

A HAPPY
NEW YEAR

and a warm welcome back to everyone. Hope you had a lovely time over Christmas and here's to a very healthy and happy 2013! The new Saturday dates are on the back of this newsletter and also on our website www.ntll.co.uk. Please note that information and photographs of our activities and events are updated regularly on our website, so can we urge those who have not yet used our website to give it a try, it really is easy. We also have our own facebook page www.facebook.com/newcastletoylibrary

Christmas Party



Over 120 people joined us for our Christmas Party. It was a very busy morning, Santa, as usual, left exhausted, but it was lovely to see everyone. A very big THANK YOU to all who attended. We appreciate that these big celebrations can be challenging for some of our children and young people and thank all the families for their patience and support. We tried this year to make the party a little more relaxed, please let us know your thoughts. The raffle raised £107 thanks to all who bought tickets. We would also like to extend our thanks to the families who do not celebrate Christmas but still joined in the celebrations with us.



Great news!!!

We have been very lucky to receive a wonderful donation of 'lego watches' for all the children and young people who attend the Saturday Club. Many, many thanks to 'ClicTime Holdings Ltd.'

Saturday Club dates January - April 2013

Saturday 12th January 10.30am - 12.30pm

Saturday 26th January 10.30am - 12.30pm

Saturday 9th February 10.30am - 12.30pm

Saturday 2nd March 10.30am - 12.30pm

Saturday 16th March 10:30am - 12:30pm - Easter Party

February Half Term

We are having a trip to the 'House of Objects' and Pathways 4 All at the Rising Sun Country Park, on Wednesday 20th February more details to follow. Signing up sheets available on 26th Jan.

Other news

We are very sad to say that due to other work commitments our Sports coaches **Emma Wilkinson** and **Martin Smith** will be leaving the Toy Library. Thankfully we still have the lovely Megan who will continue to support the two groups and we have secured Rookie Sports to take the sporting group for the next 4 Saturdays. We will be consulting with parents and children about what we are going to do in the future.

Toy Library Choir: We are offering an opportunity for children 8 years and over their parent/carers, (in particular those who are not accessing other activities on a Saturday) to start their very own Toy Library choir. Carol Bowden will be running this group initially on a trial basis, over the next 4 Saturdays. There will be no initial charge for these sessions. They will take place in the **Dance Studio; time 11.45am - 12.15pm**. Come along and join in the fun!



Swimathon: We are hoping to do our own 'Swimathon' after Easter this year to help raise funds for the summer and would like as many volunteers as possible to help do as much or as little as you like. The aim is to swim the equivalent of the English Channel (that is approx. 21 miles which is **only 1,351.5 lengths** of a 25 metre pool!!! We can do it if we all join in!!). You do not need to be a good swimmer it is all about taking part and having fun together. Please let us know at reception if you are interested in taking part and further details will follow. Thank you.