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Windy News

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Halloween Disco

The PTFA are pleased to be hosting a Halloween disco in school on Thursday 1st November.

Nursery and Reception 4.15-5.00pm
Years 1/2/3 5.15-6.15pm
Years 4/5/6 6.30-7.45 pm

Thank you to all of those parents who have volunteered to help.

When choosing your child's costume, please be mindful of the fact that some children can be nervous around particular themes linked to Halloween.

Also please remember that all children will have to be collected from the disco even if you are not staying to help. Pupils will not be allowed to walk home on their own.



Value of the month

Last month's value was **dedication**. The following pupils were successful in receiving Windy Winners Certificates

for showing Dedication.

Robins - Emily Collison

Owls - Carter Power

Mrs. Ferry - Taylor Jackson

Mrs. Preece - Kara McKee

Bluebells - Harvey Dent

Tulips - Jessica Bertram

Snowdrops - Callum Richardson

Elms - Sophie Williams Hooker

Oaks - Courtney Scott

Beeches - Isabelle Tomkins

This month the value we are exploring is thoughtfulness.

Safeguarding around school

School Procedures

As a school we take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously. It is with this in mind when procedures for entry into and out of school events are planned. For each event a time will be given when gates / doors will be locked. If you turn up after this time unfortunately we will not be able to allow you entry. This is for the safety of everyone in school and we thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Parking around school

Although our school has some off-road parking, there are still drivers parking carelessly and blocking the drives of nearby residents or blocking in other cars while children are being delivered to or collected from school. As a school, we would like to keep good relationships with our neighbours, so please park considerately.

There have also been incidences of parking on the grass verges and the bus stop. Please can you think carefully about where you park as it is your children that are at risk. This is particularly pertinent at the minute as we lost our crossing patrol at the end of September and she has not yet been replaced.

Gateshead Council have informed me that due to funding cuts there is a chance she will not be replaced. I have written to the council and to our local MP to voice my concerns regarding this, as I feel the road outside of school without a crossing patrol could potentially be very dangerous. The pupils in school also voiced their concerns about the road during our work on our RRSA agenda.

I will keep you updated on any further information I receive about the crossing patrol.

Please remember the Fiddlers are more than happy for parents to use their car park at the start and the end of the school day.

Article 19—The right to be safe

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What's happening?

- ◇ Dates for your diary
- ◇ Governor Focus
- ◇ Adverse weather procedures
- ◇ Christmas Fayre

Operation Child Shoe Boxes Appeal

Watch out for your child bringing home their Operation Child Shoe Box Appeal leaflet. We will be collecting the shoe boxes for this very worthy cause after the October half term holiday.

Remember!
School is closed for the half term holiday from 3:15pm on Friday 19th October.



We close for the Christmas break at the end of Thursday 20th December.



Dates for your Diary

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

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Attendance Policy

A quick reminder that holiday in term time is not allowed by this Government unless there are exceptional circumstances. As harsh as it may seem, having an affordable holiday or set work holidays are not considered exceptional. Some Penalty Notices have already been issued to parents who have taken their children on holiday without school's permission. This costs £60 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days, and £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days. This can add up to a considerable amount.

Our Family Liaison worker, Mrs. Conroy, monitors our attendance very closely.

Half term holidays

Do you want to keep your children active during the October half term? Gateshead Leisure Centre are holding the **Go Gateshead October Sports camp** during half term. This is perfect for children aged 8-14 and offers a range of activities including badminton and ultimate Frisbee. Children will also be able to try Clip and Climb adventure and make a splash in the swimming pool. For more information visit www.gogateshead.com/sportscamps or ring 01914335733

Governor Focus

The Governing Body is a group of volunteers made up from teaching staff, parents and co-opted members whose job is to help the Head Teacher 'run' the school. They are 'critical friends' who look at every aspect of school life, making sure that statutory obligations are being met and that the school is providing the best possible education for all of our children. This week the Governors have reviewed the work they do in school, in line with national expectations.

Winter Weather Procedures

As winter approaches we need to think about our school procedures in the case of bad weather.

The adverse weather policy, which outlines our school procedures, has been shared on the school website for your information. As always we will endeavour to keep the school open in all circumstances, however on occasions Health and Safety concerns mean we do have to close the school. We will try to let parents know as soon as possible if this is likely to occur—please refer to the policy for more information.

Mon 8th Oct	Operation Child assembly
Tues 9th Oct	Governor Resources Committee 5pm Y5 /6 trip to Ouseburn
Mon 15th Oct	Parents' Evenings in school -Mon, Tues, Thurs (crèche available Mon and Tues)
Thur 18th Oct	Flu Vaccine
Fri 19th Oct	3.15pm School closes for half term break.
Mon 29th Oct	School re-opens to pupils
Thur 1st Nov	PTFA Halloween disco (more info to follow)
Wed 7th Nov	Governing Body Monitoring of maths
Wed 14th Nov	Family Learning—story sacks EYFS
Tues 20th Nov	School Photos
Thur 29th Nov	Full Governing Body meeting
Thur 6th Dec	School Christmas Fayre
Mon 10th Dec	Reception Christmas Sing along 9:15
Tues 11th Dec	Reception Christmas Sing along 9:15
Wed 12th Dec	Nursery Christmas Sing along 11am Windy Nook Pantomime 6pm
Thur 13th Dec	Windy Nook Pantomime 6pm KS1 Production 9:15
Fri 14th Dec	KS1 Production 915 Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

Parties will take place the following week. More information will be in the November newsletter.

Nature Park Volunteers

The gardening club are doing a fantastic job of improving our school grounds whilst at the same time getting some hands on learning experiences. We are hoping to extend this further by working with the Windy Nook Nature Park volunteers to clear out the school pond on Saturday 20th October.

This will mean that we can access the pond to learn about natural environments.

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Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is to be held in the main school hall and the KS1 building on Thursday 6th December at 2pm.

Children in Years 5 and 6 will be able to attend the Fayre on their own as long as they have parental permission. All other year groups will need an adult with them.

We will be collecting items for the raffle, bric a brac stall as well as for the cake stall nearer the time. Further information will be sent out to parents nearer the time.

Breakfast club

As we have extended the number of spaces in our breakfast club this year we still have some availability. Breakfast club starts at 08:00 and costs £2:50 a day. It is run by school staff and includes breakfast and a range of activities. If you are interested please contact the school office or the Breakfast club staff in person.

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PTFA

Thank you to all parents who purchased some Christmas cards through the Cauliflower cards scheme.

As Christmas approaches and you may do some on line shopping, don't forget the PTFA are registered with www.easyfundraising.org

All you need to do is register at the site and then when you do any on line shopping if you go through their site first they will make a donation to the school PTFA.