

ESCOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter — 16th December 2016

Dear Parents,

What's been happening:

We celebrated Children in Need and Anti-Bullying week on Friday 18th November. In total we raised £241 which we will split between the two charities. Our children are always so kind and willing to support

The Town Christmas Parade took place on Friday 18th November. A huge 'thank You' to all the children, parents and grandparents who came along to support this event. Although it's always a little early, it certainly helps to get us into the Christmas spirit!

On Monday 21st November Miss Groves delivered a Phonics session for parents in Reception Class. Parents reported that they found the session useful and informative. Thank you for coming along.

Photographs for families and individuals were taken on Tuesday 22nd November. Orders have been sent now and should arrive before the end of term.

Sarah McAllister was in school on Monday 21st November to work with Year 5 on an Enterprise activity. The children were involved in designing their own chocolate product and then making it! They also had to brand it and market it. 'We were knee deep in chocolate,' reported Indiana from Year 5 and 'It was a chocolate fun-filled time while still learning,' added Alfie from Year 5. As well as developing enterprise skills, the day also related to their Learning Challenge work on The Mayans.

Year 3's trip to Killhope planned for Thursday 24th November was cancelled by the centre due to the adverse weather conditions they were experiencing and there was a concern regarding safety. The visit will be re-scheduled for next term.

On Friday 25th November Helen Dent delivered a First Aid Training session for our Year 6 children. This was organised through The Workplace at Newton Aycliffe. The session was extremely useful in teaching our children how to keep themselves safe and what to do in an emergency. Thank you to Helen for delivering such an engaging session—the children thoroughly enjoyed it!

On Wednesday 23rd November it was Class 2 Assembly for parents and families. It was a bit of a royal occasion—the Queen even paid us a visit! Well done to Year 2 for being so fabulous and regal! Thanks to staff in year 2 for organising the Royal tea party afterwards.

This week Year 1 shared their learning with their parents and families. They have clearly had lots of fun this term with their Learning Challenges. Thank you to Year 1 for such a wonderful assembly and showing us how skilful and knowledgeable they are!

The Choir sang at Witton Park Methodist Church on Saturday 26th November. Thank you to all the children who came to sing and parents and grandparents for their support too. As usual our children sang beautifully and their behaviour was exemplary!

Kevin Kilcullen from Wheel Education was in school on Wednesday 29th November to deliver Bike Skills sessions to groups of children. The children enjoyed the sessions and Kevin really tested their cycling skills. Look out for more sessions in the new year. Please see overleaf for a competition.

Yesterday we held a Craft afternoon in school. The children worked in family groups to make 'festive' items to sell at the PTA Christmas Fayre tonight. Look out for our stall! (PTA Christmas Fayre is tonight 3-6p.m. Please come along!)

The PTA have worked hard to organise the Christmas Fayre and because this such a busy time of year and people have lots of commitments, the PTA Christmas Disco has been cancelled. The PTA intend to hold a Valentine's Disco in February instead.

Important Information that we are sending out tonight:

Safeguarding matters:

- We are keen that our children are safe at all time s when using the internet and mobile technologies. E safety leaflets are being sent home tonight for you to read with your child and sign and return to school.
- Attendance Leaflet. Please note: Expected attendance is 96%. Any child who's attendance falls below 90% is classed as a persistent absentee. We have an increasing number of children who are continually late for school. When children are late, they are missing the start of the day and this is a crucial time in school. Lateness is treated seriously and lateness after the register has closed (9.05a.m.) counts as an unauthorised absence.

Medical

- Head Lice: We have had a number of cases reported to us from across the school. Please let us know if your child does have to be treated for Head lice and then we can send a text out to parents to be vigilant. If all parents could please check their child's hair this weekend then maybe we can try and eradicate the problem. (Parents you probably need to check your own hair too—adults are definitely not immune!!!) Please continue to check your child's hair regularly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Wendy Gill & Staff



Congratulations



WHEEL EDUCATION COMPETITION TIME

Parents are invited to take part in a competition for a chance to win free sessions for school.

Please 'like' Wheel Education on their facebook page every other day over 12 days over the Christmas period and name and nominate Escomb Primary School.

Thank you for your support

Writer of the Week

21st November 2016

Reception	Jessica C
Class 1	Kibbi-J M
Class 2	Henry S
Class 3	Jack S
Class 4	Max A
Class 5	Michael S
Class 6	Emily O

Well Done for producing such fabulous writing!

Star of the Week Award

2nd December 2016

Class Nominations

Reception	Sonny J
Class 1	Finley H
Class 2	Whole Class
Class 3	Esme S
Class 4	Lara R
Class 5	John H
Class 6	Scarlet S

Superstar of the Week!

*** Scarlet S ***

Star of the Week Award

21st November 2016

Class Nominations

Reception	Kate D
Class 1	Finley P
Class 2	Jack R
Class 3	Jessica B
Class 4	Joey D
Class 5	Ellie S
Class 6	Jessica O

Superstar of the Week!

*** Finley P ***

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning:

14/11/2016

Year 4

100%

Well Done

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Week Beginning:

21/11/2016

Year R

98%

Well Done