

If you would like to sponsor our Half-Termly Newsletter, please see Mrs Turland our School Business Manager, in the Office.

**Important dates to note**



Mon. 28 Nov. - Decorations' Day  
Tues. 6 Dec. 1.30pm - Christmas Concert  
Thurs. 8 Dec. 9.30am - Christmas Concert  
**Concerts are outside so wrap up warm!**  
Tickets on sale from 22.11.11 at £1  
Wednes. 14 Dec. - Christmas Parties

**Whole School Events**

Friday 4 November - Outdoor Learning Day -Bring your wellies and make a donation  
Monday 7-Thursday 10 November - Book Fair  
Thursday 17 & Friday 18 November - Family photographs  
Monday 14 - Friday 18 November -Anti-Bullying Week  
Friday 18 November - Children in Need  
Thursday 24 November 2pm - Home School Partnership Meeting  
Wednesday 7 December - School Christmas Dinner  
Friday 9 December—Choir performing at the Metro Centre 10-12noon  
Sunday 11 December - Christingle - All Saints' Church 6.30pm  
Friday 16 December 9.30am - Christmas Celebration at All Saints' Church  
Friday 16 December 3.15—School Closes. Reopens Wednesday 4 January.



**STAR AWARD** **Special Awards** **STAR AWARD**

 We encourage good attendance across school and positive patterns are developed early.  
  
Please inform school if your child is unable to attend because of illness, phone 4334080 before 10am.  
Thank you.  
Attendance Award: Overall attendance for the school was 95.5% for last half term.

**Lobley Hill Primary School**

**Let's Celebrate!**

Last half term we have celebrated excellent academic achievement across school, with Foundation Stage Profile, Key Stage 1 and 2 SAT data reflecting the hard work and commitment of children, parents and staff. This indeed is an exciting time at Lobley Hill Primary School! Already this term children have visited a number of places and Year 4 have completed their first residential visit at Gibside. A fantastic success! The outdoor environment is about to 'lift off' with an exciting menu of activities on Friday 4 November.

**Lobley Hill Primary School and the Community**

Money donated by 'Kular Stores' will be used to help change our outdoor environment. The huge shed donated, by a local charity, is so large an entire class can use it for activities! The sponsored run also helped generate funding to further transform our school environment. Next year our school will make a major contribution to the Lobley Hill Community Festival and planning has already started. The committee for the festival needs a secretary to help co-ordinate this day of fun for the whole community. If you are interested please contact school on tel. 4334080 or Sue Shafto.



**Home School Partnership**

Calendar making will soon be upon us and a band of dedicated parents and carers usually offer their support to make these. Why not join them? They are also hoping to collect Christmas presents to send to Barnardos.



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Coffee Morning (& resource prep for staff) every Friday at 9am in our staff room. Do come and have a cuppa and chat.

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## Nursery News

Nursery have made a super start to school. The children are becoming familiar with the rules and routines of Nursery and are building positive relations with staff. We are grateful to you and your families for helping us provide a smooth transition for the children into Nursery. Please could you remember to close the outside door when you enter and leave Nursery and ensure that a member of staff is aware of your child's arrival.

## Reminders

Please can you ensure your child has a pair of named wellies in school for use in the outdoor learning environment. The children have access to the outdoor learning environment everyday, in all weathers.

Children are encouraged to be independent and hang up their own jumpers and coats. Please therefore, check that you have the correct belongings before leaving Nursery.

Don't forget to check for letters and children's work in their tray at the end of each session. Morning and afternoon children share a tray so again check for names. Your child's tray is directly below their photo.

Your children are very active in school and we feel it is important to ensure they have access to a healthy snack. We would ask for a voluntary contribution, of up to £1:50 each week, which goes towards healthy snacks and materials for cooking, playdough etc.

## Parental Consultations



We look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday 9th November. In these sessions you will be able to view your child's Learning Journey showing the progress they have made in school so far. The Nursery staff will be happy to answer any questions or queries you

## Decorations Day

Foundation Stage's Decorations Day is on Tuesday 29th November, we look forward to seeing you then. We can't wait to get gluing and glittering together!

## Curriculum Update

Our theme this term is Ourselves. We are learning about what makes us special and unique and celebrating our similarities and differences. The children will be talking about their families and who lives in their homes. We are asking children to share information about their likes, dislikes and what they do at home with their family and friends.

They will be learning about what makes us healthy and will have visits from the dentist. We are hoping to do lots of baking and tasting opportunities. We are lucky to have Thelma who will work with the children in the kitchen on a Wednesday.

We will also be learning how to stay safe. This will include a visit from The Road Safety Officer and our CSO David Craigs.

We continue to make use of the wonderful resources in the nursery garden. We will also be visiting the Forest Classroom.

## Coming soon!

Throughout school the children choose a 'Special Person' for the Day. The aim of 'Special Person' is to raise self esteem and confidence. Being Special Person includes sitting on the Special chair, giving messages, being the leader of our line and helping with the café. The children love this part of the day and are very good at waiting for their turn. This half term there will be a focus on 'Creative Development' so Special Person will bring home a bag full of objects with prompts for singing familiar and favourite songs. Feel free to explore and make up your own! **Please make sure the bag is returned the following day.**

## Wanted!

If you feel you would like to come into Nursery to help set up the café with the children you would be most welcome. Please collect a CRB form from the office in school. Once you have your clearance please let us know when you are available. There will be a sign up board in Nursery.