



Spring Term 2019

Newsletter 1 - 30/01/2019

Parent/Governor Election

The school is pleased to announce the following parent was elected as our new Parent Governor

Miss Julienne Foster

Many thanks to all those who returned their ballot papers

HERE'S THE
NEWS

Christmas
Jumper Day 

We raised a total of
£109.00

Which has been donated to

 **Save the Children**

ParentPay Goes 'Live' on Monday 25th February



Shortly you will receive details about how to register online with **ParentPay** to make school meals payments. Parents/Carers who do not have access to the internet are still able to use the **ParentPay** service through **PayPoint** - details of how to use both payment methods will be distributed to all parents/carers before the half term holidays.

Initially we intend to use **ParentPay** just to pay for school meals. However, over the coming months we hope to expand the service to include payments for Before and After School fees, Educational visits and school uniform.

It is therefore important that parents/carers support us by using the system in the early stages which may be a good introduction to the wider service we will be offering later.

Just a couple of important reminders:

Attendance and Pupil Absence: As you will be aware all schools are required to monitor pupil's attendance throughout the year. We are currently looking at the Autumn Term attendance data and should there be any concerns regarding a pupil's attendance then we will be writing separately to parents/carers about this. May I remind you that it is the responsibility of parents/carers to contact the school before 10.00a.m. on the FIRST day of absence to give a reason for non attendance. If we do not receive a call the office staff will attempt to contact parents/carers to discuss the absence. It is important to note that if the school does not receive a reason for non attendance on the first day the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. If you have any queries about your child's attendance please do not hesitate to speak with either myself or Mrs Overfield.

Access into school: Please may we remind everyone that the main gate should not be used before 9.00a.m. for access into the school premises – this area can be potentially dangerous at this time with cars entering the car parking area. We would therefore appreciate it if the bottom gate and rear entrance is used before 9.00a.m. – Many thanks.



Parking outside the school: Once again we must emphasise the importance of not parking or stopping within the yellow 'No Parking; zone outside of school between the times stated. This area is meant to be left clear for the safety of our children and we would therefore appreciate it if this message could be passed on to all family and friends who may bring and collect children to and from school. This area is regularly monitored by Street Wardens from the Local authority and fixed penalties notices may be issued for parking illegally in this area.

Dates for the Diary: Please find below a list of diary dates arranged until the end of the Summer Term –obviously the list is not exhaustive and will be added to throughout the year.

If you need any further details please let us know.

February	
Friday 1 st February	Year 3/4/5/6 Primary Swimming Gala –
Friday 8 th February	Year 4 Assembly followed by refreshments
Friday 8 th February	Reception Class Multi Skills at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre – details to follow
Friday 8 th February	Deadline for deposits for our Year 6 Residential visit to Patterdale Hall.

Monday 11 th & Wednesday 13 th February	Parents/Carers Evening – Please find attached letter for details . We are hoping that our School Nurse will be available to speak to parents/carers about any concerns you may have.
Monday 11 th & Tuesday 12 th February	Parents/Carers Evening – Please see attached letter for details.
Week beginning 11 th February	No Extra Curriculum Clubs
Tuesday 12 th February	Year 1 and Year 2 Infant Games – Alun Armstrong Centre – details to follow
Friday 15 th February	School closes for half term holiday
Monday 25 th February	School re-opens
Tuesday 26 th February	Key Steps Gymnastics – South Durham Gym Club – details to follow
March	
Friday 1 st March	Year 3 Assembly followed by refreshments
Wednesday 6 th , 13 th , 27 th March & Wednesday 3 rd April	After School Event Year 3/4 Football League – Alun Armstrong Centre – details to follow
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Thursday 14 th March to Wednesday 20 th March	Book Fair in school – details to follow
Friday 15 th March	Year 2 Assembly followed by refreshments
Tuesday 19 th March	Yr 3/4 Sports Skills Alun Armstrong Centre - details to follow
Wednesday 20 th March	Year 5 Greenfield Experience Day
Tuesday 26 th March	Dance Festival Newton Aycliffe Centre – details to follow
Friday 29 th March	Year 1 Mother’s Day Assembly followed by refreshments
April	
Monday 1 st April	Reception Class Special Mother’s Day lunch - Details to follow
Week beginning 1 st April	No Extra Curriculum Clubs
Wednesday 3 rd April	Yr 5/6 High 5 Netball Tournament Greenfield Community College – details to follow for children taking part
Wednesday 3 rd April	After School Event - Final date Year 3/4 Football League – Alun Armstrong Centre – details to follow
Friday 5 th April 9.00am	Reception Class Assembly followed by refreshments
Friday 5 th April	School closes for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 23 rd April	School re-opens

Week beginning 23 rd April	No Extra Curriculum Clubs
May	
Friday 3 rd May 9.00am	Year 5 Assembly followed by refreshments
Monday 13 th to Thursday 16 th	Year 6 Statutory Assessment tests (SAT's)
Friday 24 th May 9.00am	Year 4 Assembly followed by refreshments
Friday 24 th May	School closes for half term holiday
June	
Monday 3 rd June	School re-opens
Friday 7 th to Sunday 9 th	Year 6 Residential Visit
Friday 14 th June 9.00am	Year 1 Father's Day Assembly
Monday 17 th June	Reception Class Special Father's Day Lunch
Friday 21 st June	Year 2 Assembly followed by refreshments
Friday 28 th June	Year 3 Assembly followed by refreshments
July	
Friday 12 th July	Reception Assembly followed by refreshments
Thursday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Production
Friday 19 th July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or queries.

Yours sincerely

S. Green
Head teacher