

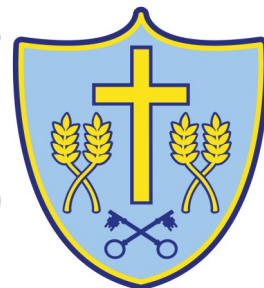
## St. Peter's Elwick CE Primary School

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### News to You - Weekly Newsletter

Week 12– Autumn Term - 30.11.18

#### Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents / Carers

Our school has been alive with learning this week. Some of the pupils in Years 4 & 5 have been participating in Bikeability, teaching them cycling skills that help them cycle safely when they are independently out cycling. This also helps provide them with a skill that will help support their health and well-being in future years, being able to keep fit and well both physically and mentally by enjoying getting out and about safely on their bikes.

Our sports teams have also been in action this week in a Dodgeball tournament. Their attitude and enthusiasm has been outstanding. Elwick team came 1st in their round and will now compete in the town final in a couple of weeks time. Well done!

Tickets are now available for our Christmas performances. Once again we are ensuring a day time and evening performance to try to ensure parents/carers are able to see their child perform. We seek to support our parents by trying to fit with working commitments and I would like to say a big thank you to staff for giving up their time to do this and a thank you to parents for bringing pupils back to school to perform in the evening performances. It is always a wonderful occasion and lovely to allow as many parents as possible to share in it.

I have been fortunate this week to meet with some key figures in education including Damian Hinds, the Secretary of State for Education, and Sean Harford, Ofsted's national director. It is always great to be able to put our schools on the national map and ensure Hart and St. Peter's Elwick are part of the bigger picture of education.

Our schools have been assessed for the Carnegie Mental Health award this week and we look forward to sharing the outcomes of the award with our school community.

As December rolls in, we hope our families enjoy the weekend, including those who will be eagerly opening their advent calendars tomorrow,  
Mrs. Heaton

#### Reverse Advent Calendar

This year our Big Fish group will be setting up a reverse advent calendar in December to help those in need in Hartlepool. The first week in December we would like to invite the children from Early years and Key stage one to bring a small food donation. Year 3 and 4 to bring in a donation in the second week and finally Year 5 and 6 in the third week. All donations will be taken to Hartlepool Foodbank. We would like to thank you in advance for



#### Award Winners this week

##### St. Peter's Key

EYFS— Olivia Pinkney – Hayes

Y1/2— Matilda Norris

Y3/4—Alexis Lakey

Y5/6—Elodie Davison

##### Golden Quill

EYFS— Indi Laycock

Y1/2— Autumn Da Rocha

Y3/4— Harry Dickson

Y5/6— Rosemary Drummond

##### Superstar

EYFS— Belle Aggio

Y1/2—Kara Gray-Fewster

Y3/4— Henry Norris

Y5/6— Olivia Clark

##### Maths Award

EYFS— Rocco Da Rocha

Y1/2— Hannah Wells

Y3/4— Eleanor Theodosiou

Y5/6— Ella Lakey

#### Dates for your diary and other Information...

**Wednesday 5th December**—Y5/6 visit to Heugh Battery . Packed lunch required.

**Thursday 6th December**—EY & KS1 Visit to The Arc. Letters have been sent out separately. Packed lunch required.

**Tuesday 11th December 1.30pm and 5.30pm**—EYFS & KS1 Christmas performance.

**Thursday 13th December 1.30pm**—KS2 Christmas performance.

**Friday 14th December**—PD Day. School Closed.

**Monday 17th December**—Christmas Jumper Day. Children can come into school wearing a Christmas Jumper if they wish for a small donation for the Save the Children charity. Please note you do not have to buy a jumper especially for this event and non-uniform can also be worn.

**Monday 17th December 6.00pm**— KS2 Christmas performance. Tickets arrangements will be sent out shortly.

**Tuesday 18th December**—KS2 Visit to Vue Cinema. Letters with additional information have been sent out separately.

**Thursday 20th December**—School Christmas Lunch. If children usually have a packed lunch they can stay for a school lunch on this day but it must be organised in advance with the school office.

**Thursday 20th December 1.30pm**—Christingle Service in St. Peter's Church, Elwick. All are welcome to attend.

**Friday 21st December**—Children can come to school dressed in their party clothes for the day and small contributions of party food would be much appreciated.

**PD days this year - Friday 14th December, Monday 3rd June, Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July.**

**Any parents/carers wishing to speak with Mrs Hill at any time should contact the school office to arrange a mutually agreeable time.**

### COMPETITION!

Try to design a poster to show how our school values represent the school and the work that we do in school.

*Thankfulness  
Compassion  
Always our Best (Service)  
Friendship and Trust*

The poster must be designed on A3 paper or card.

Make the poster colourful using pencil, crayons, felt tips or paint.  
A prize will be awarded for the best poster in each class. The overall winner will then paint their poster on canvas with our resident artist Keith Robson to hang in school

**ENTRY COST 50P**

**CLOSING DATE 13/12/2018**

**All proceeds go towards 'Bright Sparks' Alice House Hospice**



### Primary Maths Challenge

William Huntington and Joseph Mounter went to Red House School to take part in the Primary Maths Challenge. They represented our school fantastically and both gained Gold Awards. We are so proud of them. Huge well done to both boys!

### Reindeer Dust

Next week the school council will be selling reindeer dust for 50p at playtimes and lunchtimes. We have a limited number so this will be sold on a first come first served. All proceeds go towards 'Bright Sparks' Alice House Hospice. Thank you from the School Council

### Come and visit us at St. Peter's Elwick!

Any prospective parents currently applying for their primary school place are welcome to come and visit our school by arranging an appointment for a tour around school, including our wonderful Early Years, on Tuesday 4th December between 9.30am and 10.30am. If any of our families know of anyone who may be looking to apply for a place at our school for next September (2019) then please spread the word and encourage them to come and have a look around. It would be lovely to welcome them and show them some of the fantastic things we do at St. Peter's Elwick. If anyone would like to arrange a visit, please contact Miss. Smith in the school office on (01429) 274904.

### Dodgeball

WOW! Amazing dodgeball playing this week. Our team displayed excellent sportsmanship and won lots of games. Lots of enthusiasm from students and fantastic results to match, with Elwick finishing in 1st place. We will play again in the town final in December. Well done everyone!



### Important Dates for next year:

**KS2 SATs**—Monday 13th May until Thursday 16th May 2019. All Y6 children must be in school on these days.

**KS1 SATs**— May 2019

**Year 1 Phonics Screening Check**— W/C 10th June 2019

Our 2020 Admissions policy is currently out for consultation and is available on our website [www.hartelwickfederation.org.uk](http://www.hartelwickfederation.org.uk)  
Consultation runs from 26th November 2018 until 14th January 2019. If anyone has any comments they would like to make as part of the consultation, please email [consultation@hartelwickfederation.org.uk](mailto:consultation@hartelwickfederation.org.uk), including your name and relation to the school/policy.