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4th March 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been wonderful to see so many half term adventures and children enjoying Pancake Day on Tapestry. Please remember to upload any pictures of children reading in their favourite place to Tapestry too as we celebrate World Book Day. Thank you!

Updated guidance Covid 19

We have been advised that where a pupil tests positive, children must isolate for 5 days and then have 2 positive negative lateral flow tests before they return to school. We are hoping to receive a letter from Public Health that gives further advice for us all moving forward.

Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed and you think that you could be entitled to Free School Meals then we can complete a check for you. You can check eligibility criteria <https://www.durham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals> Please note that it can take up to 6 weeks from when your circumstances change to being eligible so if we completed a check before the Christmas holidays and you were not eligible then you could be eligible now. Please contact the school office if this information applies to you.

Birthday Cakes

Some parents have been asking about bringing birthday cakes in for children's birthdays. Moving forward, we would ask that these are individual cakes/wrapped bars or packets of sweets instead of one individual cake. Thank you!

Breakfast/After School Club

Please let us know if you do not require your Breakfast or After School Club by contacting the school office. We may have space for Breakfast and After School Club so if you would like to be considered please speak to Rachel C or the school office.

Collecting for Ukraine

We have requested to be a collection point for donations for Ukraine and would kindly accept any donations of: warm clothing, shoes, blankets and sleeping bags, nappies, unopened baby milk and toiletries. These can be dropped at the school office or given to an adult at your child's entry point. Thank you!

Attendance

We do encourage that children are at school as often as possible and with this in mind have a target of 96%. Remember if children are not in school they cannot access lessons and interventions. You also could be at risk of receiving a fine or face court proceedings may commence if your child is persistently absent if your child falls below 90% attendance.

	<u>Class</u>	<u>%</u>
1 st Place	Year 3	99.4%
2 nd Place	Year 4	98.8%
3 rd Place	Reception	98.6%
4 th Place	Y1/Y2	98.1%
5 th Place	Nursery	97%
6 th Place	Year 5	97.6%
7 th Place	Year 6	96.1%

Well done Year 3!

Key Assessment Dates

The Government have reintroduced testing for particular year groups and we thought that it was important to share the dates with parents. Staff, in relevant classes, will be sharing additional information with parents as and when it is received into school.

Year 1 will participate in a Phonics Check. This will be between the 6th and 10th June 2022 (please note school is closed for teacher training on Monday 6th June).

Year 2 will participate in Reading and Maths SATS (Standard Attainment Tests). They will also be assessed in Writing too. This will take place during the month of May (actual dates to follow).

Year 4 will participate in a Multiplication Check during the month of June (between the 6th and 24th June 2022).

Year 6 will participate in Key Stage 2 SATs. This will be assessments in Reading, SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar) and Maths during the week beginning the 9th May 2022. Their writing will also be teacher assessed.

We would ask parents to add these dates to their calendar.

Timetable Rockstars and Numbots Leaderboard (week beginning 14th February 2022)

Times Table Rockstars Leaderboard This Week		
Rank	Name	Year Group
★1🏆	Millie R	Year 5
2	Freddy R	Year 4
3	Josh S	Year 4
4	Ruby M	Year 5
5	Charlie D	Year 4
Numbots Leaderboard This Week		
★1🏆	Ben I	Year 2
2	Annia T	Year 1
3	Robyn G	Year 1
4	Faith C	Year 1
5	Rebecca N	Year 1

Well done to all of our winners. Remember to add the pennies to your chart!