

Allendale First School
January 2010 Newsletter

Dear Parents

Well, school is finally open! I believe even some of the children are now sick of the sight of snow! I would like to clarify the situation regarding school closure. I was in constant contact with Mrs Howard at the Middle School and we took the decision from the start to review the situation day by day and not, as some schools did, to decide to close for the week. It was not that we were not thinking ahead but we would have opened at the end of the week if the weather had allowed.

We welcome Mr Charlton, our new Deputy Headteacher, and hope that he'll enjoy working at Allendale First School.

There is no swimming this term for Years 2, 3 and 4. Swimming will restart after Easter.

Starting this Wednesday, 13th January, Y3 and Y4, will be receiving African Drumming lessons, as part of the Government's wider musical opportunities scheme.

From Tuesday 12th January, Mrs Lorraine, a specialist dance teacher, will be working with class 3 and 4. **All children in these 2 classes will need their PE kits on a Tuesday until half term.**

Our trainee teachers Mrs Gibson and Mrs Kozlowski continue to work in classes 2 and 3 until March.

Our Outdoor Learning Programme, partly funded by Creative Partnerships, begins in the second half of the Spring Term. I have enclosed a list of dates and which classes are involved. We would welcome parental involvement. If you would be interested in helping with the activities and on the trips, please see your child's teacher. All volunteers would need a current CRB certificate. If any parents would like a CRB for school, please ask for information and a form.

We request that parents inform us in writing if there is a change in hometime arrangements; obviously we appreciate that sometimes a phone call has to happen on the day. So that we can be sure of children's regular routine would parents please fill in the table below so that we have a record and can reassure the children if they are unsure which line they should be in at the end of the day?

My child's _____ (name) regular hometime arrangements are as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday

Signed _____ Date _____

Outdoor Learning Programme
Dates for activities.

Class 4: Mr Charlton

Monday 22 nd February (am)	School based activities
Wednesday 3 rd March (pm)	School based activities
Friday 12 th March (am)	Trip to Allen Banks
Wednesday 17 th March (pm)	School based activities
Monday 22 nd March (am)	School based activities

Class 3: Miss Guttridge/ Mrs Hawkins

Wednesday 31 st March (am)	School based activities
Friday 23 rd April (am)	Trip to Allen Banks
Monday 26 th April	School based activities
Friday 7 th May (all day)	Trip to Nenthead
Wednesday 12 th May (am)	School based activities

Class 2: Miss White

Tuesday 18 th May (am)	School based activities
Monday 24 th May (am)	Trip to Allen Banks
Friday 28 th May (pm)	School based activities
Wednesday 9 th June(am)	Trip to Allen Banks
Friday 18 th June (am)	School based activities

Class 1: Miss Armstrong

Friday 25 th June (am)	School based activities
Friday 2 nd July (am)	Trip to Allen Banks
Tuesday 6 th July (am)	School based activities
Monday 12 th July (am)	Trip to Allen Banks
Thursday 15 th July (pm)	School Based activities

Other dates confirmed so far:

Friday 5 th March 10.00am	Venture Theatre Company Anti Bullying performance	Whole School
Thursday 25 th March	Dance Festival	Class 3 and 4
Thursday 22 nd April	School Photographs	
Wednesday 23 rd - Friday 25 th June	Ford Castle	Year 4

Here's to a snow free, non disrupted term!

Mrs A Hawkins