



## Windy News

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### Trailblazer Mental Health support

The Trailblazer Mental Health Support Teams have been supporting pupils in Windy Nook Primary over the past 9 months. They have provided whole class support as well as 1-1 support for pupils facing specific difficulties. The trailblazers project would like to invite you to an informal Parent/Carer Forum on Wednesday, 5 February 2020 from 5:00–6:00pm at Whickham School and Sports College, Burnthouse Lane, Whickham NE16 5AR.

It is important to them that they listen to the views of both children and young people and also their parents and carers in order to provide the best service possible.

If you would like to attend could you send a response to: [ngccg.cyptrailblazer@nhs.net](mailto:ngccg.cyptrailblazer@nhs.net).

*Article 12: The right to say what you think should happen and have your views listened to.*

### Water and Road Safety

As part of our safeguarding curriculum this term, pupils in KS1 and KS2 have had visits from the RNLI to highlight the dangers of water when at the beach. The children were taught what to do if they were caught in a current when swimming in the sea and about the different meanings of flags they see at the beach. They also learnt about what they would need to take out if they were going to save someone and what to do if they got cold water shock. Feedback from the children was very positive and I would like to thank the RNLI for their support in educating the children about safety at sea.

Later this half term, the pupils in EYFS will have a visit from the road safety team.

Article 19: The right to be safe

### Staying Safe on line

We will be holding a themed week linked to Internet Safety starting on Monday 10th February.

The slogan for this year's safer internet day is 'Together for a better internet.' The children will experience a range of activities designed to keep them safe when using the internet, including drama workshops.

The NSPCC will also be offering a workshop for parents so that you can be as informed as possible about the dangers associated with the internet. This will take place at 2:15 on Thursday 13th February.

As a parent it is hugely important that we are aware of the dangers and potential issues that our children can encounter when using the internet. I would therefore advise as many of you as possible to attend the session so that you can support your child through what can be some difficult decisions and situations.

*Article 16: The right to privacy*

*Article 19: The right to be safe*

### Staffing updates

*After February half term, we will be welcoming Mrs. Hope back into school on a part-time basis. She will be covering management time and PPA in Upper Key Stage 2.*

*Mrs. Purser will start her maternity leave after February half term. Miss Calam and Mrs. Prynn, both well known and valued members of Windy Nook staff, will cover Mrs. Purser's class. Mrs. Prynn will work on a Monday and Friday and Miss Calam will cover the middle of the week. Mrs. Cole will continue to support in this class.*

*Mrs. Pattison continues to be absent from school due to illness.*

January 2020

### What's happening?

- ◇ Dates for your diary
- ◇ Governor Focus
- ◇ Reminders
- ◇ PTFA

### 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.

*Article 19: The right to be safe*

### Remember!

We close for the February half term break at the end of the school day on Friday 14th February.



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### PTFA

**The KS2 children enjoyed a great afternoon at Gateshead stadium when we went to watch the pantomime Cinderella.**

**The PTFA's kind donation meant we were able to half the costs of this trip for parents.**

**A donation from the PTFA also allowed the EYFS and KS1 to enjoy a Christmas themed show in school. I would like to say a huge thank you to the parents and carers who help out at PTFA events as without these volunteers we would not be able to raise the funds needed to enhance the opportunities for our pupils.**

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.

### Future dates to note

School will be closed on  
Friday 8th May 2020 for the  
May Bank Holiday. Please  
note the  
following week is KS2 SATs.

School will be closed on  
Monday June 1st for teacher  
training.

School will be closed on  
Friday 19th June for the  
school's  
Occasional day.

### Polite Reminder

Please can you ensure that your children are supervised when leaving the school grounds. Once again we have had school equipment broken by children climbing on / playing with equipment that is meant for much younger children. This lack of respect for school property is hugely disappointing in this time of limited school budgets where equipment cannot be easily replaced.

Thank you for assisting us with this.

### Dates for your Diary

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

Mon 20th Jan	RNLI workshops
Tues 21st Jan	Year 3/4 Warburtons workshop RNLI workshops
Wed 22nd Jan	Year 3/4 Warburtons workshop
Thu 23rd Jan	School Photo day
Tues 28th Jan	Governors Curriculum Committee meeting 5pm
Mon 3rd Feb	Year 6 SATs meeting for parents 5pm
Thur 6th Feb	Year 6 Swimming Gala pm
Mon 10th Feb	Parents' evening Cycling generation activities
Tues 11th Feb	Parents' evening KS1 Safer Internet workshops
Wed 12th Feb	KS2 Safer Internet workshops
Thu 13th Feb	Internet Safety workshop for parents 2:30 pm
Fri 14th Feb	Break up for half term Sportsability competition
Mon 24th Feb	School reopens after half term
Wed 26th Feb	Year 3/4 Mini Basket ball Tournament Cardinal Hulme
Thur 27th Feb	Mini Health Champions Y5
Tues 10th Mar	Year 3/4 Hockey Tournament Cardinal Hulme Governors Resources Committee 5pm
Mon 16th Mar	School Assessment week
Wed 18th Mar	EYFS PE Festival
Thu 19th Mar	Full Governing Body Meeting 5pm
Mon 30th Mar	Easter egg designs brought into school
Wed 1st Apr	Easter egg display open to parents 8:45, 3:15 Reports out to parents Y6 Dance Festival Sage pm
Thu 2nd Apr	9:45 am Easter Service St. Albans
Fri 3rd Apr	School breaks up for Easter holidays

### School Uniform Reminders

Please remember that our school uniform guidelines state that children must wear black shoes, boots or trainers. Leggings are not part of our school uniform.

Long hair should also be tied back and earrings should not be worn.

### Governor Focus

Some of the Governing body met at the beginning of the school term to monitor and evaluate the School Development Plan. They use this opportunity to question Senior Leaders about the management of the school and monitor how well the school development plan is being implemented.

They also monitored staff awareness of Safeguarding issues. Feedback from both was very positive. If you would like to find out more about the role of school governors please don't hesitate to ask.

### World Book Day.

World Book day is to be held on the 5th March 2020. Please note we will NOT be asking the children to dress up as part of our World Book Day celebrations. The Book Fayre will be in school that week.  
More details to follow.

