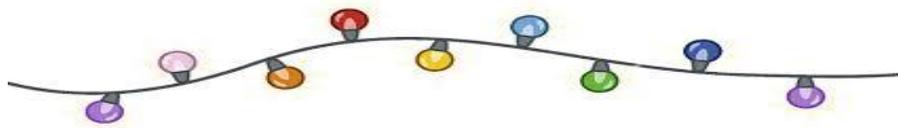




## NEWSLETTER 12: December

New email address for school is [stjs@stjs.bwcet.com](mailto:stjs@stjs.bwcet.com)



### Christmas Performances and Recordings

EYFS unit will be performing their Nativity Play during school hours which we will record.

Pupils in KS1 & KS2 will be dressing in their costumes or Christmas/Festive Jumpers and each class will record their Nativity songs.

All recordings will be put on a secure 'You Tube' link which will be sent to parents/carers. People will only be able to view the recording via the link we send out via text message. Please do not share the link or make it available on social media.

If you have already signed consent for us to record your child's image on video, then they will be included in the recordings. This consent, or otherwise, is usually given when your child starts school. If you did not give consent and you wish your child to be included in these recordings can you please email the school office

[stjs@stjs.bwcet.com](mailto:stjs@stjs.bwcet.com) by 9am on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December stating

To comply with the Data Protection Act 1998, I give permission for my child to be included in the Christmas Performance recordings for 2021 that will be made available to all parents via a secure 'You Tube' link.

Name of Child .....

Name of Parent .....

## Christmas Activities



On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December children can come to school in non-uniform and a Christmas/Festive Jumper. Donations can be made via ParentPay. This is also Christmas Lunch day.

Children will be going to the Tyne Theatre to see Sleeping Beauty on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December during the school day.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Party Day. Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes. We have organised party food and Christmas Present for all the children. School will subsidise these treats but a voluntary contribution of £3 per child towards the cost would be greatly appreciated.



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December the children can come to school in their Pyjama's and Dressing Gowns as we will be having a Christmas Movie day in each class.

## Charity Donations

Thank you for your donations. We have raised the following for good causes:

- Show Racism the Red Card £164.10
- Children in Need £146.80

## Star of the Week



The following children received a Star of the Week certificate last week:

- Nursery - Nori for always being polite and good mannered
- Reception - Harley-Kate for persevering with her problem-solving skills when working in the elves' workshop.
- Year 1 - William for his amazing writing this week.
- Year 2 - Ethan for some fantastic reading this week.
- Year 3 - Evelyn for trying her best to be independent when working, Keep it up!
- Year 4 - Emily for being so resilient during break times.
- Year 5 - Abigail for producing an excellent piece of artwork linked to the coal mines. Well done!
- Year 6 - Faith for her wonderful attitude to work and how she supports others in the class.



### Forest School / Northumbria in Bloom 2022

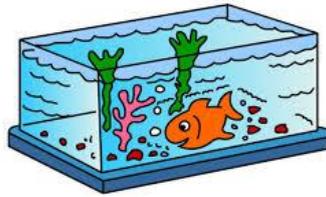
We would like to thank Andrew Scott, Director of Stanley Travel for agreeing to provide a minibus, free of charge, to transport the children between school and the South Causey Hotel Community Garden. He has kindly offered to cover 6 free sessions in total, this academic year, with dates now agreed.

The first session was held on Monday 29/11/21. The children had a wonderful afternoon, completing natural artwork, storytelling, exploring the area, spotting flora and fauna, reflecting and sharing their ideas for the 'grand redesign'. Plans include building habitats, erecting a beehive, planting pollinators, and making a boardwalk near the lake. This work links to the curriculum covering Art & DT, Literacy, Science, Mathematics and PHSE.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Adam, our driver of the day, who transported us with care. The Community Garden project supports our Eco School renewal application and will form part of our 2022 Northumbria in Bloom application. After securing a Gold award once again this year, we are aiming to further improve, and hope this additional project will give us the edge needed to be awarded the 'best school'. We do believe with the hard work and determination already shown by the children, that this is achievable.

Next year, we will be seeking support from families and County Durham Young Farmers to assist us in transforming the area in line with the children's designs. We will keep you updated on our plans and how the project progresses.

## Fish Tank/Discount Voucher



The children in EYFS were very excited to find that Jonnie from Lanchester Garden Centre had been into school this week to install a huge fish tank.

There is nothing more calming than watching a beautiful aquarium for its therapeutic effects as well as an opportunity to clear our minds and stimulate our creative thought processes! The children are looking forward to the responsibility of looking after their class fish, learning to be compassionate to other creatures and the need to preserve nature as well as being in a calm working environment.

With Christmas around the corner, you may wish to take advantage of the voucher below kindly provided by Lanchester Garden Centre. They will accept this voucher on production of this image on a phone too.

### **Discount Voucher**

To celebrate the installation of the schools new fish tank by Lanchester Aquatics we will be offering a 10% discount on any items purchased at Lanchester Garden Centre.



Discount valid only on production of this voucher featured in the St Josephs Newsletter and valid until 31st December 2021.

Voucher can only be used once and is not valid in conjunction with any other offer or already reduced/sale items. It also excludes use on any of our events.



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