



Windy News

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Helping others

May 2022

Food Bank

Miss Thompson and the school council will be collecting food for the Food Bank the week beginning 6th June. There will be boxes at the school gate to deposit any food donations. A list of what ten items the foodbank need most will be sent out this week.

Clothes bank

As you may be aware we now have a clothes bank in the school car park. If you have any good quality clothes, shoes or bags please bring them to the main office and we will put them in the clothes bank for you. This will help raise funds for our school. Over the last couple of months we collected 155kg of clothes which raised us £46.50 for school funds.
Please bring your unwanted clothes into school .

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

Platinum Jubilee Day

Thank you to everyone who helped to arrange our Platinum Jubilee celebrations, in particular Mrs. Short, who organised a number of events throughout the day. It was lovely to see the children and staff dressed in red, white and blue. The weather was kind to us so we could enjoy our ice creams and have our picnic lunch outside on the grass in the sunshine.

The children from the EYFS paraded up and down the yard so that we could see their crowns and the choir and sign squad performed for us. Please visit the school website to see photographs from the day.

Staffing updates

We would like to wish Miss Tipping, Mr. Brown and their partners good luck as they get married over the half term holiday. Miss Tipping will be known as Mrs. Darby when we return to school.

Miss Tipping and Mr. Newman have decided to move on at the end of the summer term. They will be missed by staff and pupils alike and I'd like to thank them for the commitment they have shown over the past few years. I'm sure you will join with us in wishing them well in whatever they decide to do.

Miss Marshall and Mr. Reay will join us in September and we are hopeful they will be able to come into school before the summer holidays and meet the children.

We are currently looking to recruit a part time Sports Coach to support in school and out of school PE and sports provision for the children. For further information please check out the school website.

What's happening?

- ◆ Diary Dates
- ◆ Easter Celebrations
- ◆ Governor update
- ◆ Punctuality
- ◆ Handwriting

Free School Meals / Holiday Vouchers

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 food shopping vouchers for school holiday periods from Gateshead Council. This May half term holiday you will receive vouchers of £15 per child per week. Our school will also 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.

This grant is used to provide extra staffing in school.

If you need any more information, please contact school. Thank you

Dates for your Diary

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School Trip voluntary contributions

As more school trips begin to take place, we would like to remind you that although we request payment by voluntary contribution, if enough contributions are not made to cover the cost of the trip then it cannot go ahead and the trip will be cancelled.

Punctuality

Good school attendance includes being there on time. The habit of good punctuality in primary school will help your child throughout their education and on into adult life and the work place.

Lateness = Lost Learning

Did you know that

5 mins late each day 3 days lost!
10 mins late each day 6.5 days lost!
15 mins late each day 10 days lost!
20 mins late each day 13 days lost!
30 mins late each day 19 days lost!

Danger Zone: As few as 19 missed days over the school year reduces your chances of success.

Please ensure your child comes to school on time.

*(Figures are calculated over a school year)

We have a small number of families who are consistently late for school. This is not only distressing for your child but wastes a huge amount of office staff time and disrupts the learning of the rest of the children in their class. Mrs. Conroy monitors this on a weekly basis and if your child continues to be late you can be referred to the Legal Intervention Team for prosecution. The Governor Attendance panel will meet with families whose children's attendance is a concern on Wednesday 6th April.

Article 20—You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

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

Fri 27th May

Mon 6th June

Tues 14th June

Wed 15th June

Tues 21st June

Thur 23rd June

Fri 24th June

Tue 28th June

Thur 30th June

Fri 1st July

Mon 4th July

Tues 5th July

Fri 8th July

Mon 11th July

Tues 12th July

Wed 13th July

Thur 14th July

Fri 15th July

Mon 18th July

Wed 20th July

Fri 22nd July

Jubilee Day

Y6 Fun Run- Saltwell Park

Break up for half term

Back to school

Year 1 Phonics check

Y6 Dance Festival

Y6 residential—Dukeshouse Wood

Y5 puberty talk

KS1 Sports Day am

EYFS Sports Day pm

KS2 Sports Day am

Class lists to parents

Y5 Beamish visit

School closed occasional Day

School closed Queen's Jubilee Day

New reception parents meeting 4pm

New nursery parents meeting 4pm

Athletics festival

In school transition day

In school transition day

School Games Day

Y5/6 Orienteering Day

Soccer Aid Day

Sports Assembly

Reports to parents

100% Attendance assembly

Y6 Leavers Assembly

Break up for the summer

Holiday in Term Time

A quick reminder now we are approaching the holiday season, 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.

Penalty Notices can be issued to parents who have taken their children on holiday without the school's permission. This costs £60 per parent, per child so can add to a considerable amount.

Bikes and Scooters

Whilst we actively encourage the children to come to school on bikes and scooters, can I remind everyone that they need to be pushed around the school site to avoid any accidents involving pedestrians. They can be stored in the bike sheds on the KS2 and EYFS yard.

Little Orange Book Survey

The Little Orange Book is an information book given to parents and carers of children in Newcastle and Gateshead. It contains information and advice about using health care services for your child/children.

The closing date for this survey is Thursday 2 June.

For more info and to complete the survey please follow this link:

<https://northumbria.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/lob-evaluation>