

Dear Parents,

November 2017



December is just around the corner so I thought it would be useful to update you on some of the things that have happened this term and what we have to look forward to in December.



Don't miss out – you can see some of the school action on a daily basis if you follow us on Twitter. It's easy to do just search for @TanfieldPrimary.

**Parent Meetings** – you will have received the Parent Meeting letter last week and should have returned this requesting an appointment. These will be sent out this week ready for our Parent Meetings Monday and Tuesday – 4th and 5th December. If you've not sent yours back in, please do so as soon as possible.



**Children in Need** – Thanks go to our School Council and Mrs Wilkinson who organised our 'Children in Need' events a week last Friday – and to all the children and yourselves for supporting it so well. We raised a MASSIVE £390 for this charity. An amazing effort from all concerned 😊

### Football @ Tanfield Lea

Both boys' and girls' teams were busy in the first half-term. The boys' A team have fared well, with a mixture of wins, draws and losses and the B team have competed well and memorably won their first game against Lanchester! The girls' performances have been a real team effort, with all children who wish to in Year 5 and 6 having the opportunity to represent the school, again with some wins, draws and losses. Overall, Mr Durham and Mr Temple are very pleased with the numbers and attitude of all children who come to football training. We will start again after February half-term, this time including the Year 4s!

**After School Child Care** – Our After School Child Care is working well. We have good attendance at the Sports Clubs and a growing number of children who are staying at school and enjoying the Child Care arrangements. Don't forget we have this on offer – if you would like to use it either as a one off or as a more permanent arrangement we can cater for your needs. Just contact the office for further details and a booking form.



**Pre-School Places** – Our Pre-School is growing. From January 2018 we will have 40 children attending (9 children who are accessing 30 hours, 31 accessing 15 hours). This means we only have 3 places available up until the end of this academic year. These are the second half of the week. If you know of any families who have children who could benefit from a place for these two terms please get them to get in touch with us.

**From September 2018 we can offer 52 fifteen hour places.** We ask all families to express an interest in a place as soon as possible. If you would like a place for your child or know of any families who would like their child to attend our Pre-School please get them to express interest as soon as possible as, in the new year, we will be publicising our Pre-School in our local area and we want to ensure that all our current families ensure they have a place.

**If your child is in our Pre-School this year and they are due to start Reception in September 2018, don't forget that you still have to apply for a place in Reception –this does not happen automatically. Forms are to be found on the Durham County website -**

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2189/Apply-for-a-primary-place>

**Applications will close on Monday 15 January 2018. If you want your child to come to our school it is vital that you apply before this date.**

We've had a very good response for our **Y5 residential visit to Grinton Moor**. Can I remind parents that at least £80 (£60 for reduced price) needs to be paid by **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December**. If you've not signed your child up for this and would like to do so, please contact the school office as soon as possible – we don't want anyone to miss out.

### School Website

We continue to keep our **website** up to date with useful information. Most of the information you need to know can be found on the website. Within this newsletter I've put a **Summary of our National Data** at the end of last year from Early Years through to the end of Year 6. I hope you find this interesting and informative.

**Accelerated Reader** is proceeding well in Key Stage 2. The children have adapted very well to the new set-up and are reading **lots** of books. On average, children have been reading for about 30 minutes a day and have read:

- 13,767,642 words and
- 3,355 books!

More importantly, there is a buzz about reading with children talking about their choices and recommending them to others. We will share your child's progress with you at Open Evenings; thanks for your continued support.

### Children's Charter

Throughout their time in school our children enjoy many enriching experiences. We decided that we wanted to make a pledge to continue this as well as celebrate the great variety of opportunities they have. With this in mind we have written a Children's Charter. I have included a copy of this in our newsletter and shortly you will be able to see this on the website too. Our intention is to link it with our tweets and hashtag the different areas so you can easily see the different activities.



**Christmas Fair** - We are now in the lead up to our Christmas Fair. The money raised from this will go towards resourcing OPAL with scooters and balance bikes as well as subsidising trips such as our Theatre Visit (buses), Author Visit etc. We have two Non School Uniform days coming up. This Friday is our first, when we are asking you to send a donation in for the Tombola stall rather than a monetary contribution. Tombola gifts include items such as children's games, toiletries, chocolates, bottles, books - anything you think someone may be pleased to win. Our second Non School Uniform day is on the day for the Fair (Wednesday 20th December) when we ask for children to come in Christmas attire and bring in a cake for the stall. In addition to this our Friends of Tanfield are running a raffle and there are some terrific prizes. Raffle tickets will be sent out soon.

During this week, the children will be thinking hard about ways to raise money as part of our Enterprise Week. This could be crafts, sweet treats or other creative ideas. Please support them in their efforts!



On the last day of term we will have our annual **Carol Service at St. Margaret's Church**. As in previous years, we are encouraging families to attend this Carol Service. Upper School children will all be performing (singing and, for some, reading), musicians will be playing and the choir are singing. We hope that you will be able to join us – children are to arrive for 9 a.m. and the service will start between 9.15 and 9.30. Following the service children can go home with their families. You will receive a letter regarding the arrangements for this soon. Please return your response as soon as possible.

