

# New Delaval Primary School Newsletter - November 2015

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Dear Parents and Carers

As November rapidly draws to a close we pause for breath after what has been a fun packed and exciting month which included Gillian Bell a visitor from Westminster working with Year 5 and 6 on what happens within Parliament and how decisions are made. Guy Bass the author worked with classes and was tremendous! Pudsey Bear visited school. Year 2 visited the BBC and were television presenters for the morning and Year 4 visited Vindolanda and a roman fort as part of their History and Literacy topic. Phew!

## Reading

One of our whole school priorities this year is to improve the opportunities and outcomes for children in reading. Teachers and children have worked very hard to create lovely reading areas and ensure a wealth of reading opportunities in the classroom. It would be great if parents could support the children by encouraging them to read for 10 minutes at night at home and by having the children return their reading books so that they can be changed regularly.

## Parents/Carers Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who completed and returned the questionnaire. At present your responses are being collated and will be shared with you in the usual way via our monthly newsletter and a display in the main foyer. It is always lovely to read your positive comments. There were some really useful suggestions that we will be implementing as a result of the questionnaire.

## SRE

Our parent information session was extremely well attended last Wednesday. Talking to parents in the hall after the meeting was very positive. Thank you to everyone who attended to share their views. Some of the comments resulting from the session were “ **the session was very helpful and informative**”, “ **I think these lessons are going to help the younger generation to grow**”, “ **Overall the session was very helpful I will feel more confident when talking to my children about this subject**” and “ **You did a good job keep up the good work**” .

## Reminder

Miss Smith has asked that I remind parents they are very welcome to come along to her parent/child reading sessions. These sessions start at 2:45pm every Friday afternoon. Mrs Ralph will be in touch with Nursery parents/carers shortly with details of her Nursery reading session.

## Head lice

A couple of parents have reported their child has head lice. I have included again with this newsletter information on this topic as well as a few useful websites for you. School has spoken with the school nurse on the possibility of running drop-in education sessions but unfortunately this will not be possible. So with that in mind she has directed us to a Bug Busting Website which explains all about the wet combing method. I fully appreciate how frustrating it can be as a parent when your child catches head lice. We will continue to support our parents by doing all we can whilst following NHS policy guidelines.

Yours sincerely

Headteacher

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## Head Lice

**We have had reports of head lice in different year groups in school. Please see below information which may be of some help:**

Head lice can be difficult to treat due to a high re-infestation rate and their ability to develop resistance to traditional insecticides contained in some medications.

- You should only treat your child if you find live head lice, which confirms a live infestation. Don't treat 'just in case'.
- Head lice are tough. They can't be killed by washing with normal shampoo or normal combing. Because they reproduce so quickly, you've got to kill them before they spread.
- If your child has head lice, check everyone in the family. You'll need to treat everyone affected to get rid of them.
- You can treat head lice by wet-combing hair with a special comb, or by using medicated lotions or sprays available over the counter at pharmacies.

### Wet Combing

The wet combing method involves removing the head lice by systematically combing the hair using a special fine-toothed comb.

- Wash the hair using ordinary shampoo and apply plenty of conditioner, before using a wide-toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair.
- Once the comb moves freely through the hair without dragging, switch to the louse detection comb. Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots with the bevel-edge of the teeth lightly touching the scalp.
- Draw the comb down to the ends of the hair with every stroke and check the comb for lice.
- Remove lice by wiping or rinsing the comb.
- Work methodically through the hair, section by section, so that the whole head of hair is combed through.
- Rinse out conditioner and repeat the combing procedure in the wet hair.
- **Repeat the procedure on days five, nine and 13 so that you clear young lice as they hatch, before they have time to reach maturity.**
- The length of time it will take to comb your child's hair will depend on the type of hair your child has and how long it is. For example, short, straight hair can be quickly prepared and can be fine-toothed combed in a few minutes, whereas longer, curlier hair will take longer to comb.

### Medicated lotion or spray

- Using medicated lotion or spray is an alternative method of treating head lice. However, no medicated treatment is 100% effective. Your pharmacist will be able to recommend an over-the-counter lotion or spray.
- Medicated treatments should only be used if a living (moving) head louse is found. Crème rinses and shampoos are not thought effective and are therefore not recommended.
- Ensure you have enough lotion to treat everyone in your family who is affected. Use enough to coat the scalp and the length of the hair during each application.
- Follow instructions that come with the medicated lotion or spray when applying it. Depending on the product you are using, the length of time it will need to be left on the head may vary from 10 minutes to 8 hours.

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Date	Event and time	Who?
Wednesday 9th December	New Delaval Primary Pantomime Performance 7:00pm	All welcome No pre-school children please
Thursday 10th December	New Delaval Primary Pantomime Performance 2:00pm	All welcome Including pre-school children
Thursday 10th December	New Delaval Primary Pantomime Performance 7:00pm	All welcome No pre-school children please
Monday 14th December	KS1 Seasonal Performance 9:30am	All welcome
Tuesday 15th December	Foundation Stage Seasonal Performance 9:30am	All welcome
Tuesday 15th December	KS1 Christmas Party	Children to come to school in party clothes
Wednesday 16th December	Nursery & Reception Christmas Party (Morning)	Children to come to school in party clothes
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch	Whole School
Thursday 17th December	KS2 Christmas Party	Children to come to school in party clothes
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Crafts 2:00pm	All welcome
Friday 18th December	Text Santa - Christmas Jumper Day End of term School Closes at <b>2:00pm</b>	All pupils
Tuesday 5th January 2016 8:45am	School Re-opens for Spring Term	All pupils



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## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 18 DECEMBER 2015

*For a donation to Text Santa come to school on Friday 18th December in a Christmas Jumper!*



It's that time of year again! In support of St Oswald's Hospice we have Christmas beanies for sale priced at £2.00. Please call into the school office if you would like to buy a beanie for your Christmas Tree!

## Community Notice Board

**Coffee Morning Saturday - 5th December**

**Venue: Cowpen Methodist Church**

**Making Christingles and singing carols**

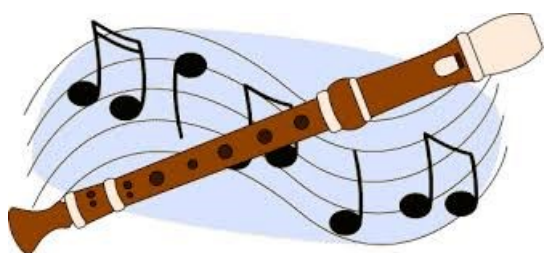
**from 10:00am -11:30am - children must be accompanied by an adult.**



**Christmas Service For All Ages - 20th December – 10:30am**

**Children to be accompanied by an adult**

**Venue: Cowpen Methodist Church**



### Music lessons

**If you think your child would be interested in learning how to play the recorder, then please contact the school office.**

Cost of lessons-

- £40 per academic year

Cost if you are eligible to receive Free School Meals

- £10 per term (child must attend 7 sessions)

### Reminders from school office

- Please make sure your child's lunch money is paid in advance.  
Price per day £2:20
- Please note do not use your mobile phone within school grounds. Many thanks
- In case of emergency, please immediately inform the office of any changes to addresses or mobile phone numbers.



### Parents/Carers/ Grandparents of Reception Children

Please come along to Reception every Friday afternoon at 2:45pm to listen to your child read and also help them to choose a library book to take home with them to read.

We look forward to seeing you !