

What's gone... 12th - 16th December

Attendance: Congratulations to all of our certificate and prize winners at our Attendance Assembly. School attendance is a key indicator of pupil performance and the way a school is judged by Ofsted. We have worked very hard to improve the attendance figures in school which are currently over 96% for this year. We have 66 children with 100% attendance this term—that's more than double the number we had a few years ago when we started our prize assemblies.

Our special guest for this assembly was David Gray of the Sir Tom Cowie Trust. David has been a keen supporter of our school for the past three years by providing educational outings to the school free of charge through Sir Tom's legacy. If your child has had a visit to Broom House Farm, Beamish during Y4, Fab Lab trip at the university and Lambton Estate then the Sir Tom Cowie Trust will have funded this visit. Many thanks to David for his support to our school. The termly class winners for best attendance were Year 3, congratulations to them, who enjoyed a fantastic reward at Seaburn last week. They played on the rides, had lots of food and best of all, met Santa. Which class will challenge them for the attendance title next term?



On behalf of all the staff and governors at Dame Dorothy Primary school I would like to wish you all a merry Christmas and a happy new year. We are most grateful of the ongoing support we receive from families in order that we can achieve the best possible outcomes for the children of this school. We look forward to a 2017 which will no doubt be incredibly busy, very challenging and hugely enjoyable. I sincerely believe that the greatest asset this school holds are our wonderful young people who are a joy to work with.

Merry Christmas.

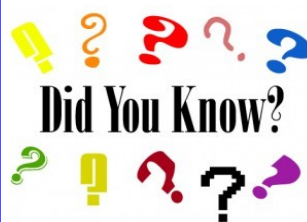
The Safeguarding designated people are; Mr Williamson, Mrs Pearson and Mrs Burdon.
 The Anti-Bullying Coordinators for the school are; Mrs Burdon and Mrs Pearson.
 Please view the Anti-bullying policy on the school website.

FDD Christmas Fayre & Disco :

It's certainly been a busy time for our small but hard working Friends of Dame Dorothy team who have organised and put on a Christmas Fayre and Disco. Both events were hugely successful and very well attended. The children at the disco certainly thought so! Several commented that it was the best disco ever though I'm not too sure it was a good idea to let Mrs Pearson get hold of the microphone on the karaoke machine! In total a super £191 was raised at the disco and just under £800 at the Christmas Fayre.



Christingle: Yesterday we enjoyed a lovely Christingle service led by our key stage 1 children coupled with some wonderful singing from our older children to complete the proceedings. A big well done to all the children and staff for working so hard to put this assembly together.



We raised £29.11 with the Christingle candles for The Children's Society. Thank you to everyone for donating their loose change.

EYFS Sing-a-long:

It was the turn of our youngest children on Monday to sing all of the festive songs they have been busy learning over the last few weeks with the EYFS team.

Choir:

It's been a busy few days for the school choir! They've been carol singing in Tesco and have performed Christmas songs in our local community. The people they have entertained were all very complimentary about their singing and their behaviour was exceptional. A huge well done to them all!



Tesco Bag Pack: Mrs Campion and Mr Byers are leading the year 5 children in a bag pack at Tesco this Saturday and Sunday to raise funds for their trip to London next November. Any help from parents or children from other year groups will be most welcome indeed!

Running Club: Our lunchtime running club will resume in January and we look forward to seeing the improving speed and stamina of the children continue.

Panto:

On Wednesday the children went to the Customs House for our annual panto visit and they loved it. They screamed, shouted, sang and laughed throughout. Many thanks to the FDD who provide funding to help make this event happen.



04.01 School re-opens and children return

- 24.01 Year 3 Visit to Tesco
- 24.01 Year 2 Visit to Winter Gardens
- 31.01 Choir @ Sunderland Minster
- 01.02 Year 5 @ Fab Lab
- 15.02 Year 5 @ Fab Lab



