

27th November 2015



newsletter

The countdown is on! Only 28 sleeps to Christmas and much less to our Christmas Fayre organised by our 'Friends of St Anne's.' Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated items for our raffle and tombola—please continue to send donations in to school ahead of next Friday.

We will have a packed afternoon with numerous stalls including a guess the weight of the cake, Nails and Tattoos, Fairtrade gifts, ginger wine and mince pies, tuckshop, hook a duck and the ever popular, hit the teacher!



Winston's Wish
the charity for bereaved children



There will also be an opportunity for you to support Winston's Wishes—children and adults are invited to buy and decorate a star for £1 with wishes, messages and special messages and hang them on our prayer tree—the proceeds go to make a real difference to the lives of bereaved children throughout the UK.

visit www.winstonswish.org.uk for more information.

**St Anne's
Christmas Fayre
Friday 4th Dec**

**2.00
3.30pm**



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FOSA News...

The Friends of St Anne's (PTA*) proactively work to raise funds for the school. The aim is to aid the school with 'extras' that they need and the school budget won't allow. FOSA** is very much INCLUSIVE, not exclusive... We all have children at the school, so everyone's welcome to get involved, together we can make it an even better environment for our children! If everyone could spare one hour in an academic school year, what we could achieve would be amazing, so let us know if you can help...

FOSA has raised around £3000 in total. Previously FOSA has either paid for or contributed towards the bike shelter, benches and picnic tables in the yard and helped with the Year 6 Leavers' Party. We are currently fundraising towards a path for the MUGA. This was identified via a feedback form that the children filled previously, along with outdoor seating and a bike shelter.

The MUGA will cost in the region of £3000. We've currently raised approximately £1600 towards the total cost, but we need your help!

Planned fundraising fun activities :

Christmas Fayre, Friday 4th December, 2.00pm-3.30pm

- We need VOLUNTEERS, to help staff the stalls If you can help, sign up at Main Reception
- We need donations for the Christmas Fayre, bottles, nearly new toys, unwanted gifts, books, DVDs, etc.
- Stalls will include: Tombola, Raffle, Guess The Weight Of The Cake, Nail Painting and Tattoos, Crafty Bird (working in Shelli's Shed), Fairtrade Stall, Tuck Shop, Hook a Duck, Hit the Teacher, Face Painting (TBC), Winston Wish Stars, finished off with refreshments of ginger wine, mince pies, juice and Christmas biscuits for the children.

Christmas Disco, Tuesday 8th December, Key Stage 1: 5.00pm-6.00pm, Key Stage 2: 6.15pm-7.15pm

- We need VOLUNTEERS, to help staff the disco (you can do one disco or both, entirely up to you. Again, sign up at Main Reception
- Tickets now available at Main Reception priced at £2.00 per child
- Tuck Shop will be available on the night, drinks, crisps and Haribos, all priced at 25p per item.

Non Uniform Day, Friday 18th December, pay £1

- Christmas theme, dress up in festive wear (santa, elf, or any other fancy dress), Christmas jumper, wear red or if you prefer an outfit of your choice!

Finally, Bags2school collection was on Tuesday 24th November, thank you if you were able to contribute towards that, £88.00 was raised!

Thank you all for your support!

The next FOSA Meeting will be in the New Year, look out for the date in the school newsletter.

*Parents Teachers Association

**Friends of St Anne's



Christmas Lights Switch on

Many thanks to some of our younger children who represented St Anne's at the Bishop Auckland Christmas Lights Switch On last Friday. They joined the parade along the street into the Market Place where they were entertained by different characters including stilt walkers! Santa himself then appeared to switch on the Christmas Lights. Thank you also to the parents and the six members of school staff who attended with the children. Your support is greatly appreciated. Bishop Auckland Town Council has also asked us to pass on their thanks and to commend the children on their excellent behaviour!

Stars of the Week



Reception: Thomas for trying hard in phonics and Gracie for always trying hard.



Year 1: Oliver and Jorgia for an excellent attitude to learning.

Year 2: Tilly for always setting a good example

Year 3: Lily for writing a fantastic myth and legend story.

Year 4: Lydia for consistently producing super work!

Year 5: Ben for a fantastic attitude to school life!

Year 6: Katie for always tackling work with a smile!

Looking forward to next week...

On Monday Yvonne and Joy from WVCC will lead worship.

On Tuesday, Key Stage 1 will have a Barnabas in Schools Day (music, drama, Art and RE) on the theme of Advent.

On Wednesday, Reverend Vine will lead worship.

On Thursday, Reception will go on a trip to Hardwick Hall.

On Thursday, the School Choir will take part in a competition at Ushaw College.

Also on Thursday, half of Year 5 will go on a Food Technology course at Bishop Barrington

On Friday afternoon, the Christmas Fayre will begin at 2pm

