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Windy News

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After School Wrap Around Care

Don't forget we now have an after school wrap around care facility available for all children in school. This is available from 3:15 – 6pm. It is run by school staff and they offer a range of activities. This can be used as one off care arrangement or as a regular arrangement. If you would like to register your child for the wrap around care facility please contact the school office to collect the paperwork. Sessions can then be booked and paid for using the ARBOR system. Office staff will help you to book a session if you are unsure how to do this.

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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, Mrs. J.

Traynor (Assistant

Headteachers) Mr. J.

Brown and / or

Miss Turnbull

Nominated Governor: Mr.

Dan Griffin

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 extend a warm welcome to our new pupils and parents in Nursery and Reception.

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, after school sports clubs 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.

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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.

Feeding Families boxes

Later this week we will have some feeding families food boxes. If you would like one please come to the school office.

September 2025

What's happening?

Dates for your diary

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Staff updates

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

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
Thursday-KS2 football matches
Thursday—Y5/6 Crochet club
Friday—KS1 Multiskills

Mr. Gibson also runs a range of lunchtime sports clubs that are accessible to all pupils.
Morning Clubs— Monday Y5/6 Girls Football
Tuesday Y5/6 Boys football club

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 the ARBOR App 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 £1,515 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.

Fri 19th Sep	Flu Vaccine Y5/6 Space expert visitor
Fri 26th Sep	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby
Wed 1st Oct	Cross Country event KS1 Great Fire of London parents workshop
Thurs 2nd Oct	National Poetry Day Governor Resources Committee 5pm KS1 Indoor Athletics
Fri 3rd Oct	Y5/6 Girls Football
Mon 6th Oct	Reception phonics meeting for parents
Wed 15th Oct	UKS1 trip to Centre for Life
Thur 16th Oct	Curriculum and Standards committee Y5/6 Athletics
Fri 17th Oct	Y3 /4 Trip to Segedunum
21st & 22nd Oct	Parents evening
Fri 24th Oct	Break up for half term
Fri 31st Oct	Secondary Admissions closing date
Mon 3rd Nov	Back to school
Wed 5th Nov	KS1 Animals workshop
Thur 6th Nov	Y6 Safety works Y3,4,5 Paralympics festival
Fri 7th Nov	Nursery admissions closing date
Tues 11th Nov	School Photos
Wed 12th Nov	Governor Attendance Panel
Thur 13th Nov	Full Governing Body 5PM

Holidays in Term Time

A reminder that holiday in term time is not allowed by this Government unless there are exceptional circumstances. I am acutely aware that holiday prices in term time are much cheaper than during the holidays and for many families this is the only time they can afford to take a holiday, but in accordance with the law I am not allowed to grant any leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Please be aware very few circumstances meet the exceptional circumstance criteria. The LA do issue fines to parents who take their children on holiday without authorisation. The fine is currently £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid between 21 and 28 days. They will no longer be issuing a warning letter. Please be aware that the Legal Intervention Team pursue any unpaid fines and this has recently resulted in one of our families being summoned to appear at the magistrates court and being issued a fine of over £700 (including court costs) for not paying the initial £60 fine. I would urge you to just pay the fine if you take your child out during term time.