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## Windy News

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November 2023

### Anti Bullying Week 2023

This year during Anti-Bullying Week pupils and staff are coming together to reach out and stop bullying. Bullying affects millions of young lives, but it doesn't have to be this way. This year's campaign is focusing on making a Noise about Bullying. Too often, children are silent when they see bullying taking place, silent about the hurt bullying causes, and silent when they hear bullying dismissed as 'just banter'. We want children to know it doesn't have to be this way. Of course, we reinforce with the children we won't like everyone and we don't always agree, but we can choose respect and unity. This Anti-Bullying Week we came together to have discussions about what bullying means to us, how banter can turn into something more hurtful, and what we can do to stop bullying. Together, we can make a difference and take a stand against bullying. To help support with this message the NSPCC also delivered some Speak out, Stay safe sessions to our KS2 pupils. All pupils in school had access to the NSPCC lessons where they learned to understand the ways a child can be hurt by others and, that it is never a child's fault.

#### What's happening?

- ◇ **Dates for your diary**
- ◇ **Adverse weather procedures**
- ◇ **PTFA**

**Food Bank**  
The School Council organised a collection for the Gateshead Food Bank. They collected a whopping 218.44kg of food. Thank you to everyone who supported this very worthy cause.

Article 27: You have the right to food,

### Road Safety Week 2023

As part of our Safeguarding curriculum, the children have been learning how to stay safe around roads. This is a particular emphasis for us as a school as we are so close to a busy and dangerous road. The children took part in a range of activities and the LA Road safety team came into school to deliver road safety sessions in KS2. Strider will be visiting school on Thursday to reinforce the safe parking message. I would ask all parents / carers to think very carefully about where they park outside the front of school. Every day children and adults are put at risk due to the inconsiderate parking of a few people.

*Article 19: The right to be safe*

*Article 34: The right to be free from sexual abuse.*

*Article 39: The right to help if you've been hurt, neglected or badly treated*

### School Trips

It is part of our curriculum policy to take children on visits or have visitors into school every half term. Recently the cost of buses has risen hugely which has in turn increased the cost of school visits. Although we subsidise most trips, it is getting to the point where we may have to reduce the number of visits out as the school budget cannot sustain the costs. Please, if you can, make a paid contribution to any school trip we organise so that the trip can go ahead.

### PE Uniform

Please can I remind everyone that on PE days the children need to wear grey or black leggings or joggers, a white t-shirt and a school jumper or cardigan. Coloured tracksuits, jumpers and hoodies are not part of our school uniform. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

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NEWSLETTER  
PLEASE CONTACT  
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### PTFA

**A huge thank you to all parents and pupils who helped support the PTFA Halloween disco. We managed to raise £240. We have also managed to raise £350 through the Cauliflower cards fundraiser. This money is used to help subsidise visitors in school such as The History Bloke, Angela's Ark and the Christmas Shows as well as buying sports equipment and games for Golden Time.**

**The PTFA do a fantastic job of raising money through a range of different events. They are always looking for new members to help with ideas or to come along and lend a hand during events in school. If you think you could help the PTFA in anyway, please email us**

**at p.t.f.a.windynook@outlook.com**

**There will be a PTFA stall at the Christmas Fayre if anyone would like to volunteer their time help support the PTFA members.**



### 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 through School Ping and the school website as soon as possible if this is likely to occur —please refer to the policy for more information.

Article 19: The right to be safe



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### CO-OP Fundraising

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### Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will be held at 2pm on Thursday 7th December. We are still looking for donations of good quality toys and books and donations of prizes for our raffle and tombola. If you have any donations please bring them to the main office. Many thanks.

### CHRISTMAS DATES

Tues 12th Dec	Reception Christmas performance 9:30
Wed 13th Dec	Reception Christmas performance 9:30 (adults only)
Thu 14th Dec	KS1 Christmas performance 9:15
Fri 15th Dec	KS1 Christmas performance 9:15 (adults only)
Mon 18th Dec	Nursery performance am
	KS2 Carol service rehearsal pm
Tues 19th Dec	KS2 carol service St. Albans Church 9:45
	Nursery party am
	KS1 party pm
Wed 20th Dec	Rec party am
	LKS2 party pm
Thu 21st Dec	UKS2 party pm



### Christmas Dates for your Diary

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

Mon 20th Nov	School test week
	Angela's Ark visit KS1
	Tag Rugby Final
Tues 21st Nov	Y6 Nissan Visit
	Angela's Ark visit KS1
Wed 22nd Nov	Road Safety workshops
	Road Safety assembly
Thurs 23rd Nov	Angela's Ark visit KS1
	FGB 5pm
Fri 24th Nov	UKS2 Virtual STEM event
Mon 27th Nov	Rev Danie Assembly
Thur 30th Nov	Hindu visitor to LKS2
	Year 6 visit Newcastle University
Fri 1st Dec	Year 5 visit Newcastle University
Mon 4th Dec	School photo day
Tues 5th Dec	Rev Danie visit KS1 am—Christingle
	EYFS—Littlest Elf Show pm
Wed 6th Dec	Governor Attendance Panel
Thu 7th Dec	Vision screening Reception am
	Rev Danie visit UKS2 am
	Christmas Fayre pm
Mon 11th Dec	New Nursery parents meeting 4pm
Wed 13th Dec	Dib and Dab show KS2 AND KS1
Fri 15th Dec	Christmas lunch
	Christmas Jumper Day
Mon 18th Dec	Stay and play session for new Nursery
Fri 22nd Dec	School finishes for Christmas holidays