

Dear Parents and Friends,

PTA Christmas Fair

It was brilliant to see so many families at our Fair. A huge thank you to all who supported on the day and for the donated tombola/raffle prizes. Our non-uniform day brought in some tremendous prizes-thank you. The children's enterprise items for their stalls were fantastic- well done! Many thanks once again to our PTA for organising and running such a wonderful event on our behalf.

Christingle

It was lovely to see so many of our families join us for our Christingle services. I am sure that you will agree, that the children sang beautifully.

School Closure information (just in case!)

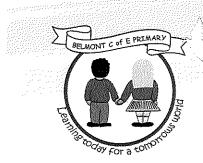
We hope to be able to keep school open during any inclement weather. However, in the event that we would need to close at any point in the future, we will send an e-mail as early as we are able to. A list of school closures is available on the Durham county Council website at www.durham.gov.uk under 'Education and Learning', 'Schools and Colleges'. We will also put a message onto our school website.

Photography at school events

In preparation for our Nativities this week, a reminder that photographs are only permitted at the end once the performance is finished and not before or during the performance. Videos are not permitted during the performances – due to copyright. We confirm that parents, carers and pupils must not post or share photographs/images of other children on any form of social media. Photographs should be for private use only. Thank you for your cooperation.

School Choir

I would like to say well done to all members of our choir. They sang at the Luncheon club at St. Mary Magdalene's last week. What a wonderful experience that was for everyone! Our children were superb ambassadors for our school but more importantly, they just thoroughly enjoyed singing for members of our community. We are very proud of them all. The choir will also be singing Christmas Carols and songs at Tesco today. Thank you to Miss Skelton and Mr. Lawson for all of their hard work.





Christmas activities still to take place

Christmas Nativities

Tuesday 12th December

KS1- Rainbow hall 9:15 a.m.

KS2- Dove hall 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday 13th December

KS1- Rainbow hall 2:15 p.m.

KS2- Dove hall 9:15 a.m.

Thursday 14th December

EYFS- Rainbow hall 9:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

For safeguarding purposes, all children will remain at school until the end of the school day and are to be collected from their normal exits/doors. Thank you.

It's Party time!

Monday 18th December

EYFS a.m.

Tuesday 19th December

KS1 and Year 3 and Year 4

Wednesday 20th December

Y5 and Year 6

EYFS and KS1 children can come to school wearing their party clothes for the day (bearing in mind that they will be outside at playtimes and will therefore, need warm clothes, sensible shoes, coats, hats etc. to put on).

KS2 children can bring their party clothes to school.

Please provide a small donation of party food for the children to enjoy (no nuts please).

Thursday 14th December

School Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Year 4 and Year 5 to see 'Dick Wittington' pantomime at Belmont

Community School

Thursday 21st December

Toy and Christmas Movie Day

School closes for teaching purposes for the Christmas break

School re-opens in the New Year on Monday 8th January.

We have enjoyed a really busy and productive term so far in school and it's not over yet! Thank you for your support in all we have done.

We look forward to a busy and enjoyable last 2 weeks. On behalf of us all in school, may I wish you and your family a very Happy and peaceful Christmas and a very healthy and prosperous 2018.

With very best wishes,

God bless,

Mrs. K. Harrison-Brown

Head Teacher