsbury's - 10am
Thursday 15 December	KS2 Christmas Party Choir singing at Dobbies Garden Centre - 10am Nursery Christmas Celebration and end of term.
Friday 16 December	Christmas service at St Mary's Church (11am) End of term - School closes at 1.30pm in line with all schools in the Ponteland Partnership

### Spring term begins

Wednesday 4 January

The above dates are those envisaged by the school and may be subject to change

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5 December 2011