



# Parent Support Advisor's Winter Newsletter

I hope you have a relaxing and fun-filled holiday and look forward to seeing you all back in school on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Thank you, Mrs Charlton

**New Term, New Year**, Please remember your child's attendance needs to be over 95% otherwise they are classed as a persistent absentee by the Government.

If you require support to help your child to arrive to school on time please contact Mrs Charlton.

## What does it mean?

Categorising attendance	
99% - 100%	Outstanding
97% - 98.9%	Excellent
95% - 96.9%	Good (expected)
92% - 94.9%	Needs to improve
90% - 91.9%	Poor
Below 90%	A major cause for concern

## Holiday Activity Clubs and Ideas

**FREE Saturday Story Club at The Town Library**  
10.30am & at Cockerton Library 10.00am.

*Darlington South Park parkrun - Weekly Free 5km  
Timed Run every Saturday - FUN FOR ALL THE  
FAMILY*

## Parent Notice Boards

Remember to look at the notice boards on the yards for new information and at leaflets in school display centre.

## Food For Thought Darlington

[facebook.com/groups/FFTDarlington](https://www.facebook.com/groups/FFTDarlington)   [fftdarlo@gmail.com](mailto:fftdarlo@gmail.com)

# POST-XMAS BLUES BUSTER

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> December, 12:30 - 3PM** Northland's Methodist Church, North Rd, DL1 2EL



- Pop-up restaurant with a 3-course menu
- Table service from friendly volunteers
- Live music & entertainment
- Takeaway, available from 2.30pm
- Free tombola, with some great prizes
- Kids play area & free face painting
- Plenty of food, clothing & other essentials

### How to find us:

Northland's Church is on North Road, just up from Morrison's, on the corner of Henry Street.



Pay-As-You-Feel (PAYF)... Everyone is welcome!   Pay-As-You-Feel (PAYF)... Everyone is welcome!

**YOGA FOR KIDS** – help your children to sleep better and be more relaxed. You Tube – Goodnight Yoga, pose by pose by Marian Gates and Cosmic Kids.



**Join Credit Union and save for those special times of the year: Birthdays, holidays and next Christmas.**

[www.darlingtoncreditunion.co.uk](http://www.darlingtoncreditunion.co.uk)

**Credit Union** Parents you can also save by taking money to the office in town. **Reid Street Young Savers** Don't forget, once you receive your Credit Union Card, bring any money in on Wednesday mornings in a sealed, named envelope.

## Keep your children safe



A National Crime Agency command

Type CEOP into Google for latest advice.

[www.kidscape.org.uk/zap](http://www.kidscape.org.uk/zap) - e-safety advice & cyber bullying, anti-bullying & assertiveness workshops.

[www.childnetSTAARToolkit](http://www.childnetSTAARToolkit) – lots of ideas, information & practical help to explore keeping your children safe when they are on a computer.

Please beware of the following apps which are becoming very popular amongst young children:

**Musically App, Lively App & Live.Me App**

These apps are for young people aged over 15 years and can be used by adults to comment, sometimes inappropriately, on live video streams.



### Informative Websites

[www.darlington.gov.uk](http://www.darlington.gov.uk) (shows all activities for the school holidays)

[www.groundwork.org.uk](http://www.groundwork.org.uk) (a play based group which has sessions in venues across the town)

[sdt@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:sdt@darlington.gov.uk) (lots of info on low cost and **free** play sessions)

[www.disabledgo.com](http://www.disabledgo.com) (has the latest information on thousands of accessible venues across the UK)

**Food Banks** King's Church on Whessoe Road on Wed & Fri from 1-3pm or St Mary's Community Centre on Thursday from 1 – 3pm.

