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# Windy News

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## PTFA EVENTS

Calling all witches, wizards, skeletons and ghosts. Halloween is almost here!

To celebrate, Windy Nook PTFA would love the children of Windy Nook primary School to design a Halloween themed t-shirt. It could be anything Halloween related e.g. a pumpkin, ghost, mummy, Frankenstein or even just coloured with Halloween colours.

The t-shirts can be worn or shown to the class on Friday 22nd October. There is a small prize for the best t-shirt in each class. This is to be judged by the class teacher.

On Friday 22nd October, children can also come to school dressed up in a costume or dressed down in Halloween themed/coloured clothes or whatever they feel comfortable in.

We ask that costumes are age appropriate and are not too scary as we do not want anyone in school to be frightened.

Windy Nook PTFA ask for a £1 donation per child for the day.



## 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

At the current time the Local Authority are still advising schools that parents are not allowed to come into school. (including for Christmas performances)

With this in mind, we have decided not to run a school pantomime this year. This decision has not been taken lightly, but staff dedicate a lot of time after school to ensure the pantomime is ready for a public viewing. The pantomime works best with live audience participation and we cannot be certain this will be allowed to happen.

KS1 and the EYFS will still rehearse for their Christmas nativities and if we are not allowed to have parents present they will be recorded and shared with parents.

*Article 31 All children have the right to relax and play, and join in a wide range of activities.*

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## Donations

We would like to say a huge thank you to SAGE Foundation who have supplied us with 2 C Touch screens for use in KS1 and Reception. Sage Foundation is a charitable foundation who help break down barriers to digital and economic equality so that everyone can thrive.

## Fundraising events

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Mini marathon. We managed to raise approximately £500 towards the cost of a defibrillator.

We are waiting for further advice on final costs and fitting and a local business man has agreed to help support us in raising sufficient funds to ensure we can buy and fit one.

The School Council will be collecting food for the Gateshead food bank.

This was hugely successful last year. **More information will come out nearer the time.**

## SCHOOL PING

If you haven't signed up to school ping yet, please make sure you do or you may miss out on vital information. Moving forward this will be our method of parental communication. Contact the office if you need more help.



SchoolPing

### Dates for your diary

Fri 22nd Oct	Flu vaccines Break up for half term
Sun 31st Oct	Secondary Admissions closing date
Mon 1st Nov	Back to school
Wed 3rd Nov	Y3 Segedunum trip
Thurs 4th Nov	Y4 Segedunum trip
Wed 10th Nov	Full Governing Body meeting
Mon 15th Nov	Phonics check Year 2
Tues 16th Nov	School Photos day
Wed 17th Nov	Year 5 Beamish trip—climate change
Mon 22nd Nov	Assessment week in school
Thu 25th Nov	Curriculum and Standards Committee
Wed 1st Dec	Governor Attendance Panel

The following dates are potential dates for Christmas events. This will be dependent on the latest Local Authority Risk Assessment.

Mon 6th Dec	EYFS performance
Tues 7th Dec	ETFS performance
Thurs 9th Dec	KS1 performance
Fri 10th Dec	KS1 performance
Mon 13th Dec	Nursery party am Reception party pm
Tues 14th Dec	KS1 party pm
Wed 15th Dec	LKS2 party pm
Thurs 16th Dec	UKS2 party pm
Fri 17th Dec	School closes for Christmas holidays

### 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.

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



### Christmas Holidays

Please remember we close for Christmas at the end of school on Friday 17th December. School is closed for teacher training on Tuesday 4th January. All pupils return to school on Wednesday 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.*

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. hope who are proud to announce the safe arrival of Freddie William Hope on 28th September. We look forward to meeting him in the future.



### Anti Bullying week

**Anti-Bullying Week 2021 will be taking place from Monday 15th - Friday 19th November and the theme is One Kind Word. Kindness is more important today than it has ever been.**

**The week will begin with odd socks day. All you need to do is wear odd socks to show we are all unique.**

*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.

#### MOBILE PHONES

If your child brings a mobile phone to school you need to fill in a parental consent form and your child needs to hand their phone into the class teacher when they arrive at school. This is so phones left in coat pockets do not get lost or broken on the yard

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