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Windy News

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School Ping!

We are introducing a new system to improve communications between school and parents/carers. The new system will operate via an app on your smartphone. This will give us the ability to send our usual messages but will also provide a facility for distributing letters electronically, for parents to complete online consent forms for school visits and an online booking system for parents evening appointments. We hope that this will streamline the process and make it much easier for parents to access information and book/change appointments with staff.

We will be sending an invitation to join the new system via email or letter in the near future. Please look out for this and download the new app as soon as possible. For any queries, please ring Mrs. Gerry in the school office.

SAFEGUARDING

If you have any concerns about a child in school please contact the Designated Person. **The designated persons for safeguarding are:**
Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs L. A Forrest:
Head Teacher
Named Cover:
Mrs. C Ramanandi
(Assistant Headteacher)
and / or Mrs. A Preece
(Senco)
Nominated Governor: Mrs.
V. Billings
E-Safety lead: Mr. K
Hawdon

Welcome back

Welcome back to all pupils and parents (both old and new) after what has been a lovely summer break. Whilst we have been able to relax some aspects of school life, not all restrictions have been lifted in school and the Local Authority are asking us to take a very cautious approach to being back in school. We have lifted some restrictions around bubbles so that bubbles are now phase based rather than class based. This gives the children a little more freedom at lunchtimes and playtimes. We are still being advised that parents should not come into school for face to face meetings, but if this does have to happen please ensure you wear a mask.

We hope you have got used to the new start to the school day and thank you for being so punctual. It really helps your child to have a settled day in school if they are present at the start of a lesson.

Thank you for making sure that your children look so smart and presentable in their school uniform. We always have a range of uniform left in school at the end of the week and if it is not named it is very difficult to match it to its owner. Please can you remember to label all items of school uniform with your child's name. KS2 pupils are now expected to take home all of their belongings at the end of every day, rather than leaving them in the corridors.

Our PE uniform is plain white t shirt and black leggings, shorts or joggers and school jumper and this can be worn for school on PE days. No coloured tracksuits are allowed.

Can I also remind you that we operate a no jewellery policy within school and that all earrings should be removed before coming to school, or if ears are still in the healing period, be taped up with surgical tape. If your child's ears are taped up they will not be able to participate in PE lessons or play outside until the earrings are removed.

Also, all hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back for health and safety and hygiene reasons. Please remember that pupils should not be wearing false nails in school.

Remember to buy new school uniform you need to visit Logos Unlimited at the Team Valley. Please see the school website for further information about the purchase of school uniform.

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.

September 2021

What's happening?

Dates for your diary

School Meals

Health and Well being

Road safety

Packed lunches

We regularly qualify for the Healthy School Award, which demonstrates our commitment to the all-round well-being of our pupils, including healthy eating. Please ensure that children do not bring fizzy drinks or sweets and chocolate bars in their packed lunch.

Please make sure that children only bring healthy snacks for break time.

Hopefully we will be able to open snack shop again soon.

Article 24: You have the right to the best health care possible, safe water to drink, nutritious food, a clean and safe environment.



Remember!

Please keep your children off the nursery equipment as they pass through the YFS on a morning. Staff arrive in school early to set up exciting activities, only to discover they have been moved or altered as the children walk through to line up. Thank you.

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More Information

School Meals

Our rule for lunches is that children must stick to the same option for the whole week please. Any child bringing a packed lunch must do so for each day of that week, and the same applies to taking school meals.

This includes whether payment is involved or not. The catering unit manager needs to know numbers of pupils staying for lunches to place the food orders. Payment for school lunches is via SIMS Pay (Pay 360).

Parents of pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will already know that school meals are free for all children in these year groups.

If you think you are (or would be) entitled to means tested Free School Meals

Regardless of which year group your child is in, if you think you may qualify for means tested free school meals, please contact the main office for a claim form, or apply online at <https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/7433/Free-school-meals>

Even if you do not wish your child to take the school meal, you may receive shopping vouchers for school holiday periods from Gateshead Council and our school will benefit from the grant attached to each pupil who is eligible.

Currently, this is worth £1,300 per pupil and would be a huge loss to the school if parents do not claim. If you need any more information, please contact school. Thank you.

Article 27: You have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have your basic needs met.

Dates for your Diary

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

Thur 23rd Sept	Bush Craft Day
Tues 28th Sept	Y6 Girls football
Thur 7th Oct	Y5/6 Cross country
Thur 14th Oct	Governor Resources Committee
Mon 18th, Tues 19th Oct	Parents evening via telephone
Fri 22nd Oct	Flu vaccines
	Break up for half term
Sun 31st Oct	Secondary Admissions closing date
Mon 1st Nov	Back to school
Wed 10th Nov	Full Governing Body meeting
Thur 11th Nov	Nursery admissions closing date
Mon 15th Nov	Phonics check Year 2
Mon 22nd Nov	Assessment week in school
Thu 25th Nov	Curriculum and Standards Committee
Wed 1st Dec	Governor Attendance Panel

At the current time the Local Authority are suggesting that Christmas activities may need to be restricted. We will let you know of any Christmas activities as soon as we are given the go ahead from the Local Authority.

Staffing Updates

We would like to welcome Miss Smith back from her maternity leave. She will be working on a part time basis in UKS2.

Also we would like to say congratulations to Mrs. Montague and her husband on the birth of their little girl Penny last week.

ROAD SAFETY

Crossing Patrol

Unfortunately despite advertising on a number of occasions we have been unable to appoint anyone in the role of crossing patrol. This is a concern to us as the road outside of school can be fast and dangerous. We will continue to teach all children about the importance of road safety as part of our Safeguarding curriculum. The children in Year 5 are also currently taking part in Bikeability training, which encourages them to be safe on the roads when riding their bikes.

Parking Around school

Although our school has some off-road parking, we know this is limited and this can lead to frustrations at busy times of the day. Please be mindful of blocking the drives of nearby residents or blocking in other cars while children are being dropped off 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 yellow zig-zag lines and the bus stop. Please can you think carefully about where you park as it is your children that are at risk.

The Fiddlers pub are more than happy for parents of Windy Nook pupils to park in their car park at the start and end of the school day.

Article 19—You have the right to be safe and protected from harm.

After School Clubs Autumn Term

Monday—Multi sports club—Y3/4

Thursday—Gardening Club—Nightingales

Thursday—Football Skills—Y6