



Windy News

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Parent Questionnaires

A huge thank you to those parents / carers who completed our annual questionnaire. The questionnaire is the OFSTED parent questionnaire so the questions and options are already set, however we have taken on board parents queries about the SEN question and moving forward we will change the options to not applicable for this question. It was lovely to read so many positive comments about the school and the support that staff give your children. Any comments made about particular staff are passed onto them. It is fantastic to see that 98% of parents feel that their child enjoys school and that the school is a happy place. It was also great to see that 98% of parents felt that they would recommend the school to others.

We received 101 responses which was slightly lower than last year. We trialed a new method on line and would like any feedback as to whether parents prefer a paper or on line copy of questionnaires. The governing body collate the responses from the questionnaires and then we look at any comments that we feel need addressing.

In the new year we need to consult with parents about the new Sex and Relationships policy and curriculum that needs to be delivered in primary schools. We thought we might have an on line questionnaire but also have some paper copies of the questionnaire available at parents evening for parents to complete whilst waiting to see the class teacher.

Christmas Fayre

The Christmas Fayre will be held at 2:15pm on Wednesday 3rd December. It will be 50p to enter the fayre.

We are currently looking for donations of good quality toys and books to sell and donations of prizes for our raffle and tombola. If you have any donations please bring them to the main office. On the day of the fayre we would appreciate any donations of cakes and biscuits for the cake stall.

Please watch out for further information about the fayre which will be sent out in paper form. Please remember no buggies are allowed in the fayre due to the number of people present and the congestion it causes. Many thanks.

School Pantomime

For many years prior to Covid, pupils in school performed a pantomime for parents, carers, pupils and family members to attend. We are pleased to announce we will be performing Jack and the Beanstalk on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th December at 6pm. Tickets will be priced at £5 per adult and £3 per pupil. They will be available from the school office. There will be a raffle on the night too. It would be great for as many people as possible to attend and support the staff and pupils.

What's happening?

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

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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PTFA

A huge thank you to all parents and pupils who helped support the PTFA Halloween disco. We managed to raise £400. We have also managed to raise £270 through the Cauliflower cards fundraiser. This money is used to help subsidise visitors in school and events such as the Christmas Shows as well as subsidising the cost of school visits.

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.windy@outlook.com There will be a PTFA stall at the Christmas Fayre if anyone would like to volunteer their time and help to 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 the Arbor system and the school website as soon as possible if this is likely to occur —please refer to the policy for more information.

If we have snow whilst the children are in school we will allow them to play out in the snow at the end of the day as long as they have wellies and warm coats.

Article 19: The right to be safe

Christmas Dates for your Diary

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

Mon 24th Nov	School test week
Thu 4th Dec	Year 1/ 2 Athletics
Mon 8th Dec	New Nursery stay and play session 4pm
Thur 11th Dec	Year 5/6 Basketball
Fri 12th Dec	Reception and Y6 Heights and Weights

Christmas events

Wed 3rd Dec	Christmas Fayre in school pm
Fri 5th Dec	EYFS and KS1 panto (in school/pupils only)
Tues 9th Dec	Reception Christmas performance 9:15 Choir perform at QE 9:30 Year 5/6 Panto performance 6pm
Wed 10th Dec	Reception Christmas performance 9:15 (adults) Year 5/6 Panto performance 6pm
Thu 11th Dec	KS1 Christmas performance 9:15
Fri 12th Dec	KS1 Christmas performance 9:15 (adults only) Christmas jumper day School Christmas lunch
Mon 15th Dec	Nursery performance am KS2 Carol service rehearsal am
Tues 16th Dec	KS2 carol service St. Albans Church 9:30 Nursery party am KS1 party pm
Wed 17th Dec	Rec party am LKS2 party pm
Thu 18th Dec	UKS2 party pm
Fri 20th Dec	Break up for Christmas at end of school

Mon 5th January Back to School



School Council— Helping others

The School Council organised a collection for the Gateshead Food Bank. They collected a whopping 65kg of food. Thank you to everyone who supported this very worthy cause.

Article 27: You have the right to food,

They also help to organise our Children In Need day and managed to raise £477.13 for this fabulous cause.

They are currently organising a chocolate Raffle and are looking for donations of small or large chocolate bars . Please send them in to the class teacher. Raffle tickets will be available from the Christmas Fayre.

Feeding Families Boxes

We will be receiving a delivery of Feeding Families Christmas Essentials Boxes , including some Halal boxes, on Monday 8th December. If you would like to receive one of these boxes please let the office staff know.

School admission closing dates

Please don't forget the closing date for primary school admissions 15th January 2026.

Don't forget once your child turns 2 to put their name down for nursery.