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19th January 2024 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

This week, in our assemblies, we have been discussing the importance of a good night's sleep and having breakfast, so the children are ready for learning. We have some spaces at Breakfast Club if you would like your child to attend, please speak to a member of staff.

Newspapers- Early Years

In Early Years, we use newspapers at the painting easel. If anyone has any old newspapers, they could donate they would be greatly appreciated. Please hand them to any member of staff.

Thank you!

Year 6 Fieldwork- Tuesday 23rd January 2024

On Tuesday 23rd January, Year 6 will be visiting Consett town centre to collect data about human geographical features in our local area. The children have designed a key question that they would like to investigate and hope to learn more about building use and the shops and services in our area.

We will be leaving school at 9am and will be back in school in time for lunch. Children should come to school in their usual uniform and will need a warm, waterproof coat, hat/ gloves/ scarf etc. As we will be walking up to Consett, your child may wish to bring a change of shoes that are more suitable for walking longer distances.

Could you please complete the Microsoft form below to give permission for your child to take part in this activity.

<https://forms.office.com/e/E0Qcs0nvMF?origin=IprLink>

Please get in touch if you have any questions.

Jillian

Number Day- Friday 2nd February 2024

We will be taking part in the NSPCC Number Day once again this year.

We will be spending the day with fun focus on number along with some challenges and we invite the children to dress up as a number or something number related. It may be that they wear an outfit with numbers on it, they wear stripes or shapes, or anything related to number.

Can we ask that a small donation, for example, £1 be donated in support of the NSPCC. If you can please pay it into school fund on ParentPay, we would be very grateful to help us avoid any cash coming into school. This will be instead of our normal non-uniform day at the end of the month on Friday 26th January.

Thank you for your support.

Jacqui - Maths Lead

Bee Garden Competition-Chartwells

Chartwells have launched a competition to design a Bee Garden. Entry forms have been distributed between classes and the closing date is **31st January 2024** (for any child who brings an entry form home).

Attendance

We want to work with families to ensure that children attend as much as they can because if children are not in school then they cannot learn.

Please remember that we are here to help and support.

What YOU must do:

Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence.

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance, then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

What WE will do:

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

Attendance Letters

We have shared an attendance letter with some families today where children are less than 92%. We will carefully monitor attendance until half term and would hope to see an improvement. If you feel that your family needs support, to improve attendance, we would ask you to make an appointment to discuss this as soon as possible.

	<u>Class</u>	<u>%</u>
1 st Place	Year 5	99%
2 nd Place	Year 4	98%
3 rd Place	Reception	97%
4 th Place	Year 6	96.2%
5 th Place	Year 3	93.5%
6 th Place	Year 1 and 2	90.4%
7 th Place	Nursery	90%

WELL DONE YEAR 5!

Punctuality

Children from Reception to Year 6 can enter through the gates between 8.35-8.50am (Nursery children and their families at 8.30am). During this time, staff arrange small intervention groups, hear individual children read, or allow children to access handwriting activities or maths activities to support them in lessons. The earlier the children arrive the more benefit they receive from these sessions.

Please remember that the gate closes promptly at 8.50am and children arriving after this time will receive a 'L' code.

Any child arriving after 9.10am will receive a 'U' code.

Traffic along Oakfield Lane

We are continuing to work with our PCSO and would like to remind parents/carers and anyone else dropping children off at our school.

- We kindly ask that parents and carers dropping off and collecting follow the one-way system to alleviate congestion.
- We also ask that cars do not park opposite the school gates so children and families can cross safely.
- We would also ask that you park safely and allow children to get out onto the pavement rather than dropping them off in the middle of the road.
- Parents/carers should adhere to the staggered timings when dropping off (only 8.30am for Nursery and their siblings) and 8.35-8.50am for all other children.
- Please also consider your speed as you drive along Oakfield Lane.
- Lastly, we would ask that parents do not sit for long periods of time, along Oakfield Lane, with their engines running waiting to collect children.

Thank you for your continued support and making drop off and collection times safer; it is certainly improving!