

# Dinnington First School

## Newsletter January 2017

**Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back. I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and that 2017 will be a happy and successful year for us all.**

### Admissions

We are now accepting applications for places in our nursery class for September 2017.

If you would like to request a place for your child or know of anyone who would like a place, please collect an application form from Mrs Purvis in the school office. Visits to the school are most welcome.



### Gosforth Band and Voices

Please remember that children in Year 3 and 4 have been invited to join Gosforth Voices and Band. The groups meet monthly and both give children the opportunity to join with other children from Gosforth schools to practise and perform music. An application form can be collected from the school office.

### Science and Design Technology Focus

During the week beginning 13th February we intend to have a science/ design technology focus week. During the week the children will be involved in a number of design activities linked to the National Curriculum learning objectives for science. We will send you details about this nearer the time.

### Attendance

I am currently reviewing attendance for last term and I am pleased to inform you that we have 57% children with 100% attendance and a further 80% with attendance over 95%.



### Winter Weather

Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather in warm outdoor clothing and suitable footwear. In snowy/wet weather it would be helpful if parents provided children with a change of footwear. Children from Year 1 onwards should have sand shoes in school for PE and these can easily be used. A change of shoes will ensure the children's comfort and also prevent classroom carpets from becoming wet and dirty.



### Nut Allergy

Please remember that one of our children has a severe nut allergy. I would like to ask all parents not to include nuts and any products containing nuts e.g Nutella spread in their child's packed lunch.




### **Christmas Grotto**

Thank you to all those parents who donated gifts and money for our Christmas Grotto. In total £301 was raised and this amount will be forwarded to Daft as a Brush, our Trust charity.

### **Health and Safety**

Please remember that we follow the recommendation of the Health Protection Agency, which states that children should be kept off school for at least 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea, when they have a sickness bug.

### **Primary Pathway Booklets**

Please remember that it is very important to ensure that your child's Primary Pathway booklet comes into school every day, together with his/her reading book. Pages in the booklet with a house icon  on them should be filled in at home



### **School Clothing**

If for any reason your child needs to borrow school clothing, please make sure that it is washed and returned as soon as possible. Our supply of spare clothing, particularly underwear is running low.