

# Windy News Email:windynookprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk

#### Year 6 and Year 2 Sats

Over the past fortnight Year 2 and Year 6 have been sitting their SATS. They have all worked incredibly hard all year and although Sat results are important, they often do not reflect the true progress both academically and socially your child might have made. We are proud of all of your children and their achievements in school.

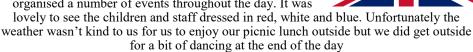
It was great to see the Year 6 children attending the SATS breakfast club and I'd like to thank all of the staff who helped make this happen. As you make have heard in the media, there has been some level of controversy about the Year 6 reading paper. It was difficult and some of our children did find the paper stressful. The staff did everything they could to reassure our Year 6 pupils they could do it and just to give it their best shot. We hope that the DFE listen to Headteacher and teacher's views about this paper.

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.

Article 29: Your education should help you use and develop your talents and abilities. It should also help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people.

#### **King's Coronation Day**

Thank you to everyone who helped to arrange our King's Coronation celebrations, in particular Mrs. Short, who organised a number of events throughout the day. It was



Please visit the school website to see photographs from the day.

Article 30: You have the right to practice your own culture, language and religion - or any you choose.

## Food in school

We have a small number of children in school with nut allergies, we would therefore ask that you avoid sending products containing nuts into school either as a snack or part of a packed lunch.

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It has come to our attention that some children are sharing food from their packed lunches with friends. Whilst we appreciate that this is a kind gesture, food should not be shared due to the risk of allergies and dietary requirements for some children. Staff will be speaking to children about this in school but we would appreciate your support in sharing this message at home.

Many thanks for your cooperation.

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

May 2023

#### What's happening?

- Diary Dates
- Holidays in term time
- Staffing update
- Punctuality
- ♦ School trips
- Lengthening of school day

## 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

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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 or punctuality is a concern on Wednesday 24th May.

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.

Mon 22nd May	Science week
Fri 26th May	Y6 Fun Run- Saltwell Park
	Break up for half term
Mon 5th June	Back to school

Year 4 Multiplication check
Tues 6th June

KS2 Online anti-bullying workshop

KS1 visitors from church
Thur 7th June

KS1 visitors from church
Year 5 Crank it up Visitor

FGB 5PM

Fri 9th June

Y6 visit Durham University

Mon 12th June

Y1 Phonics check

Wed 14th June

Y6 residential Kingswood

Mon 19th June

School Assessment week

Tues 20th June

Y5 Beamish visit

Wed 21st June

UKS2 Parents water cycle workshop

Thur 22nd June

KS1 Sports Day am

KS2 Sports Day pm
Fri 23rd June School closed Occasional Day
Wed 28th June KS1 Parents water cycle worshop

Thu 29th June Y6 Orienteering event
Mon 3rd July School transition Day

New reception parents meeting 4pm

Tues 4th July School Transition Day

New nursery parents meeting 4pm
Thur 6th July
Summer music concert

Fri 7th July

School Games Day

Mon 10th July

Nursery stay and play session

Wed 12th July

School council visit Hydrogen works

Thu 13th July

Art show for parents

Mon 17th July

Sports Assembly

Reports to parents
Wed 19th July 100% Attendance assembly
Fri 21st July Y6 Leavers Assembly

Holiday in Term Time

A quick reminder now we aré 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.

Changes to the start time of the school day

Just a reminder that school lessons will start at 8:45 in September. The school gates will be open from 8:35 until 8:45 so that parents can drop their children off. The gates will be shut at 8:45 and any child coming to school after that will need to go to the main entrance for a late mark.

# Staffing updates

Miss Hogg and Mr. Reay 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 during their time with us.

Miss Smith will return to school on a full time basis in September 2023.