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Windy News

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School Behaviour Policy

Although the behaviour in school is generally excellent, the staff and children have been working together to update our school behaviour policy and systems.

The school will no longer use the traffic light system but will use a restorative approach to behaviour management.

The children will still receive rewards for good behaviour including certificates and Golden Time on a Friday afternoon, and for those children who do not follow the school rules sanctions will be put in place.

Class teachers will let you know if we have any concerns about your child not following the school rules.

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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.

J. Wiper

E-Safety lead: Mrs. L. Hope

Welcome back

Welcome back to all pupils and parents -both old and new—after what has been a lovely summer break. We would like to welcome Mr. Newman back; he will be working across KS2.

It has been lovely to see the children looking 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.

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 or smart watches 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.

Changes to School Day

Remember school now starts at 8:45 and finishes at 3:15. The school gates will be open from 8:35 and will be closed at 8:45 prompt as lessons need to start. Any child entering through the main reception will receive a late mark and any child arriving after 8:55 will receive an unauthorised absence mark.

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September 2023

What's happening?

Dates for your diary

School Meals

After School Clubs

Times tables

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. PLEASE REMEMBER NO NUT PRODUCTS ARE ALLOWED IN AS WE HAVE CHILDREN WITH NUT ALLERGIES

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 EYFS 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 School Gateway and is £14.50 per week.

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 however once your child enters Year 3 you will not receive a Free school meal unless you are entitled to means tested Free School Meals.

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 £1,455 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.

Mon 11th Sept	Nursery starts
Wed 13th Sept	Year 5 swimming starts
Fri 22nd Set	Non uniform day
Thurs 5th Oct	Governor Resources Committee 5:00
Thurs 12th Oct	Curriculum and Standards committee
23rd, 24th Oct	Parents evening
Fri 27th Oct	Break up for half term
Tues 31st Oct	Secondary Admissions closing date
Mon 6th Nov	Back to school
Fri 10th Nov	Nursery admissions closing date
Fri 17th Nov	Y6 Nissan trip
Tues 21st Nov	Y6 Nissan trip
Wed 22nd Nov	Road safety workshops
Thur 23rd Nov	FGB 5PM
Mon 4th Dec	School Photos

Holidays in Term Time

A reminder 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.

From September the LA will be issuing fines to parents who take their children on holiday without authorisation. The fine is currently £60 per parent, per child.

After School Clubs this half term

Staff will be offering a range of after school clubs this half term

Monday - UKS2 Tag Rugby
Tuesday—Year 3 and 4 football skills
Tuesday—Gardening club
Wednesday—Year 5/6 Football / Athletics
Thursday-KS2 football matches
Friday—KS1 Basketball

Mr. Gibson also runs a range of lunchtime sports clubs that are accessible to all pupils.

He also runs two clubs before school

Monday Year 5/6 girls' football
Tuesday Year 4 and 6 cross country practice

Times Tables

It is a government expectation that all children know all of their times tables by heart at the end of Year 4. In Year 4, children will take part in the statutory 'Multiplication Tables Check' - information on this will be shared over the coming months. Please help us to help your child learn their times tables by heart, as it will help them so much with their maths learning.

This term, we are learning the following times tables:

Year 1 Count in 2s and 10s.
Year 2 Focus on 2, 5 and 10 x table.
Year 3 Focus on 2 x table and count in 4s.
Year 4 Focus on 3, 4 and 8 x table and count in 6s.
Year 5 Focus table is 6 x table but be fluent in 6, 7, 8, 9, & 12
Year 6 Revision of all times tables

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