



November



This Half Term!

Welcome back - it's hard to believe it's the 3rd week back following half term holidays and what a busy half term it is going to be! Early years' topic is "The Jolly Postman", Key Stage 1 are learning all about "Toys" and Key Stage 2 "Childhood". Reception visited Westgate Sports' Centre last Tuesday and Key Stage 2 were out on a school visit to All Saints' Church yesterday afternoon and will visit Gosforth Central Park on 23rd November followed by a trip to Beamish Museum on 1st December!

Reception Admissions 2016

Just a reminder that the application process for children starting Reception in September 2016 is underway. The Admissions Department at the Civic Centre have given us a list of people who have not yet applied and Mrs Bunn will be contacting you shortly.

***The closing date for Reception Applications is
MIDDAY ON 15th January 2016***

You are encouraged by the Local Authority to apply on-line and all information is available at www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions or you can contact the department directly by emailing admissions.information@newcastle.gov.uk or by telephoning 0191 2787878 and asking for 'school admissions'.

New Caretaker

Yesterday we, at long last, welcomed our new PERMANENT caretaker Mr Laidler! He is settling in nicely and I'm sure you will see him around school.

Topic Money

Just a gentle reminder if you have not yet paid topic money for this term we'd be grateful to receive £5 per family (or £15 for the year). This money really helps us to provide items to enliven the curriculum and enthuse the children.

Extra-Curricular Activities

We offer a number of extra-curricular activities before, during and after school. In order to ensure that the experiences for the children are of the highest quality we will be closely monitoring provision and will reserve the right to change provision if necessary. In the past we reduced the number of activities on offer due to the poor behaviour of a significant number of children. We have carefully sourced providers with a good record of behaviour management however if any child's behaviour falls short of the required standard they will be asked to leave the club.

Day	Class/Key Stage	Club
Monday 3.15-4.30pm	Year 3	Art Club
Monday 3.30-4.30pm	Year 4	Awards Club
Monday lunchtime	Year 3 & Year 1	Le Club Francais
Tuesday 8.00-8.45am	Key Stage 2	Tennis
Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm	Key Stages 1&2	Tae Kwondo
Wednesday 3.30-4.30pm	Reception and Key Stage 1	Jolly Olly Football
Thursday 8.00 - 8.45am	Key Stage 1 & 2	Street Dance
Friday 3.30-4.30pm	Key Stage 2	Lee Sterry Football
Friday lunchtime	Year 4 & Year 2	Le Club Francais

Measles, chicken pox and shingles

Please may we continue to remind you of an important matter?

One of our pupils is receiving chemotherapy which puts them at risk if they are exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles.

Please let us know immediately if your child is suspected of having measles.

Our pupil is also at risk from chicken pox and would need to be given an injection within three days of contact. If your child is suspected of having chicken pox, you should let us know.

It is important that you let us know if there are any shingles in your household.

Your child is not at risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of this particular child who is at risk, does depend on the co-operation of all other parents and we know you will help us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Organisation of the School Day

Foundation Stage - Nursery sessions start at 8.30 am.

Reception starts at 8.45 am as the children should be in and ready to begin learning at 8.50 am.

Key Stages 1 & 2 should be in the playground ready to line up at 8.45 a.m. so that they are ready in the classrooms by 8.50 a.m.. ***Please note that there is no early morning supervision. Children should not come to school unaccompanied and should not be 'dropped off' in the yard. Your children are your responsibility until the classes are lined up with staff.***

If it is raining heavily the doors will be opened at 8.40 a.m. and the children can come into the hall where they will be supervised until it is time to go to their classrooms.



ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY

Regular & punctual attendance is essential for all children if they are to have the best chance of learning; late arrival or poor attendance are significant barriers to learning and so we will be taking a very strict line over timekeeping. As soon as the children are indoors the cloakroom doors will be locked. Anyone arriving after that must come to the main entrance to sign in at the office and they will receive a late mark in the register. Children arriving after 9.00 a.m. will have an unauthorised absence recorded on their attendance record.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE IN TERM TIME

The Department for Education (DfE) made important amendments to legislation surrounding holidays in term time.

*The **Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006** were amended and the changes came into effect on 1st September 2013.*

The regulations are explicit. Headteachers can only authorise a leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. Holidays are not considered exceptional circumstances.

Leave taken without permission will result in an unauthorised absence being recorded on a child's record. The Local Authority can take legal action against parents who take their children out of school without authorisation. In addition, parents will only have a 28 day period in which to pay, should they be issued with a Penalty Notice.

The Cross

A gentle reminder to existing families and a note to our new families that, as a mark of respect, we do not walk over the Cross in the school grounds near the school office. The children are advised of this in school and we are very proud that they follow this rule and are often heard to give reminders of it!

St Oswald's Hospice

We are once again supporting St Oswald's Hospice this year by selling their "Arctic Friends" at a suggested donation of £2 at the school office.

Operation Christmas Child

Thank you for your generosity - we have just had 59 boxes collected this morning by Samaritan's Purse volunteers and they were delighted with our contribution.

Children in Need

Thank you for your support last Friday with the children wearing their spots and for attending the coffee afternoon. A fantastic £363.08 was raised and we will be sending this off to the charity this week.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for your support - we are awaiting collection of your donations by The Royal British Legion.

Scholastic Book Fair

We are running a Scholastic Book Fair this week until Thursday 19th November from 3.15 - 3.45pm. Thanks you to those who supported it yesterday.

Children's Cancer Run

Mrs Cowling (Tom's mum from Year 4 last year) has asked me to let you know that next year's run is being held on Sunday 15th May - please put it in your diary! More details to follow next year.

November Dates for Your Diary

Monday 16th - Thursday 19th - Bookfair

Monday 16th - KS2 visit to All Saints' Church

Friday 27th - PTFA non uniform day - details to follow

December Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 1st - KS 2 visit to Beamish

Tuesday 1st - Prospective Parents 2016 look around school at 4pm

Friday 4th - PTFA Christmas Carols and Fair - details to follow

Sunday 6th - Service at St Nicholas' Church - details to follow

Thursday 10th - PTFA film night - details to follow

Tuesday 15th Dec - 9.20am KS1 Nativity

- 10am approx. KS2 Nativity

- 6.00pm KS1 Nativity

- 6.40 approx KS2

Wednesday 16th Dec - 9.30am Early Years Nativity

- 1.20 pm Key Stage 1 Nativity

- 2pm approx. Key Stage 2 Nativity

Friday 18th Dec - Christmas Lunch

2pm Carol Service at St Nicholas Church

School closes at 3.15pm for Christmas Holiday

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY ~ Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2016

MONDAY 4th January - Staff Training Day

School re-opens - Tuesday 5th January 2016

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