



Spring Term 2020

Newsletter 1 - 20/1/2020

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NEWS



Great news you helped us raise
£160.00
For Save the Children
Many thanks for your support.

Reception and Nursery



We hope our Early Years parents and carers enjoyed our Christmas Fayre - we raised just over £150 which will be used to purchase resources for the Early Years unit.

A belated Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back.

Our first newsletter of the Spring Term includes the *'Dates for the Diary'* section as well as important information and reminders that parents/carers need to be aware of.

Safeguarding: As you will be fully aware safeguarding is one of the most important responsibilities that schools undertake. To ensure you know who you would need to speak to regarding a concern please see listed below staff who are responsible for Child Protection and Safeguarding at our school.

- First contact – Mrs Green – Child Protection and Safeguarding Lead
- Miss Overfield – Senco
- Mrs Jones – Personal Development
- Mr Cluskey – Internet Safety.

Access into school: Please may we remind parents/carers that the main gate and entrance should not be used for access into school before 9.00a.m. as this area is a car park and potentially dangerous before this time of the morning. Access into school before 9.00a.m. should be via the bottom gate and rear entrance. At the rear entrance you will be firstly directed to the school office where a member of staff will be available to deal with your query or request.

Please can we ask that this information is passed on to any other family members/friends who may bring your child to school. Many thanks.



Safety outside of school: Last week we received a report of a near miss involving one of our pupils on the pavement outside of school. As you will appreciate this is very concerning particularly when it is one of our own parents/carers who has put other children at risk by parking in the 'No Parking Zone'. The 'No Parking' zone is in place to keep children safe and vehicles stopping in this area even for a moment are breaking the law. We therefore ask that parents/carers DO NOT stop in this area to drop off children or collect children from school to ensure that the safety of our children is not at risk.

School Policy regarding uniform/hair styles/ear piercing: We would like to remind parents/carers of our guidance document (copy attached) regarding the above. We have noticed that there has been an increased number of children wearing hair products and a variety of hair accessories which the guidance states are not permitted at school. Whilst we do understand that children like wearing these things it is important that parents/carers ensure that our policy is followed during school time.



**Thursday 13th February - Spring half term Golden Day
Year 1 to Year 6 Children - Visit to Empire Theatre, Sunderland**

This half term we have arranged for the children to see the Sound of Music at the Empire Theatre on Thursday 13th February for our Golden Day activity. I am sure your child will have already told you about the visit and the lovely songs from the Musical that they have been learning to sing. As you can imagine we are all very excited and very much looking forward to the visit.



The performance is during the afternoon and we expect that the coaches will return to school between 6.15p.m. and 6.30p.m. depending upon traffic. The annual consent already completed will cover this visit

To keep costs to an absolute minimum the school has made a substantial contribution towards the cost of the tickets and will also pay for transport in full. As a result the final cost will be £10.00 per child which I am sure you will agree represents fantastic value for money. We would therefore appreciate the full contribution of £10.00 per child being sent to school as soon as possible. It is very important that all payments are placed in a sealed envelope with your child's name and the amount enclosed written on the envelope. This helps to ensure that we are able to accurately record payments we receive. Thank you.




As always on our return to school children will be escorted back to class by their teacher to collect their belongings and then will be taken out through the rear door onto the playground to meet parents/carers.

Please support us by not parking in the 'No Parking' zone as this space will be required for the fleet of coaches when we return. Many thanks.



'Dates for the Diary' : if you need any further details please get in touch.

| January 2020 | |
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| Tuesday 21 st | Children from Year 5 - Basketball Festival - parents/carers already notified |
| Wednesday 22 nd | Year 6 Visit to the Royal Grammar School for Computing Workshop |
| Wednesday 22 nd and 29 th | Dodgeball league - parents/carers already notified |
| Friday 31 st . | 9.00a.m. Year 5 Assembly followed by refreshments |
| February 2020 | |
| Wednesday 5 th | Year 1 and Year 2 Infant Games at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre - you will be notified if your child is taking part |
| Friday 7 th | 9.00a.m. Year 4 Assembly followed by refreshments |
| Monday 10 th - Friday 14 th | No Extra Curriculum Clubs or Year 6 1:1 tuition groups After School Care service will be as normal. |
| Monday 10 th and Wednesday 12 th | Parents/Carers Evening meetings Details and appointment slips attached. |
| Thursday 13th Golden Day |  Year 1 - Year 6 Visit to the Empire Theatre to see the Sound of Music Theatre |
| Friday 14 th | School Closes for the February half term holiday |
| Monday 24 th | School re-opens |
| Friday 28 th February | 9.00a.m. Year 3 Assembly followed by refreshments |
| March 2020 | |
| Thursday 5 th | World Book Day - children may dress up as any character from a book/poem. Details to be distributed after 1/2 term. |
| Friday 6 th | 9.00a.m. Year 1 Assembly followed by refreshments |
| Friday 13 th | Sports Relief - details to follow |
| Friday 27 th | 9.00a.m. Reception Assembly followed by refreshments |
| April 2020 | |
| Friday 3 rd | 9.00a.m. Year 2 Assembly followed by refreshments |
| Friday 3 rd | School Closes for the Easter holidays |
| Monday 20 th | School Re-opens |

The *'Dates for the Diary'* will be updated regularly throughout the year

