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Windy News

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Regular reading makes all the difference

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I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the staff, pupils, parents and governors who have supported us in achieving very pleasing SAT results again this year. In both KS1 and KS2 our pupils have achieved better than the national average results across all subjects. Their hard work and determination to do well has definitely paid off.

There have been countless opportunities for the Year 6 children to come into school both before, during and after the school day to access intervention programmes to support them with their learning. The staff dedicate their time and energy in order that the children can achieve the best possible outcomes. The children's commitment to learning has been excellent and their attendance at different interventions has been very commendable.

Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to children's educational performance. Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures. In fact, reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.

Please encourage your child to read regularly over the summer holidays as this will give them the boost they need ready for starting back in September. Below is some information from Gateshead library service on their summer offer.

Summer Reading Challenge 2018—Mischief makers

Gateshead libraries are calling for children to sign up to read six books this summer as part of Mischief Makers, Summer Reading Challenge 2018.

The Summer Reading Challenge asks 4–11 year olds to borrow and read any six library books over the summer over three visits. The theme for the 2018 Summer Reading Challenge is Mischief Makers, inspired by the much-loved children's title Beano, which celebrates its 80th anniversary.

Children will explore a map of Beanotown to find a hidden treasure chest full of pranks and become ultimate mischief makers! As children read library books for the Summer Reading Challenge, they will receive special stickers, some with mysterious smells. By adding these stickers to their map, young readers will help Dennis, Gnasher and friends solve clues and discover the treasure, having lots of fun and adventures along the way.

To take part in Mischief Makers, all children need to do is sign up at their nearest library where they will be given a colourful collector's map of Beanotown to keep a record of their Summer Reading Challenge journey.

Mischief Makers launches in libraries across Gateshead on 21st July and runs until 1st September. There's a whole programme of events and activities planned in Gateshead libraries for families over the summer to celebrate the Summer Reading Challenge.

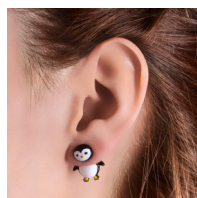
Earrings

Our parents and children uphold the "no jewellery" rule very well. Thank you for this.

If you are planning to get your child's ears pierced this year, the very best time to do this for school is at the start of the summer holiday.

Most ears have healed enough on the children's return to school in September to allow them to join in PE, swimming etc.

If your child does have earrings in they will not be allowed out at lunchtime and playtime.



What's happening?

- ◆ Diary Dates
- ◆ Summer safety
- ◆ Breakfast club
- ◆ Staffing updates

Returning to school in September

I would just like to remind all parents that when the children return to school in September they need to be wearing black school shoes, boots or trainers as this is part of our school uniform rules.

Also can I remind you that black leggings are not part of our school uniform policy and should not be worn.

The Children in KS2 will all be provided with a standard school pencil case. It will include all of the

equipment they need over the course of the year. Individual pencil cases will not be allowed in school. This was introduced last year in KS2 and has reduced the number of disputes between children over stationery equipment.

Remember!

Children finish for the summer break at the end of Friday 20th July and they return to school on Tuesday 4th September. Monday 3rd September will be a training day for staff.



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Summer Festival

Once again Year 6 have taken part in the Virgin Money £5 challenge. The

programme gives pupils an insight into how business works and helps them to build skills for the future, such as teamwork, problem solving, leadership, money management and creativity.

The World Cup theme gave the pupils the opportunity to participate in a country wide celebration.

The pupils raised an amazing £604 so thank you to all parents who helped to support this event. The money will be spent on a treat for the current Year 6 pupils as well as helping to support visits and visitors within school.

Thank you to Mr. Hawdon and Mr. Brown for all of their hard work in making it happen.

Breakfast Club

As we have extended the number of spaces in our breakfast club this year we still have some availability for September 2018. If you are interested please contact the school office or the Breakfast club staff in person.

Staffing Updates

With a recent increase in numbers in Reception, we have appointed Mrs. Hannah Purser to be the Ladybirds teacher for September 2018.

We have also appointed Mrs. Victoria Collison to be a part-time teaching assistant in KS1.

With Mrs. Hocking's secondment to support another school in Gateshead, Mr. Hawdon has been appointed acting Deputy Head and Mr. Brown has been appointed as temporary LKS2 Phase Leader.

Dates for your Diary

Please note that some dates may change due to circumstances beyond the school's control.

Fri 20th Jul	School finishes for summer holidays Leavers Assembly Nursery closed
Mon 3rd Sept	School closed for staff training
Tues 4th Sep	School reopens for pupils

Summer Holidays Safety Water Safety

Around 400 people needlessly drown in the UK every year and thousands more suffer injury, some life changing, through near-drowning experiences. With the summer holidays coming up please make sure you educate your children on the dangers of playing in water. The Royal Life Saving Society have a very informative website.

See link below and keep your children safe.

<http://www.rlss.org.uk/water-safety/water-safety/summer-water-safety/>

'Stranger Danger'

Northumbria Police have asked schools to encourage parents to talk about the importance of stranger danger as we approach the summer holidays. They have asked that we reinforce that:

Students should not trust any stranger (other than uniformed emergency services), even if they appear vulnerable or harmless, as they cannot know the true intentions of the stranger.

Students should not engage in conversation with people they don't know, either in person or over social media.

If someone approaches them in a concerning way to dial 999. If any children have ever been subject to any incident such as this to report it to a parent, carer, teacher or someone else they trust so the police can be notified.

Springwell Community Hub

The community centre in Springwell Estate are distributing recycled uniform during August for a small donation to help keep the centre running. Call in to the Hub for more details of what's on.

KIDSCAPE RISE

Would your child benefit from taking part in a Kidscape RISE workshop to help build their self esteem and confidence before starting secondary school?

We know that moving up to secondary school is a big step! Through taking part in a RISE workshop your child will be supported to:

RISE

- Grow in confidence
- Understand how to manage change
- Make new friends
- Deal with difficult situations
- Stand strong against bullying
- Know how to speak up and get help

We are holding a workshop on Wednesday 22nd August from 1.30-4.30 in central Newcastle. The workshops are free of charge. If your child would like to take part in a RISE workshop visit kidscape.org.uk/rise to book their place.

Spaces are limited, so booking is essential. If you have any questions or need support to book the course online please email danny@kidscape.org.uk.

