



Friday 18th October 2019.

Dear Parents

And whoosh its half term. How did that happen? It's been a busy half term with lots of new initiatives. Next half term will be no doubt be just as busy as we head towards Christmas.

I hope you found Parent Evenings useful this week and enjoyed looking at your child's books and seeing the effort they have been making in class. Our next Parent Evening will be February/March.

Pantomime

We need to confirm numbers after half term and pay for the tickets. This is a wonderful, fun opportunity for children to take part in and I am sure lots are looking forward to the visit. If your child is not attending due to medical reasons etc please can this be put into writing to keep our records correct. Children who do not go will then go to Nursery to do their school work there. Thank you.

School Council

School Councillors have met and have come up with some really good suggestions. These include: school choir, film club, buddy bench, basketball hoops for the younger children, a reading box for outside and a bonus playtime for the class with the best attendance. Aren't they brilliant suggestions for their first meeting? Well done school council.

Choir

Miss Nicklin and Mrs Bonner would like to start a school choir for Years 2-6. This will take place on a Wednesday night from 6th November. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the reply slip and return to the class teacher on Monday 28th October. Places will be offered on a first come first served basis.

Halloween Disco Tickets

Halloween Disco tickets are on sale now costing £1.50 The disco will take place on **Wednesday 30th October 3.15 - 4.30 pm.**

Halloween Lunch Menu

Gateshead Schools Meals have created a special Halloween lunch menu for **Wednesday 30th October**. Normal cost of £2.50 for those not eligible for free school meals. The menu that day will be: Mummy Dogs (sausages), Spiders Webs (Criss-cross potatoes), Witches Bubbling Beans (beans) and Spooky Cookies for dessert.



Music Workshop

As a reward for their hard work and great behaviour children will participate in a music workshop on Wednesday morning after half term. This will be an interactive and fun session.

Year 3




Just to remind you parents are invited to Y3 sharing assembly on Thursday 31st October at 9am.

Year 6

Reading Plus starts after half term at 8.30am each morning. Y6 pupils can come along and enjoy some toast too!! You should have received a letter about this.

Look out for a letter about a residential visit too.

Attendance for week ending 11th October 2019

	Red – Danger Zone - Below 90%
	Amber – At Risk Zone – 91% - 96%
	Green – Safety Zone – 97% - 100%

Reception	97.14%	Year 3	98.95%
Year 1	97.50%	Year 4	97.69%
Year 2	96.32%	Year 5	95.71%
		Year 6	92.94%

Well done Year 3 for being attendance winners.

GDPR – You have the right to withdraw or amend your consents at any time: you can do this by telephoning the school office on 0191 4206626 or by emailing your request to colegate@gatedu.org

Just to remind you this is a Safeguarding School and we have a duty to pass on any concerns to Children's Services.

If you have any concerns or queries do not hesitate to contact me. I do try to be on the yard every morning and evening when at Colegate, feel free to catch me then. I look forward to working with you all.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing you all Monday 28th October.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Gladstone
Head Teacher