As ever, we look forward to seeing you in school over the next few weeks and take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

Kay Hemmings (Head Teacher)

# Dates for Your Diary

## Remainder for dates for December 2017



### AUTUMN TERM 2017

Tuesday 28th November	Rev Andy Miller in to lead Lower School Assembly
Friday 1st December	Non School Uniform Day - please bring a donation for the tombola stall <i>Poetry Recital 9 a.m. - Postponed until next term.</i>
Monday 4th December	<b>PARENT MEETINGS (Whole School) - 3.15pm until 5.30pm</b>
Tuesday 5th December	<b>PARENT MEETINGS (Whole School) - 3.15pm until 5.30pm</b>
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	5 p.m. Choir to sing at Ecumenical Carol Service - Tanfield Club All welcome - please come along to the Club for a 5 p.m. start
Week beg 11th Dec	<b>Enterprise Week for Christmas Fair</b> - all to do as an Enterprise Project - planning, designing, budgeting, making
Monday 11th December	<b>Christmas Performance by Early Years (Pre-School and Reception) for parents - 9.15</b>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5 Multi Skills Festival-with Brandon, Witton & Langley Moor 9.30 - 12 @ Tanfield Community Police Officers in to do Christmas Activity with Y1 children - p.m.
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity Performance for Parents - 9.30 a.m.</b> <b>Christmas Dinner</b> <b>ALL CHILDREN TO COME DRESSED IN THEIR CHRISTMAS JUMPER TODAY.</b> Pre School Bumblebee and Ladybird children are invited to join us for this special lunch today. (Caterpillars will already be staying)
Thursday 14th Dec	<b>Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity Performance for Parents - 9.30 a.m.</b> <b>Christmas Performance by Early Years (Pre-School and Reception) for parents - 2.15</b>
Friday 15th December	CNS Competition - Hockey Y1 and 2 Team, KS2 Gym/Dance Team and Anti-Bullying Team out of class all morning @ Tanfield
Monday 18th December	Music Service to do a performance for whole school 11 a.m. (Late lunch for everyone to accommodate this) 'The Littlest Elf' - outside theatre company in school to perform to Pre-School children - 2 p.m. onwards - Ladybirds to be invited and nursery from Burnopfield Primary Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party - 1 pm until 3.15 pm in Upper School Hall
Tuesday 19th December	Santa to visit children in Lower School a.m. - if he can fit us into his busy schedule The Pre School Ladybirds are invited to join us from 9 until 10 Y1 and Y2 party 1 until 3.05 Y5 and 6 party 1pm - 3.15pm
Wednesday 20th Dec	<b>Extra Non School Uniform Day</b> - Children to dress up on a Christmas theme - please bring cake in for cake stall All children involved in Carol Service to go to church for a rehearsal this morning <b>Early Years Parties today (a.m and p.m.)</b> - Due to numbers and morning and afternoon Pre-School the children will either be at the party in the morning or the afternoon.
After school 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Christmas Fair - 3.15pm until 4.30pm in Upper School</b> <b>All children to finish school at 3.00pm today to allow Fair to start at 3.15pm.</b>
Thursday 21st Dec	<b>Whole School (except Pre-School) to go to see 'Alice in Wonderland' at the Northern Stage - leaving at 9 a.m.</b> Friends subsidise the visit by paying for half of the cost of the transport (Thank you!)
Fri 22nd December <b>Last Day of Aut Term</b>	<b>FAMILY CAROL SERVICE</b> - a.m. for all children and parents at St. Margaret's Church, Tanfield Village. Children able to go home following this. <b>January Pre-School new starters to visit this morning</b>

# Summary of Results

## SUMMARY OF RESULTS FOR PARENTS AUTUMN 2017

The following tables show the performance of our children against the performance of all children nationally. As a whole cohort (group), our children generally come in to school at a standard below the national average. By the time they leave our school at the end of Key Stage 2 the cohort are at or, in some cases, above the national average which indicates good progress. The data below shows attainment (what the children achieved) at the key points in the primary school year. What it doesn't always show is the progress made from starting points.

As a general rule, children in our school make at least good progress during their time with us.

### Early Years (End of Reception)

This data shows the % of children who met the required standard (Good Level of Development – GLD) by the end of Early Years in **all** the prime areas (Communication and Language, Personal, Social and Emotional Development and Physical Development) and Reading, Writing, Number and Shape, Space and Measures.

Good Level of Development	Tanfield Lea - % meeting GLD	National Average
2014	56.4%	60%
2015	51%	66%
2016	62%	69%
2017	63%	71%

These percentages change year on year according to the cohort of children.

### Phonics 2017 (End of Y1)

This national test is administered in June. It tests the phonic knowledge of children, their ability to decode and read words, not their understanding. Children who do not reach the required pass mark are re tested the following year. As you can see from the data, the school performed at the National Average for children taking the test at the end of Year One but below the National Average for those who were re-tested at the end of Year Two. Some children may not achieve the required standard due to Special Educational Needs (SEN).

