



# NEWSLETTER

## Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

### December

Well what a busy couple of weeks we have had in the run up to our Christmas break. Thank you very much for your support in all of our activities; it is lovely to have been able to celebrate our carol service, nativity and singalong events with so many of you. Your continued support with our charity work and fundraising has been very much appreciated, together we have raised an amazing £450 for St Cuthbert's Hospice following our rather chilly 'Elf Walk'. You can still donate, should you wish, through Parentpay or our 'just giving' page.

Our children have enjoyed their Christmas parties which included some traditional games and dancing and Christmas dinner this year was certainly very popular. KS2 children also enjoyed a fabulous concert from Durham Music Service 'Supersonic Strings' and celebrated the hard work of our musicians learning woodwind instruments with Mrs Roberts.

Our children return to school on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Breakfast and tea club will be available from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January and all other activity clubs from Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

Swimming lessons begin on 9<sup>th</sup> January for selected children and on 12<sup>th</sup> January for children in Barnard class. Swimming hats will be available to buy from school at a cost of £2.

Congratulations to Kingsgate who have won the house competition for Autumn term.

Our staff would like to say a huge thank you for the thoughtful cards and gifts received and would like to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas break. We very much look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

#### Dates for the diary

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January

School re-opens for children

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January

After School Activity clubs begin

# Awards and Celebrations



## Star of the Week

For an excellent half term!

Lambton	Rosie	Barnard	Eli
Lumley	Yara	Bowes	Rosie
Alnwick	Zack	Brancepeth	Rose
Auckland	Ziia	Lindisfarne	Ellie-Rose
Aydon	Yarik	Warkworth	Molly
		Bamburgh	Martha

## Reader of the Week

Lambton	Bea	Barnard	Aleen
Lumley	James	Bowes	Rufus
Alnwick	Maxwell	Brancepeth	Aidan
Auckland	Luke	Lindisfarne	Hugh
Aydon	Eddie	Warkworth	Max
		Bamburgh	Oliver

Tidiest Classroom is  
Lindisfarne



Happy Birthday to everyone who celebrates a birthday over the Christmas holiday period.



# Nursery News



Last week in Nursery we have LOVED exploring the ice and snow! We collected frosted leaves and let the sunlight make them sparkle. Later we collected small leaves, twigs and seed pods. we took them back to nursery and arranged them in little pots. Then we added water and left them outside. It was exciting seeing how much they had changed when the water froze! We then hung up our frozen natural decorations!

We have also enjoyed having little ice bergs in our water tray indoors and comparing this to our totally solid frozen ice water tray outside.

During recent nursery days, we have been busy making Christmas cards, calendars and star decorations. This involved lots of scissor practise, shiny pen mark making and signing our names!

Our digital advent calendar has been super popular and the children have been clicking and tapping to decorate the virtual Christmas tree, chose hats and scarves for the virtual snowman and select decorations for a virtual gingerbread house. On Friday we did our mini sponsored Elf Walk, around the school grounds, raising funds for St Cuthbert's Hospice.

We hope everyone enjoyed our Nursery Christmas Sing Song to round up the term!

Thank you for all the kind festive wishes. Very best wishes to you all and Merry Christmas.

The Nursery Team.

**YOU'RE INVITED TO**

**GAMES**

**FUN!**

**DRINKS AND BISCUITS**

**PREP FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL**

**SUPER 6**

**AN AFTER SCHOOL CLUB JUST FOR YEAR 6!**

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, NEVILLES CROSS  
FRIDAYS 3:45 - 5PM  
STARTING FRIDAY 20 JANUARY  
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON  
EMAIL YOUTH@KCD.ORG.UK IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS



Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the Christmas holiday period, Kalma Life are running free holiday activity clubs with Fun and Food fully funded by Durham County Council for all children in and around the Meadowfield area.

Each day there will be a range of fun yoga activities, games, crafts, workshops, mindfulness and more aimed at primary aged children between 4-11 years old.

A morning snack, lunch and drinks will also be provided for each child. Any dietary requirements must be noted on the booking.

Please note there are no limitations to how many sessions your child can attend however, there are a maximum of 20 places each day and bookings are to be made on an individual daily basis via the website below. Priority will also be given to children eligible for free school meals.

As the places are limited and very sought after, we respectfully ask that any sessions that can't be attended due to illnesses etc. we are told about so the place can be given to another family to benefit from. If we are not informed and 2 or more dates are missed, then we will assume you no longer require the remaining pre-booked places and these will be offered to someone else.

All clubs will run between 10am – 2pm at Meadowfield Leisure Centre, Meadowfield, DH7 8RG

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> December  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> December  
Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December

Bookings made via; [www.kalmalifeuk.co.uk/gatesheadwest](http://www.kalmalifeuk.co.uk/gatesheadwest)

Click on 'Book a Class' at the top then filters 'Holiday Club 4-11 years' to show all clubs.

Any questions, please contact via [emma@gatesheadwest.kalmalifeuk.co.uk](mailto:emma@gatesheadwest.kalmalifeuk.co.uk) or 07581359585. Many thanks, Emma Bell