



## NEWSLETTER 13: December



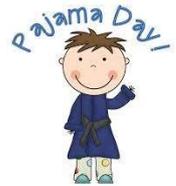
Here we are at the end of the Autumn Term. Things have been a bit different in school these last few weeks but the children have coped very well with the changes. The EYFS unit have recorded their Nativity and the rest of the children have recorded Nativity songs with their class. The recordings can be viewed via each class page on the school website <https://www.stanley-pri.durham.sch.uk/our-classes/>

All of the children had a fabulous time at their Christmas Party with party games & party food in the classroom. Each class had time in the hall for a disco.



Although we were unable to go to the Pantomime this year the Tyne Theatre have kindly agreed to transfer our booking to 2022.

We have ended the term with a Pyjama/Movie Day with each class watching a movie in the classroom.



Some of our Year 6 pupils delivered the gifts to Pact House for their toy Appeal. Thank to you everyone for your donations.

The current arrangements of bubbles and staggered start & finish times will remain in place when the children return to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. There will also be no Breakfast & After School Wrap Around care when we returned. All of these arrangements will be reviewed following the Christmas Break and further advice/guidance from the Government & Public Health.

All the staff & I wish you and your family a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

### Star of the Week

For week ending the 3<sup>rd</sup> December, the following children received a Star of the Week certificate:



- 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.

### Star of the Week

For week ending the 10<sup>th</sup> December, the following children received a Star of the Week certificate:



- Nursery - Arabella for being a kind and considerate friend
- Reception - Isobel for her excellent attitude in class and for always using kind words to all around her
- Year 1 - Aidan for fantastic listening this week and some excellent independent work
- Year 2 - Freya for some brilliant reading this week
- Year 3 - Arjun for his excellent work both at home and in school. Well done!
- Year 4 - Hannah for having a very mature approach to school life
- Year 5 - James for your excellent behaviour and always being ready to learn. Well done!
- Year 6 - Scarlett for always trying her best in class and being a good role model

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



- Nursery - Noah for the best dance moves in town at our Christmas Party!
- Reception - Thea for stepping into the role of Mary at the last minute with no practice and being amazing!
- Year 1 - John for being a great friend and showing lots of kindness
- Year 2 - Tia for producing a fantastic nativity scene stained glass window
- Year 3 - Henry for his increasingly independence in all work. You are doing so well.
- Year 4 - Jack for demonstrating a mature approach to all aspects of school life. Well Done!
- Year 5 - Freya for being very reflective and engaged in RE lessons during Advent. Well Done!
- Year 6 - Teagan for an excellent piece of writing.



### ParentPay/School Meals

Please can we ask that all parents/carers make any outstanding payments to school meals, Breakfast Club and Wrap Around Care. Thank you

The current menu will continue after Christmas. All meals must be booked & paid for via ParentPay. If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, meals are free and can be booked for the full term (4<sup>th</sup> January - 17<sup>th</sup> February). Nursery & KS2 children meals can be booked on a weekly, monthly or termly basis and must be paid for at the time of booking.

As I am sure you can appreciate, it can be **distressing for a child** if they haven't been booked in to have a school meal and they don't have a packed lunch (please note that this doesn't usually come to light until lunchtime). Staff will obviously then contact parents/carers to arrange a meal but children may have to have whatever is available at short notice and it is not always their choice or parents may have to bring a packed lunch in for their child. Please help us ensure your child has the meal of their choice by booking meals by a Sunday at the latest for the following week. If you have any queries about booking on ParentPay, please contact Mrs Cowan or Miss Greenwell who will be more than happy to help.