

## Half Termly Newsletter

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. am - Decorations' Day  
 Mon. 5 Dec. - Christmas Concerts  
 - 2.30pm and 6pm  
 Tickets on sale from 22.11.11 at £1  
 Fri. 16 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



The newly appointed House Captains are doing a fantastic job.

Columbus: Molly Reynolds and Niall Tinnion

Andersen: Ethan Howeth and Courtney Burn

Redgrave: Ben Holbrook and Courtney Sander

Einstein: Scott Hall and Holly Ip

As well as monitoring and totalling the house points on a weekly basis they have a great deal of responsibility during House afternoons.



Attendance:

**Attendance in Year 6 last half term was excellent with Mr Lawson's Class being BEST ATTENDERS across the school, once.**

**Miss Kemp's Class was BEST ATTENDERS an amazing THREE times!**

Overall attendance for the school was 95.5% for last half term.

Miss Kemps' Class - 98.1%

Mr Lawson's Class - 97.4%

Please inform school if your child is unable to attend because of illness, phone 01914334080 before 10am.

# 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 Six News

The children have settled really well into all aspects of Year 6 school life. They have been praised for setting a good example to the younger children when on the yard, whilst in class they are respectful, hard-working and keen to learn. This mature approach to their final year has been noted by all staff and visitors.

## Theme, French and PE

For the first time Year 5 and 6 have been able to benefit from spending time with other teachers for specific subjects. Our theme for the term is 'The Environment'. Mr. Lawson covers Geography whilst Mrs. Armstrong delivers Design and Technology. On a Wednesday afternoon Year 6 have French with Miss Kemp, recapping greetings as well as learning new vocabulary, and PE is delivered by (which is gymnastics this term) Miss Meredith.

The children have benefited from the expertise of staff members, showing enthusiasm for having different teachers and learning in different places.

## Year Visit

We visited Gateshead Stadium for the launch of Accelerated Reader. We also hope to visit the Shipley Art Gallery and The City of Newcastle Gymnastics Club.

## Parental Consultations

**Tuesday 8th November and Wednesday 9th November**

Ten minute time slots are available on a first come first served basis, starting at 3.30.

**The last appointment will be at 5.20 on both evenings.**



## House News

This term, for the first time ever, Year 1 and 2 have joined in with our house activities and reward system. Our first activity together was based around New Zealand and the Rugby World Cup. The children designed Maori masks and created their own house Haka which they then each performed in front of the other houses.

## Curriculum Update

**Literacy** This half-term we will be reading and writing reports. This will involve thinking about the different types of report, the intended audience and including appropriate language features. We will also discuss the language choices in a variety of poems and discuss the themes contained within. Later in the term we will link some explanation writing into our theme work.

**Maths** We will continue looking at fractions and extend this to decimals and percentages. We will then move into data handling using ICT and solving worded problems. The children will carry out problem solving mathematical tasks on a weekly basis and these will focus on using logic to eliminate possibilities and then find an answer. If you would like to support your child with their Maths work an ideal opportunity would be through helping them with their homework, encouraging them to talk through what they are doing as well as explaining what they have been learning in class that week.

**Science** This half-term Year 6 will learn about different micro-organisms and their role in our everyday lives. This will involve thinking about bacteria, what causes disease, how our body fights disease and how we can take steps to keep ourselves healthy. This will include investigation work where we follow scientific processes which will continue to be developed throughout the year.

## Accelerated Reader

Our Accelerated Reader program this year was kick-started with a fantastic day of dressing up as book characters. The activities were based around J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter series with children making wands and some 'tasty' treats. Year 6 also enjoyed a visit to Gateshead Stadium to read in some unusual places as well as to view some of the sports facilities on offer. The current competition between the classes is to earn the most 100% quiz passes, requiring them to show a detailed understanding of the books they have read.

**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.

