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Windy News

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Keeping your children safe on line

Despite our continued on line safety lessons and advice to the pupils in school, we continue to have issues and concerns raised about our older pupil's behaviour on line when they are at home. Whilst we can support the children in school, we cannot monitor and police their behaviour outside of school. Quite often issues that have started off as a small disagreement between friends, become a much bigger issue because of the behaviour of other pupils on line. We would once again ask you to monitor your child's social media usage and support them in managing what is and is not acceptable to post on line.

If you have any questions or concerns about this please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We have recently received the following information from Northumbria police

Advice for parents and carers—Do you know which apps your children are using? It's important for the adults in a child's life to be aware of what and who they are interacting with on line, and for young people to be aware that what they share online can affect their lives in the 'real' world. For example, sharing their location (school, home) via images can give those who wish to do harm an opportunity to do so. Parents and carers may need help with having these conversations, especially if they feel they know very little about the many apps available. NSPCC Chat Apps and Have a Conversation contain helpful advice on how to approach this subject with children and young people. We have added links to these sites on the school website.

Article 17: You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being, from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful, and help you find and understand the information you need.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PAPER COPY OF THIS NEWSLETTER
PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE.



The Children's Society RISE Mental Health Support in Schools programme have a range of resources available for children, young people, professionals and parents that offer practical tips to feel more in control and become more resilient in managing emotional wellbeing and mental health. The resources can be accessed by visiting <https://rise.childrenssociety.org.uk> and click on Find Wellbeing Resources then scroll down to the topic you would like support with.

What's happening?

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King's Coronation

We will be celebrating the King's coronation in school on Friday 5th MAY.

Children can come to school dressed in red, white and blue. We will have a picnic lunch outside (weather permitting) and we have arranged for an ice cream van to come to school so children can buy an ice cream or lolly for £1.



Sun cream in school

As the weather starts to warm up can I remind everyone to make sure your child comes to school with adequate protection from the sun e.g. a sun hat and a layer of sun cream. If you haven't filled in your sun cream permission letter and sent in cream for your child, please do so as soon as possible.

Dates for your Diary

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

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Mon 1st May
Wed 3rd May

Fri 5th May
Mon 8th May
Tues 9th May

Mon 15th May

Thur 18th May

Mon 22nd May

Thu 25th May

Fri 26th May

BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Year 5 Beamish visit school
Year 6 chemistry 4 change
King's coronation celebration
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KS2 Sats this week—breakfast Included
Year 3/4 tennis team Cardinal Hume
KS1 Sats this week
Heworth Grange staff visit Y6
Y3/4 football competition
Governors' Resources Committee 5pm
Science week—range of activities taking place all week
Governors Curriculum committee 5pm
Y3/4 Football competition
Y6 Fun Run- Saltwell Park
Y3 /4 Cricket taster sessions
Break up for half term

More Information

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

If you are taking your child out of school for a holiday please collect a holiday request from the school office. This ensures we know where your child is if they are absent in school and saves a lot of office staff time who have to chase up any absences.

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.

Thank you for your support Mapping workshops

Thank you to all parents and carers who supported their children in the mapping workshops last half term. It is always great to see parents supporting their children in their learning.

Easter Service

It was great to see so many parents attending our Easter Service. It is always good for the children to perform in different venues.

Dance Festival

Thank you to all parents who supported their children by watching them perform at the Gateshead Dance festival on the Tuesday before the Easter holidays. The children, as always, were a credit to the school and their commitment to the after school dance sessions paid off in their excellent performance.

PTFA Disco

The PTFA raised around £290 for school funds from the school Easter disco.

A huge thanks to the staff who have helped to organise these events.

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.

Feeding Families

We have weekly donations from Feeding Families.

If you would like a food box from Feeding Families please contact Mrs. Gerry in the office.

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

Summer term events

Week commencing 3rd July- Transition Week

All children will spend Monday and Tuesday of this week with their new teacher. This will allow staff to meet the children and give the children the opportunity to get to know their new teacher.

Sports Day will be held on Thursday 22nd June.

School will be closed on Friday 23rd June.