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Windy News

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PTFA EVENTS

Thank you to everyone who supported the PTFA today in their Halloween inspired dress down day. The children looked fabulous and it goes some way to compensate for the fact we were unable to



hold a Halloween disco this year. The PTFA continue to think of ways to help raise much needed funds for the school.

Thank you to everyone who has also signed up for the Cauliflower Cards Christmas card scheme. It is a festive way to raise money for the school whilst valuing your child's art work.

Attendance and Punctuality

Please find on the back of this newsletter the start and finish times for each class. The staff are advised to open the door 5 minutes before their start time and leave it open for 10 minutes after that. Any child arriving after that time will receive a late mark in the register. Please don't ask the staff to open the doors any earlier as they have work to prepare for teaching and cannot be there to supervise the children.

Article 28: You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

COVID Updates

Firstly, I'd like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff for their hard work during these difficult circumstances. We have tried to keep school as normal as possible for your children whilst keeping them safe.

As part of these safety measures, the school has to remain well ventilated which means doors and windows are kept open. As the weather changes, we would ask that you send your children in with extra layers of clothes as they can always take them off if they get too hot. Your continued cooperation with the one way system and the staggered start times has been very much appreciated. Can I remind you that social distancing on the school property needs to continue after the half term.

As you are aware, we have been chosen to be a COVID testing pilot school. More information about the implications of this scheme will be sent out today and over half term. Please note that your cooperation with this project is entirely your decision and school will not put any pressure on you whatever decision you make. We will continue to update you about this testing pilot via the website and via the text message service.

We are still required to notify public health of any positive cases in school over the half term break. If your child or anybody in your family develops symptoms then please remember to book a test and self isolate until you receive your results. If your child was to test positive over this period, please can you email the school on the email address at the top of this newsletter.

The school email address is regularly checked and we would then telephone you to provide further advice on what you and your family need to do.

Article 24: You have the right to the best health care possible, to help you stay well.

October 2020

Future Dates

- Back to school—2nd November
- Children in Need day- 13th November
- Odd socks Day -16th November
- School Photographs -17th November
- Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day- 9th December
- Reports out to parents- 15th December

- Christmas parties
- Early years - 14th December
- LKS2 -15TH December
- KS1 -16TH December
- UKS2 -17th December

Future Fundraising events

The School Council will be organising two different charity events next half term.

13th November is Children in Need day. Pupils can come to school in no uniform. There will be collection buckets for donations at the front gate at the start and end of the day.

We will also be collecting food for the Gateshead food bank. This was hugely successful last year. More information will come out nearer the time.



Teacher	Start time	Finish time
Miss. Clough Nursery	8:45	3:15
Mrs. Ramanandi Dragonflies	9:00	3:15
Mrs. Short Ladybirds	8:30	2:45
Miss. Wilkinson Robins	8:45	3:00
Miss. Calam/ Mrs. Ferry Owls	8:30	2:45
Mrs. Preece Year 2	8:45	3:00
Miss. Crowe Year 2	8:45	3:00
Mr. Newman Bluebells	8:30	2:45
Miss. Hogg Tulips	8:45	3:00
Mr. Brown Snowdrops	9:00	3:15
Miss. Hill Elms	8:45	3:00
Miss. Tipping Oaks	9:00	3:15
Mr. Hawdon Beeches	8:30	2:45

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. We have had to make some small changes linked to COVID restrictions.

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.

Article 19: You have the right to be protected from harm

School admission closing dates

Please don't forget the closing date for secondary school admissions is 31st October 2020.

The closing date for primary school admissions 15th January 2021.



Please remember we close for Christmas on Friday 18th December. School is closed for teacher training on Monday 4th January. All pupils return to school on Tuesday 5th January.

Parental Questionnaires

After the half term break, we will be sending our annual questionnaire for parents to complete. We do value your opinions so please do take the time to complete it as it helps us to move forward as a school.

Article 12: you have the right to an opinion and to be listened to.



Anti Bullying week

Anti Bullying week will run between 16th—20th November. The children will be involved in a range of activities to support their learning. The week will start off with Odd socks day where the children can wear odd socks to school to show we are all different but all important.

Article 19: You have the right to be protected from harm

School Reminders Earrings and Jewellery

Please remember we operate a no jewellery policy in school; this includes earrings. If your child comes to school in earrings they cannot take part in PE lessons and cannot run around with their friends at playtime as they need to sit on a bench. This is for health and safety reasons. Many thanks for your co operation with this.

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School Dinners/ Packed lunches

Please remember that if your child options for lunch can only change on a weekly basis. If your child chooses school dinners on a Monday they must stick with that option for the whole week.