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29th September 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

We cannot believe that it is Friday again! Thank you to everyone who donated cakes sent money to buy cakes and helped to buy all the left-over cakes. We are pleased to say a magnificent £300 from our Macmillan Cake Day yesterday!

Pick Up/ Drop off

Thank you to those parents who have requested to open both gates for all at 8.30am. As we only have one entrance, we simply do not have enough space to allow parents to drop Nursery children off while allowing all other parents to drop off too.

Just to clarify for all parents/carers and family members dropping off, our gates open at 8.30am so that we can accommodate the Nursery children's 15 and 30 hour placement timings. Nursery children's siblings can also arrive at 8.30am so drop off is easier for families who have Nursery (am/30 hours) children.

All other parents can drop off between 8.35am

Moving forward, we would ask also that only parents with Nursery children and siblings queue up outside the gate at 8.30am. Any parents arriving early, please wait across the road so that Nursery families can arrive without having to walk on the road.

8.30am
Only Nursery children and their siblings

Busy

If you need to drop children promptly, then you might like to request a place at Breakfast Club (£1 per child per day).

We would ask that parents/carers and other family members consider the residents along Oakfield Lane and park considerately when dropping off and collecting as safety is everyone's priority.

8.35am-8.40am
All other families

Queues possible

Thank you.

8.40am- 8.50am
All other families

Quiet time

Attendance week beginning 25th September 2023

	Class	%
1 st Place	Year 6	95.8%
2 nd Place	Year 3	95.4%
3 rd Place	Reception	94.4%
4 th Place	Nursery	93.3%
5 th Place	Year 2	92.3%
6 th Place	Year 1 Year 5	90.4%

Well done Year 6!

Our whole school target is 96%

Dates until Christmas

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Class</u>
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	Book Fair being delivered (more information to follow)	Whole School
11 th October 2023	Open Evening 3.15pm-5.00pm to visit Reception	Nursery Parents
11 th October 2023	School Photographer (Individual photos- see below)	Whole School
13 th October 2023	Visit to Church	Reception
16 th October 2023	Year 6 visit to Hamsterley Forest	Whole School
16 th October 2023	Harvest Festival 10am- All welcome	Whole School
18 th October 2023	History Walk 1pm- Parents welcome to join	Year 2
19 th October 2023	Fire Brigade Assembly (Fire Safety)	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
4 th December 2023	Pantomime visit to school (1.45-2.45pm)	Whole School
8 th December 2023	EYFS Nativity 9.30am	Nursery and Reception parents
11 th December 2023	Christingle led by Y2 2.30pm- All welcome	Whole School
12 th December 2023	KS1 Nativity 9.30am	Year 1 and 2 parents
13 th December 2023	Christmas Lunch Day	Whole School
18 th December 2023	Christmas Party Day	Whole School
19 th December 2023	Whole School Christmas Assembly 2.30pm- All welcome	Whole School

School Photographer

The photographer will visit school on Wednesday 11th October 2023 to take individual photos. We are hoping to invite siblings (who do not attend our school) to have their photo taken at approximately 8.45am. Siblings attending school will have their photo taken during the school day.

Christmas Events/Cost

We are asking parents to help us with the cost of Christmas by paying £5 for an individual child/£10 for a family. This will go towards Christmas parties and Pantomime visiting school on the 4th December. This can be paid via ParentPay from Monday 2nd October. Thank you!

Parents' Evenings- 23rd and 24th October 2023

We will be holding Parent's Evening on Monday 23rd October and Tuesday 24th October between 3.15-5.00pm. We will send out appointments by Microsoft Form early next week. This is a good opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new year group. We would ask parents if you had any query or concerns that you need to discuss before then to make an appointment with your child's class teacher via the school office.

Toilets

We have had an issue, with the girls' toilets blocking during the week as there is a metal covering lodged in the pipe. We were hoping that the issue would have been resolved quickly but that is not the case, with an old school building! We have had representatives from 2 different companies try to release the metal covering but to no avail.

It is not ideal but we are asking children to use the boys' cubicles until the issue is resolved. We wanted to make parents aware of the situation and will keep you updated.

Thank you.