



Friday 3rd May 2019

Dear Parents

Staffing Update

Following an extended period of sickness absence Mr Younger has decided to retire and this was effective from April 30th. Mr Fryer retired on the same day and we wish them both well in their retirement. The current school leadership measures will continue in the interim period until permanent arrangements are made.

May Day Holiday

School will be closed this coming **Monday, 6th May** for May Day Bank Holiday. School will be open as usual on Tuesday 7th May.

Easter Service

Thank you to all our parents who attended our Easter Service Wednesday 3rd April, I'm sure you will all agree the children gave a fantastic performance.

Our sincere thanks also go to Reverend Jamie and Reverend Raine for their lovely Easter assembly. We all look forward to their next visit.

Year 6

Year 6 - SATs week commencing Monday 13th May

All children need to be in school during SATs week. All Year 6 pupils are invited into school to attend breakfast club from 8.00 am onwards. This means children are in school on time, have settled before the start of the day and are then ready to start their tests at 9.00 am prompt.

We will be providing a special breakfast for our Year 6 pupils e.g. croissants, bagels, sausage and bacon sandwiches or the usual choice of cereals, toast, yogurts and fruit. Year 6 children do not have to attend but those have attended in the past have enjoyed it.

Year 6 children may also bring treats for after each test to give them a boost and to keep them going (no fizzy drinks please). If you can help us at home by making sure your children are in bed at a reasonable time, are well fed and watered, it will help with the smooth running of SATs week.

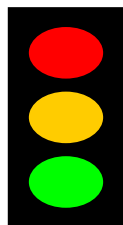
Please be aware although SATs week is finished the week ending 17th May, children will still be working towards their writing levels until mid-June.

The Government have produced an online video and information sheet about SATs. You will already know most of this information, but it may still be useful to refresh your memory:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

Year 6 Residential 3rd – 5th June 2019

A meeting has been arranged for the Year 6 pupils and their parents to discuss arrangements for the residential visit to Gibside Stables, Rowlands Gill. The meeting will take place on Thursday 16th May at 3.15pm. A letter and a list of items required for the visit will be in your child's bag tonight.



Attendance

Red – Danger Zone - **Below 90%**

Amber – At Risk Zone – **91%-96%%**

Green – Safety Zone – **97% - 100%**

Attendance for week ending 3rd May 2019

Class R.1	96.35%	Class 3.8	90%
Class 1.2	90.53%	Class 4.9	94%
Class 2.4	92.78%	Class 5.12	95.88%
		Class 6.10	96.67%

Well done to Year 6 for being this week's attendance winners.

100% Attenders – Spring Term 2019

We are delighted to inform parents that 50 pupils who achieved 100% attendance from 7th January to 5th April 2019. Well done to everyone who received their Spring Term Attendance Certificate, keep up the good work!

Pizza Party – Spring Term Attendance Winners

Miss Atkinson's Reception class had the highest attendance for Spring 2 Term and were rewarded with an after school Pizza Party. All the children in class R.1 had a great time on Wednesday night with lots of dancing, playing games and ended with a delicious pizza feast. Thank you to the children and parents for making that possible! We hope we can win again this half term!

After-School Clubs – Summer Term

Day	Year/Class	Club	Time
Monday	Year 6	Football Team Training	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Reception & Year 1	Arts and Crafts	3.15pm – 4.00pm
	Year 3 to Year 6	Athletics	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Wednesday	Year 1 & Year 2	Mindful Colouring Club	3.15pm – 4.00pm
	Year 3 to Year 6	Computer Club	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Year 3 to Year 6	Newcastle Football	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Thursday	Years 1 & Year 2	Fitness Fun	3.15pm – 4.00pm
	Year 3 & Year 4	Homework Club	3.15pm – 4.00pm
	Year 3 to Year 6	Dance Club	3.15pm – 4.15pm
	Year 3 to Year 6	Yoga Bugs	3.15pm – 4.15pm
Friday	Whole School	Tuck shop	3.15pm



Special "Shout Outs"

Special "shout outs" are to celebrate the marvellous efforts and great achievements of our super children.

Year 3

Mrs Watson would like to give a **BIG SHOUT OUT** to Louie for his enthusiasm and effort in Italian this week. Molto bene Louie!

Miss Nicklin would like to give a huge shout out, to all of year 3, who went swimming on Monday, everyone was extremely well behaved.

Year 4

Miss Raczynski would like a huge shout out for the Year 4 pupils at the rugby tournament on Thursday. All three teams did really well and were a credit to our school.

Reminders

Year 2 Class Assembly

The children in Year 2 are looking forward to presenting their class assembly to parents on **Wednesday 8th May at 9.15am.**

Lost Property

Our lost property bins are filling up again; can we please remind parents to write their child's name in all of their clothing including coats and jackets. Please check our lost property bins for any items of missing clothing on a regular basis. We have lost property bins in both East and West Block. If clothing is labelled, we can easily return it to its owner.

PE Kits

Please ensure your child has a complete PE kit in school everyday. We have a number of sporting activities happening across the year groups each week with specialised coaching in rugby, football and cricket. There have been a number of children who regularly do not have a PE kit in school or part of their kit is missing.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Gladstone
Head Teacher