



## Windy News

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### Halloween Disco

The PTFA are pleased to be hosting a Halloween disco in school on Wednesday 30th October.

Nursery and Reception 4.00-5.00pm  
Years 1/2/3 5.15-6.15pm  
Years 4/5/6 6.30-7.30 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.



PTFA

A huge thank you to the PTFA for organising the slime workshops over the past 2 weeks. They have been hugely successful with the children enjoying the

opportunity to spend time being creative with their friends and family. There will be more creative workshops in the future.

If you would like to get involved with the PTFA please visit their page on the school website or ask at the school office for more information.

*Article 31- You have the right to relax and play, and join in a wide range of activities*

### Safeguarding around school

#### School Procedures

As a school we take our safeguarding responsibilities very seriously. The lock down practice we held in school last week was very successful. The children followed the instructions very carefully and the staff have reviewed some of the procedures following the debrief. Lock-down practices will become part of the Annual school calendar, much like Fire Drills.

#### 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, the school entrance and the bus stop. Remember the school entrance has no parking markings on the road and so cars should not pull in to drop off or pick up children from this area.

Please can you think carefully about where you park as it is your children that are at risk.

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*

#### Staffing Update

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Purser who are expecting their first child in March 2020. Staff and governors are currently finalising the arrangements for covering the Ladybirds class in her absence.

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#### What's happening?

- ◇ Dates for your diary
- ◇ Cycling events
- ◇ Adverse weather procedures
- ◇ Christmas Dates
- ◇ Attendance in school

#### Supporting Service Children

The Government currently gives schools extra funding for those children who have a parent / parents actively serving in the armed forces or have been registered as a 'service child' on the January school census at any point since 2014. If you think your child might qualify for this funding please see the main school office.

#### Remember!

#### Co-op Community Funding

There are just under 2 weeks left until the current Community Fund closes. Shopping at your local Co-op and nominating school as your local cause will provide us with essential funds to further improve our outdoor areas. Follow the link below for more information <https://membership.coop.co.uk/>

## 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 and any parents of children whose attendance is a concern may be invited to the Governor attendance panel.

### Christmas Dates

Mon 9th Dec	Nursery Christmas Sing along 11am (Nursery closed pm Home visits)
Tues 10th Dec	Reception Nativity 9:15 am
Wed 11th Dec	Reception Nativity 9:15 am (adults only) School Pantomime 6pm
Thu 12th Dec	KS1 Production 9:15 School Pantomime 6pm
Fri 13th Dec	KS1 Production 9:15 (adults only) Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
Mon 16th Dec	Reception Party pm
Tue 17th Dec	Nursery party am (Nursery closed pm—home visits) LKS2 Carol Concert- St. Albans's Church 9:30 LKS2 Party pm
Wed 18th Dec	KS2 visit Pantomime at Gateshead Stadium KS1 party pm
Thu 19th Dec	UKS2 Party pm
Fri 20th Dec	School finishes at 3:15pm

### 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.

### Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre is to be held in the main school hall and the KS1 building on Thursday 5th 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.

Mon 28th Oct	School re-opens to pupils Choir singing at QE hospital pm
Tues 29th Oct	Cycling Generation Activities see below
Wed 30th Oct	PTFA Halloween disco
Thu 31st Oct	KS1 indoor athletics festival
Tues 5th Nov	Nightingales visit Shipley Art Gallery
Wed 6th Nov	KS1 Multiskills
Tues 12th Nov	Governors Curriculum Committee
Wed 13th Nov	NSPCC assembly Robins visit Shipley Art Gallery
Thu 14th Nov	Antibullying workshops Owls visit Shipley Art Gallery
Fri 15th Nov	Y6 Safety works visit
Mon 18th Nov	UKS2 Indoor Athletics
Mon 18th Nov	Road Safety themed week
Thu 21st Nov	NSPCC Speak Out Workshops UKS2
Mon 25th Nov	Y5/6 Hifive netball
Thu 28th Nov	Full Governing Body meeting
Thu 5th Dec	Christmas fayre 2pm
Fri 6th Dec	Flue vaccines Choir singing at Felling Park

### Cycling events

Jayne Stanton (Dr Bike) was in school on Monday 14th October to fix any bikes or scooters that needed attention. She also spoke to the children about bike safety and how they can keep themselves safe in the dark nights when walking or cycling to school.

As part of our continuing promotion of cycling, Jayne will be in school from 29th Oct—1st Nov offering scooter and cycling skills and games for your child. Children taking part will need a two wheeled bike or scooter of their own in safe working order, and a helmet. Other appropriate clothing, such as a short length coat and trainers is desirable. A pair of gloves can also be very useful for avoiding minor scrapes.

**Tues 29th October—Bike skills for Year 4 and Year 6**  
**Wed 30th October— Learn to ride—this is open to anyone who can't yet ride a bike**  
**Thu 31st October—Year 1 and 2 Scooter games**  
**Fri 1st Nov—Year 3 and Rec—Scooter skills**



### 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](http://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.