

ETHERLEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th December 2019



Christmas Parties

We had our Christmas parties this week. All of the children and staff had a brilliant time. There was lots of laughter and Christmas merriment to be had!! It was a wonderful start to the week with hotdogs, cakes, lots of party games and a Christmas disco.

School Choir

It was a very busy week for our choir this week. On Wednesday afternoon a small group performed at Butterwick Hospice Bishop Auckland where their manner and behaviour were exceptional. There was also lots of fantastic comments from our audience. On Thursday we had our choir concert where the children performed to their families. They were all brilliant and received a rousing applause. Mr Soulsby is so proud of them all and how hard they have worked this year. **WELL DONE ETHERLEY LANE CHOIR, YOU ARE AMAZING!!!!**

Northern Echo – 24th December

Look out for us in the Northern Echo on Christmas Eve. Our photo will be in the special Nativity feature.☺☺

Bishop Auckland Advent Window

The Great alterNativity Christmas Eve Parade

Starting at 10.30am at the Stan Laurel statue at the bottom of Princes Street and collecting the models of Joseph, Mary, the animals and the Zurbaran boys!! Arrival at St Peter's Chapel Auckland Castle for the set-up of alterNativity scene and unveiling of last model by Bishop of Durham. Models will be displayed in the chapel over Christmas and New Year. Please feel free to join in the parade organised by the Bishop Auckland Town Team.

Traffic around School

Thank you for being considerate when driving and parking around school. For the health and safety of everyone and to ensure that we have no accidents can we please ask adults to drive/park responsibly around the school. Thank you.

Children's Lunches

If your child is changing their lunch option from school meal to packed lunch or packed lunch to school meal, **even if they receive a free school meal**, can you please inform the school office giving 2 weeks' notice. Thank you.

Healthy Packed Lunches

When preparing your child's packed lunch please be mindful to choose healthy options for them. If you need any advice or guidance please contact Helen our Family Liaison Worker who will be happy to help.

Star of the Week



Well done everyone and don't forget it could be you next week!!☺☺



Mrs Elder's Class 1	Paige H	Mrs Coxon/Miss Navin's Class 7	James H
Mrs Jones' Class 2	Iona S	Miss Wilkinson's Class 8	Oliver B
Mrs Jeavons' Class 3	Mia T	Mr Holt's Class 9	Alyssia B
Mrs Wakes' Class 4	Jacob L	Mrs Summerson's Class 10	Isaac C
Miss Strophair's Class 5	Hunter G	Mr Soulsby's Class 11	James B
Miss Burkill's Class 6	Preston S		

**A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP AUCKLAND PARISH
ST ANNE'S CHURCH**

Dear Etherley Lane Primary School

Thank you so much for taking part in our Christmas Tree Festival. Your Christmas tree decorations were so beautiful and once again we were blown away by the effort that you and your teachers put in to making something special for your community to enjoy. The Etherley Lane Primary School tree was truly stunning and judged to be the overall winner. Well done!

We wanted to say a proper thank you so we have sent some chocolate in for each of you to enjoy.

We hope that you have a joyful Christmas and we're looking forward to seeing you soon.

With my thanks and prayers
Alison Keddilty
Children and Families Mission Leader
Bishop Auckland Parish

Dates for the diary
SCHOOL REOPENS ON MONDAY 6TH JANUARY

Have a lovely Christmas and we look forward to seeing you all back in the New Year!!

Mrs K A Lee and all of the staff of Etherley Lane Primary School.