

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
 Tues. 29 Nov. pm - Decorations' Day -
 - Miss Glendenning's Class
 Thurs. 1 Dec. pm - Decorations' Day -
 - Miss Thubron's Class
 Tues. 6 Dec. 9.30am - Christmas Concert - Y1
 will perform while Y2 sing
 Thurs. 8 Dec. 2.30pm - Christmas Concert -
 Y2 will perform while Y1 sing
 Tickets on sale from 22.11.11 at £1
 Tues. 13 Dec. - Christmas Party from 1pm

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.



Special Awards

 Attendance: Overall attendance for the school was 95.5% for last half term.
 Miss Glendenning's Class 95.5%
 Miss Thubron's Class 94.9%
 Please inform school if your child is unable to attend because of illness, phone 01914334080 before 10am.

 Miss Glendenning's Class were Healthy Eaters for last half term!
 Well Done!

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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Year Two News

We have had a good start to Year Two as the children are settling in well. Thank you for all your support at home, it is appreciated. The children are working well in a variety of groups and with different adults.

Canon Hopper Visits

As part of our theme 'Let's Explore Lobley' Canon Hopper came to visit us and he answered our questions about the local area. We enjoyed listening to him and we found out many interesting facts about Lobley Hill. It was really good to hear first hand about the area and to see his interesting photographs from the past to the present day.

Outdoor Fun

We have enjoyed using the outdoor areas within our school grounds. It has been exciting to see how things are developing and interesting discussions have been held - what might be in the treasure chests in the shed? All the children who took part in the sponsored run around the school grounds did so with determination and perseverance - well done! Thank you too for the sponsor money received.

Our Visit To Beamish

We will be visiting Beamish Open Air Museum on Tuesday 1st November. Both classes are travelling together by coach to spend the whole day at the museum. We are focussing on vehicles from the past and are looking forward to the visit.

Parental Consultations



Year Two parental consultations are going to be held on Monday 7th November, Tuesday 8th November and Wednesday 9th November from 3.30pm till 5.00pm on these three days. Each time slot is 10 minutes and they will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please return the slip as soon as possible for your preferred time.

House News

It has been exciting to be involved in the house activities for the first time. Each child in the school is in one of the four houses: Columbus, Andersen, Redgrave or Einstein. The children have shown enjoyment, enthusiasm and creativity when taking part in the various house afternoons.

Curriculum Update

Our theme for the whole of Autumn Term is 'Let's Explore Lobley'. We will be continuing to learn about our local area and the wider community this coming half term.

The subjects we will be covering in addition to our daily lessons of Numeracy and Literacy are:

Science – We will be covering the topic of 'Forces and Movement' where we will be planning, carrying out and evaluating our own Science investigation.

History—Our focus for History this half term will be vehicles in the past. We will be using what we have seen and discussed at Beamish and will be researching in the classroom using a variety of resources. We will be comparing and contrasting vehicles from the past with those of the present day.

Design Technology -As we are learning about transport in the past, we will be designing, making and evaluating our own vehicle that we will make using skills we have learnt and developed in Design Technology,

RE—Our theme for the whole year is Christianity. For the next half term we will be learning about Christmas celebrations and the Nativity story. We will be thinking about the significance of Christmas for Christians and different customs and practice.

PE—Each week, we have an indoor and outdoor PE session. In our outdoor session we will be concentrating on learning throwing and catching skills and we are continuing to develop a dance routine relating to our local area in our indoor session.

ICT—We will be learning how to position and direct programmable robots (roamers and bee bots). This will also be linked to our Numeracy work.

Through weekly circle times, classroom worship and daily special person sessions we are thinking carefully about others and how we should treat them with respect. To encourage a calm and happy environment we have been participating in weekly peer massage sessions working co-operatively with a partner to develop massage techniques. Our child friendly strokes focus on relaxation techniques and contact to the head, back, arms and hands while we sit in pairs on the carpet. Can you remember and practise some of these strokes at home?

School dinner menu is available on the website. A reminder that as part of our Healthy School programme, we ask that children do not bring chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks to school.

