

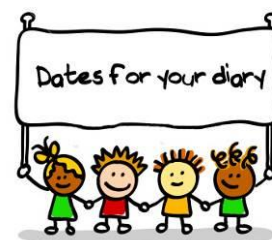


SIMONSIDE COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

December Newsletter

2016

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Dream, Believe and Achieve!

We would like to thank you for all your support this term and wish you all a lovely Christmas and very best wishes for the New Year!

We are all very proud of your children and how they have been working and learning this term.

Please continue to help us by making sure children arrive at school on time and are in full uniform, including black shoes when they return in January.



- All school events are listed on the school website, so if in doubt please check there.
- School term finishes on **Thursday 22nd December.**
- **Monday 9th January** – New term starts.
- **Monday 20th – 24th February** – Half Term holiday.



Amazing Talent!

I am sure you will all agree that the children's Christmas performances this year were outstanding! The confidence and talent of the children has yet again been amazing!

Your kind comments about the performances have been fantastic; these are just a few...

'What a fabulous show, so proud of the children.'

'Well done everyone. We loved your singing and storytelling. You made our day.'

'FANTASTIC! Well done to all the children. Loved every minute.'

'Just an amazing show. The singing was fabulous with smiling and happy faces. Well done.'

'Fantastic as always. The highlight of the Christmas calendar.'



Santa Visits Simonside!

The children in EYFS had the most wonderful surprise today when Santa Claus came to visit them at their party. They were so excited to see him come through the door and sang him songs. He then went on to visit other classes delivering presents. A wonderful surprise!



Parent Governor

We have a new vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing body. If you are interested and could commit some time to this very important role then please have a chat with Mrs Thompson.

Smoking

Please do not stand and smoke outside of our school gates. This is very unpleasant for children and other parents to walk through. This has been mentioned in the recent parent survey.



Polite

Please can I remind a very small minority of parents that all communication between home, staff and the school office must remain respectful and without raised voices. Failure to discuss matters in a calm fashion will not be tolerated.

Attendance

We are always striving to improve our attendance. Please make sure your children attend every day and arrive at school on time.

We are currently at **94.3%** so far for the school year. We need to keep working hard on this next term to get it higher!

After school clubs

We will be starting some new after school clubs in January. Please make sure you sign up for any clubs your child may enjoy coming to. We endeavour to cater for as many children as we can.



Kuba Kids after school care

We have listened to parent's views and are now in the position to provide after school care which should especially help our working parents. They will be based in a large room close to outdoor access and cooking facilities. The company have been recommended to us by other schools. Please complete a registration form asap if you would like a place.

Photo Gallery – see many more on the website!



Dinner Money

We are very concerned about the amount of school dinner money still owing to the school. If you owe money, please pay by the end of this week.

<http://www.simonside.newcastle.sch.uk>

Our school website is always being updated with class news on the blog, head teacher updates and weekly news. We need more parents and pupils to add a comment on the blogs please!