Phonics Year	Tanfield Lea - % meeting required standard	National Average (2017)
Year One (40 children)	83%	81%
Year Two (Total number of children who have passed by end of Y2)	93%	92%

### End of Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2

In May 2016 in both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 assessment changed from levels to a judgement as to whether children were working at Age Related Expectations (A.R.E.). For KS2 this included a scaled score, comparing our school with all schools nationally. Schools used the interim framework to support teacher assessment and tests were used at both KS1 (internally marked) and KS2 (externally marked). All KS1 assessments were moderated last in 2016 by the Local Authority (this happens on a regular basis for all schools).

### Key Stage 1 (End of Year 2) 2017

These tests are marked internally. Children generally complete the test in small groups. Children are judged as to whether they are meeting Age Related Expectations (ARE).

<b>May 2017 % A.R.E. (expected) 38 children</b>	<b>School % @ ARE</b>	<b>National ARE (2017)</b>	<b>School % Working at Greater Depth</b>	<b>National % Working at Greater Depth (2017)</b>
<b>Reading</b>	75%	76%	23%	25%
<b>Writing</b>	73%	68%	16%	16%
<b>Maths</b>	70%	75%	20%	21%

### Key Stage 2 (Year 6) 2017

The reading, grammar and maths tests are marked externally. Writing is assessed by the teacher and moderated across schools.

#### **2017 (National in brackets)**

<b>% A.R.E. (expected)</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Maths</b>	<b>GPS</b>
<b>All 41 children</b>	71% (71%)	78% (76%)	76% (75%)	85% (77%)
<b>% Higher (Greater Depth)</b>				
<b>All 41 children</b>	32% (25%)	20% (18%)	20% (23%)	20% (31%)

The percentage of children meeting the expected standard in Reading, Writing and Maths was in line with the national average. The percentage of children meeting the expected standard in Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS) was higher than the national figure.

The percentage of children achieving a high score in Reading was above the national percentage. It was similar to the national percentage in Writing and Maths.

#### **2017 scaled scores (National in brackets where data is available)**

The following table shows the average scaled scores for children who sat the KS2 tests in 2017. Scaled scores are given for Reading, Writing and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling (GPS).

<b>Scaled scores</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Maths</b>	<b>GPS</b>
<b>All 41 children</b>	104.9 (104)	103.1 (104)	106.3 (106)
<b>Pupil Premium 13 children</b>	104	101.8	105.4
<b>Non-Pupil Premium 28 children</b>	105.4	103.8	106.7

When looking at progress for KS2 the results were positive. The following table shows how much extra our school added in comparison to the national. (All positive numbers show that there is added value)

#### **Value added (VA)**

<b>VA</b>	<b>Reading</b>	<b>Writing</b>	<b>Maths</b>
<b>All 41 children</b>	1.8	1.5	0.5
<b>Pupil Premium 13 children</b>	2.9	1.5	0.4
<b>Non-Pupil Premium 28 children</b>	1.2	1.4	0.5





# Children's Charter



***For all children at Tanfield Lea Community Primary School,  
we pledge to offer the following experiences:***

## EXPERIENCES

- Build a snowman
- Attend a student conference
- Handle animals
- Grow plants
- Be part of a school partnership
- Try different foods
- Attend a Sleepover
- Learn to cook
- Prepare and go for a picnic
- Take part in an afternoon tea
- Go sledging
- Have a snowball fight
- Attend an extra-curricular club
- Learn basic first aid and life saving skills

## ECONOMIC WELLBEING/COMMUNITY

- Have a role of responsibility in school
- Meet professionals from a range of careers
- Teach the older generation something new
- Raise money for charity
- Open a bank account
- Visit an old people's home
- Take part in an election
- Become an Anti-Bullying Champion

## TRIPS/VISITS

- Go on a residential visit
- Visit a restaurant
- Visit the local area
- Visit a local business
- Visit historical sites
- Visit a museum/art gallery
- Visit a city
- Visit different places of worship
- Visit the beach/go in the sea
- Go on different methods of public transport

## LITERACY/SPEAKING AND LISTENING

- Meet an author
- Write a letter to someone outside of school
- Publish a story or poem
- Be a spokesperson
- Take part in a debate
- Discuss current affairs
- Recite a poem

## OUTDOOR LEARNING

- Get muddy
- Learn to orienteer
- Take part in water sports
- Walk on a mountain
- Walk in the woods
- Make a camp
- Play conkers
- Learn to canoe
- Go on a bike ride
- Experience creativity in the outdoors

## COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY

- Send an email
- Hold a video conference with someone in a different place
- Use computing technology
- Write a blog
- Publish something online
- Code a game of own making
- Learn to stay safe on-line

## MATHEMATICAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Represent the school at a maths competition
- Set up/run a business
- Visit a shop and spend some money

## SPORTS

- Experience and participate in new sports
- Represent the school in a sporting event
- Go climbing
- Learn to swim
- Learn to ride a bike
- Go to a sporting event
- Become a Sports Leader

## ARTS/CREATIVITY

- Dance at a disco
- Watch a show at the theatre
- Be part of a performance to parents
- Watch live music/live dance performance
- Go carol singing
- Play a musical instrument
- Learn to sew or knit