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22nd September 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Just a few updates and pieces of information to share with you all this week. I cannot believe that we are almost at the end of September already!

We will have the first of our sessions- for parents-next week as Reception staff invite Reception parents to a Read, Write Inc session. We are looking forward to welcoming you at 2.30pm (please enter through the pupil gate from 2.20pm).

Macmillan Cake Day- Thursday 28th September 2023

This year, we will hold a Cake Day for Macmillan and ask for cake/biscuit donations. Children can bring loose change to buy a cake during the day. Thank you!

ParentPay payments

Can parents ensure that all ParentPay accounts are settled and up to date. If you are having difficulty, please contact the school office in the first instance.

Illness

The weather is getting colder and we know that many children have had coughs and colds. We are asked to encourage good hand hygiene to prevent the spread of germs.

The NHS website has guidance of when not to send your child to school <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> and we would recommend that parents use this link to support them.

Parking at the end of the school day

We ask parents to consider where they park as we have many families struggling to pass cars parked on kerbs. We have had reports from 3 different families this week and would ask that you pass this information to other family members/friends who are collecting. We have also had a complaint from a local resident because parents have been parking across their driveway.

Year 2 visit to Beamish-Wednesday 27th September

Our Year 2 children will visit Beamish on Wednesday 27th September. All information is available on Tapestry and please keep an eye on the weather too!

Volunteers

Do you have a few spare hours and could help children in school? If so, please contact the school office or speak to a member of staff.

Attendance for w/b 18th September 2023

	<u>Year</u>	<u>%</u>
First Place	Reception	97.2%
Second Place	Year 2	95.4%
Third Place	Year 6	94.2%
Fourth Place	Year 1	93.8%
Fifth Place	Nursery	93%
Six Place	Year 4	90.4%
Seventh Place	Year 3	87.7%
Eighth Place	Year 5	87.5%

Well done Reception ! Our target is 96%

Fire alarm

Apologies to anyone affected by the fire alarm going off last night. We have been assured that the fault has been fixed and there should be no further issues!

Leaderboards

Please see Tapestry for this week's leaderboards for Timestable Rockstars and Numbots.

Dates so far...

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Class</u>
25 th September 2023	RWInc Parents' Session	Reception parents
27 th September 2023	Year 2 visit to Beamish (information on Tapestry)	Year 2
28 th September 2023	OPAL Big Play (pm session)	Whole School
28 th September 2023	Macmillan Cake Day (see information above)	Whole School
29 th September 2023	Non-uniform day £1 on ParentPay	Whole School
3 rd October 2023	Flu Immunisations	Children who have consent
9 th October 2023	Year 4 visit to Vindolanda (information on Tapestry)	Year 4
11 th October 2023	Open Evening 3.15pm-5.00pm to visit Reception	Nursery Parents
13 th October 2023	Visit to Church	Reception
16 th October 2023	Harvest Festival 10am- All welcome	Whole School
11 th October 2023	School Photographer (Individual photos- more information to follow)	Whole School
w/b 23 rd October 2023	Timestable Rockstars Week (more information to follow)	Whole School
26 th October 2023	Non-uniform day £1 on ParentPay School closes for half-term	Whole school
6 th November 2023	School reopens after half-term	Whole School
10 th November 2023	Remembrance Assembly led by Year 6- All welcome 2.30pm	Whole School
11 th December 2023	Christingle led by Y2 2.30pm- All welcome	Whole School
19 th December	Whole School Christmas Assembly 2.30pm- All welcome	Whole School

We will continue to add to the list of dates for this term.

Attendance and Punctuality

- Please remember that absences must be reported to the school office, as soon as possible, otherwise the absence is recorded as unauthorised.
- Several families have requested a Leave of Absence. A leave of absence can only be granted if the circumstances are exceptional. Please see [here](#) for detailed information and register codes.
- You may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice if your child misses 14 sessions (7days) within a 12-week period. This could be because a Leave of Absence has not been granted or if your child has unauthorised absences.
- Our register closes promptly at 8.50am and we ask that children arrive with enough time to be registered otherwise they will receive a L code. Any child arriving after 9.10am will receive a U code.
- Medical appointments must be shared with school otherwise these could be coded as unauthorised.