



Christmas 2011 Newsletter



Christmas & New Year School Closure

We break up tomorrow for the Christmas & New Year holiday. Pupils return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2012.

Thank you for all the support shown to our children over the past week. The turnout for nativities, church services etc has been tremendous 😊

We collected about 100 shoe boxes packed full of items for the homeless of Gateshead/Newcastle thanks to your generosity.

School Quiz

Our quiz night held a couple of weeks ago was a huge success thanks to the parents/carers and staff who joined forces to make up teams. Very little cheating went on and the night was full of laughter and few arguments! We raised just over £350 for Mr Harris' NSPCC charity. A big 'thank you' has to be given to the winning teams who kindly donated their prize money back to Mr Harris, boosting the money raised during the evening.

HomeContact Text Messaging Service

As you know we now subscribe to the HomeContact messaging service which allows us to get news and information to you in a more reliable and efficient manner, via text or email.

For those of you who provided an email address on the form that your child brought home, you will get an email from HomeContact with your username/password details. This will allow you to access the www.homecontact.co.uk site and check that we have the correct details for you and your child(ren).

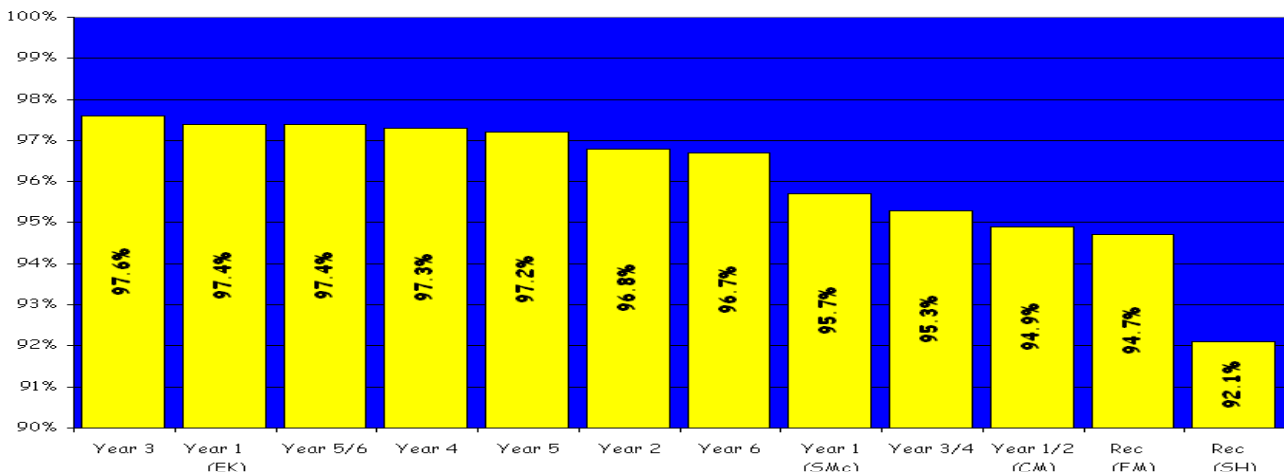
If you did not provide an email address then you will not be able to access the website - but if you give your email address to my office staff then we can add it against your name and you will be able to check the details of your family. You will also then be able to receive things like this newsletter via email.

It is really important that we have your correct mobile telephone number to send texts to. If you change your mobile number either let us know or change it yourself on the www.homecontact.co.uk site please.

Attendance

The school percentage attendance for this term is 96.3%, a fantastic effort all round. Here is the attendance data, class by class. Congratulations to our Year 3 children who have the highest percentage attendance this term, at 97.6%!

**Class Percentage Attendance
5th September - 14th December 2011 (Autumn Term)**



SCHOOL TERM DATES 2011/2012

Autumn Term	Monday 5 th September until Friday 16 th December 2011	(Half term 24 th - 28 th October)
Spring Term	Tuesday 3 rd January until Friday 30 th March 2012	(Half term 13 th - 17 th February)
Summer Term	Monday 16 th April until Thursday 19 th July 2012	(Bank holiday - 7 th May) (Half term 4 th - 8 th June) (Staff training days 22 nd June, 25 th June & 20 th July)