

# Newsletter



## A great first half term!

The school year is well underway and we have all enjoyed our first half term. During our topic, **FunnyBones**, we learnt all about our bodies and our senses. You could visit the doctors in Rabbits Class whilst Badger Class used their senses to taste, smell and feel fruits and vegetables and made a pan of delicious soup. Hedgehogs went back in time to meet Florence Nightingale and Foxes have admired the work of Mary Anning and learned all about fossils.



We are looking forward to our next topic.....**Eco Warriors!**

We will be looking at recycling and re-using things, weather and climate change and endangered species amongst other things. Your class information letters will tell you more after half term.

**If you or anyone you know works in re-cycling makes and creates anything out of recycled materials or is passionate about green or eco issues, it would be great if they could come and speak to the children. It's always good for them to meet and listen to new people.**

We will also be looking at the festivals and traditions that happen at this time of year here and around the world including Bonfire Night, Diwali, Thanksgiving and of course...Christmas!!

## Goodbye Miss Ginty!



Miss Ginty has a new job supporting children with challenging behaviour in Kirklees. It's a really exciting new opportunity. She joined Tuel Lane in 2011 and has become a valued member of our team. She has worked in all our classes and is much loved by children and staff. We will miss her very much but wish her good luck in her new adventure. Her last day with us will be Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November.



## Our plans for this school year- learning and teaching



This year we are focusing on making learning and teaching in maths better. We want children to feel excited, enthusiastic and confident about maths and to understand how important it is in everyday life.

We will be improving our Computing Curriculum to teach children important computing skills and using more IT to enhance learning in literacy, maths and topic work.

Finally, we have to **really** focus on spelling. We will be asking for your help at home as we send spellings and spelling activities for you to practice.

## School Building

Over the course of the year we intend to (finally!) develop the playground for outdoor learning. Our budget is limited but we can make a good start.

## School Governors







Parents are well represented on our Governing Body and have a say in how the school is managed. If you have suggestions, ideas, questions or problems we hope you would come and speak to staff or your parent governors at any time.

Staff will introduce you to Parent Governors if you don't know them. Your representatives are:

**Lorraine Lawton**- Lorraine's son is in Foxes and **Sheridan Smith**- Sheridan's son is in Hedgehogs.

Both have children at Christ Church Juniors too and Sheridan is also a parent governor there.

**Simone Bennett** and **Tim Musgrove** have also joined our governing body. They have children in Nursery, Rabbits and Badgers. **Mike Imeson** is our Chair of Governors. He can always be contacted through the school office.

<p>After School Clubs</p> 	<p>This term we have Emily's Sports Club on Mondays and Football Club on Thursdays from 3.15pm-4.15pm.</p> <p>At the moment, they are open to Years 1 and 2. We will invite Reception children to join a little later in the term.</p>
<p>Family Learning-Feed The Birds! Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November, Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 1.45pm-3.15pm</p> 	<p>You can build a bird box and make tasty snacks to keep our feathered friends healthy over the winter months. Letter to follow</p>
<p>Open Morning at Christ Church Juniors for Year 2 parents.</p> <p>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 9.15am</p>	<p>A chance to look around Christ Church, meet Miss Embleton and her staff and ask all your questions. <b>This is just for parents.</b> Children will visit later in the year.</p>
<p>Christmas Performances</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am (family friendly performance for younger siblings)</li> <li>• Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2pm</li> <li>• Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am and 2pm</li> </ul>
<p>Christmas Disco (THE party event of the year!!) Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December</p> 	<p>4pm-5.30pm Nursery and Reception Disco</p> <p>6pm-7.30pm Years 1 and 2</p> <p>A letter to follow in November</p>
<p>Tuel Lane Christmas Market</p> 	<p><b>Thursday 15<sup>h</sup> December in the afternoon</b></p> <p>The children will be making and selling Christmas cards, gift tags, wrapping paper, decorations and gifts. Each class runs their own stall. Each class can decide how to spend the money they make in the New Year.</p>
<p>Achievement Assembly Fridays 9.05-9.30</p> 	<p>All parents are welcome to watch children receive awards for learning and good behaviour. Your children love to see you there and you will leave smiling!!</p>

Finally, the first job next half term is to update our school website. The dates are all current and correct but some information and photos need updating. Watch this space!!