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12th January 2024 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of our first full week back and it has been a busy one! We have added some significant dates for this term and some important dates for the rest of the academic year and we hope that they are useful (hopefully, I have made no mistakes this week!).

We hope that you all have a wonderful weekend.

Payment for non-uniform days

As you will be aware, we are now a cashless school. Moving forward, we would ask that all donations (£1) for non- uniform days are paid via ParentPay (School Fund). This monthly donation will help to subsidise visits and experiences for our children. If you are having issues getting signed up to ParentPay, please contact the school office and we will be able to offer some support.

Dismissal time

The end of the school day, for all children, is 3.15pm. The gates will now open at 3.10pm each day for anyone collecting children from school. Please pass this information to other family members and childminders who collect from school. Thank you

Reception places- Closing date 15th January 2024

Just a reminder that if your child will be turning 4 years old between 1st September 2023 and 31st August 2024, they will start Reception in September 2024. You must apply for their school place NOW.

Children do not automatically receive a Reception school place, even if they are already attending our nursery. Individual schools have no part in this process and you must apply through Durham County Council.

The deadline for applications is Monday 15th January 2024. If you miss the deadline your child may not receive a place at your preferred school.

Attendance queries

We have had some parents query appointments and the affect on attendance. These are authorised but still impact on your child’s attendance figures. It is always best to try and arrange appointments as close to the end of the school day- where possible- to have the least impact on attendance percentages.

Attendance week beginning 8th January 2024

	Class	%
1 st Place	Nursery 30 hours	98.2%
2 nd Place	Year 2	98.1%
3 rd Place	Year 3	96.4%
4 th Place	Year 6	92.2%
5 th Place	Year 5	92.1%
6 th Place	Year 1	91.1%
7 th Place	Reception	91.6%
8 th Place	Year 4	91.2%

Well done Nursery!
Our target is 96%

Dates until Easter

There could be additional dates to add to the list and we hope that the following information is useful.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Class</u>
23 rd January 2024	Visit to Consett (Geography Fieldwork)	Year 6
2 nd February 2024	NSPCC Number Day (more information on Tapestry) non-uniform £1 to pay on ParentPay	Whole School
6 th February 2024	E Safety Assembly (time to be confirmed and parents welcome)	Whole school
7 th February 2024	Parents' Phonics Session 3.15-3.45pm	Year 1 Parents
8 th February 2024	Parents' Phonics Session 8.00-8.30am	Year 1 Parents
13 th February 2024	Visit to Harehope Quarry (more information to follow)	Year 3
13 th February 2024	Parents' SATs session 3.15-3.45pm	Year 6 Parents
13 th February 2024	Parents' SATs session 4.30-5.00pm	Year 6 Parents
14 th February 2024	Parents' SATs session 8.00-8.30am	Year 6 Parents
16 th February 2024	School closed for staff training (PD Day)	Whole School
26 th February 2024	School reopens after half term	Whole School
27 th February 2024	Enterprise Day (more information on Tapestry)	Whole School
w/b 4 th March 2024	Art Week	Whole School
7 th March 2024	World Book Day (more information to follow)	Whole School
8 th March 2024	Art Gallery Parents Welcome from 2.15pm	Whole School
11 th March 2024	Special Person Afternoon 2.15-3.15pm (more information on Tapestry)	Reception Parents
12 th March 2024	Speak Out, Stay Safe Workshops	Year 2, 5 and 6
14 th March 2024	Visit to Christ Church and Consett Library	Reception
18 th March 2024	Visit to Derwent Reservoir (more information to follow)	Year 3
20 th March 2024	Stay and Play Session (morning children) 8.30-9.30am Stay and Play Session (30 hours children) 2.00-3.00pm	Nursery Parents
21 st March 2024	Visit to the supermarket	Reception
22 nd March 2024	Non-uniform day £1 to pay on ParentPay	Whole School
w/b 25 th March 2024	SEND plans to be reviewed with parents (appointment based)	Whole School
26 th March 2024	Whole School Easter Assembly- Parents welcome 2.15pm	Whole School
28 th March 2024	School closes for Easter holidays	Whole School
15 th April 2024	School reopens for the summer term	Whole School

Some important dates for the rest of this academic year

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Class</u>
6 th May 2024	Bank Holiday- School closed	Whole School
w/b 13 th May 2024	Year 6 SATs Week	Year 6
w/b 27 th May 2024	Half term- School closed	Whole School
Monday 3 rd June 2024	PD Day- School closed	Whole School
w/b 10 th June 2024	Year 1 Phonics check	Year 1 (some Year 2 who need to retake the check)
w/b 3 rd and 10 th of June 2024	Year 4 Multiplication Check	Year 4 children
Tuesday 23 rd July 2024	School closes for Summer holidays	Whole School
*w/b= week beginning		

Key Stage 1 SATS

Previously, children in Year 2 would have assessments in Reading, Maths and Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. These assessments are now optional. We will administer these tests, later in the Summer term, to support us with making judgements around assessment for the end of Key Stage 1.

You can find additional information here <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-key-stage-1-tests>