



January 2016



Welcome Back!

A very Happy New Year to you all; we hope that everyone enjoyed the celebrations and a good 'break'. A big 'thank you' for all your good wishes, cards and gifts in the run up to Christmas; they were much appreciated by us all!

Reception Applications

The closing date for applications for Reception from September 2016 is midday on Friday 15th January 2016. *If for any reason you have not yet applied you must do so with the utmost urgency.*

Nursery Applications

We are beginning the application process for Nursery places now. Our Nursery currently offers 26 morning places. If you have a child who will be 3 years old by 31st August 2016 you are eligible to apply for a Nursery place for them to start in September 2016. Application packs will be sent out soon. If you have not already put your child's name down on our Nursery list please contact the School Office. If you know of anyone with pre-school age children who may be eligible for Nursery this year please ask them to get in touch with us as soon as possible.

This term

New topics are underway in each Key Stage and Staff will be writing out to you with information about what is to be covered and ways in which you might be able to be involved. If you have any resources or suggestions you think might be useful please have a word with the staff.

Staff

We welcome Miss Tully, Teaching Assistant, into Key Stage 1 and hope that she will be very happy here. Mrs King is currently on leave at the moment due to personal circumstances and we hope that she returns soon.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for this half term is £58. Payments can be made in cash, cheques payable to 'Newcastle City Council' or via ParentMail+Pay. It is important that, if you are not using ParentMail+Pay, dinner money is paid on a MONDAY morning so that the registers can be completed and all monies accounted for. Please ensure money is sent in to classroom staff in an envelope clearly named and with the amount written on it. (Exact money if possible as change is very limited).

M&M Productions

Once again we have welcomed this fantastic theatre company into school. They are performing 'Peter Pan' for Reception, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 as this newsletter is being written! The cost of 'Peter Pan' is £740 which is, very kindly, being funded by the PTFA. Thank you.

Winter Weather

We have enjoyed some unseasonably warm weather recently, if a little wet! However, Just as a reminder.....As stated in previous newsletters we will only seek to close the school if the weather is too dangerous for travel and we cannot guarantee sufficient staff presence to keep the children safe in school. Decisions to close are never taken lightly; our staff always take every effort to attend.



In the event of a school closure due to severe weather we will endeavour to text or email all parents who use Parentmail and an announcement will be made on local radio and on the City Council website. We all fervently hope we won't need to do this!

Please be aware that, unless it is icy, the children will still be outside for work and play so please will you ensure they have a warm coat, gloves, hat etc **all clearly named**.

Please also ensure they have suitable footwear for outdoors and a change of shoes (eg plimsolls) for indoors. It would be helpful if children could have Wellingtons in school for outdoor work. Please ensure footwear is clearly named and that a named clothes peg is provided to fasten shoes/boots together when not in use. Thank you.

Topic Money

We would be very grateful if you were able to contribute £5 per family towards school funds so that we can continue to involve the children in the wide range of activities they have become accustomed to. Please send in to the classroom staff in a named envelope. Many thanks!

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 1	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

Dates for Your Diary - January 2016

8th - M & M Productions - Peter Pan

15th - **CLOSING DATE FOR RECEPTION APPLICATIONS - to CIVIC CENTRE BY MIDDAY**

February 1st and 2nd Parent Teacher Consultations - details to follow.

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