



### Spooky Movie Night

On Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Sunset Club is becoming Hallowe'en club! For £5, children can stay from 3:30 – 5:30 and watch Hotel Transylvania. They can bring Hallowe'en costumes to change into after school to attend our school cinema event! Children can also bring blankets or cushions if they wish. Pop, crisps and a treat from the lucky dip are included in the ticket price. Please can we ask for primary-school appropriate costumes and no masks due to the age group of the children coming together for this event.

### Anti-bullying Week 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November

Class 4 have elected new Ambassadors for this year. This is a really important role where pupils are asked to gain the votes and voice of all pupils in school around issues which affect them. Each month, the Ambassadors will go to the classes to gain perspective from all pupils. This may be around things such as playground equipment or other insights into teaching and learning and after school clubs. Our Ambassadors led a discussion on Monday which explored bullying. We found that most children have a secure understanding of the difference between falling out and bullying.

I explained to the Ambassadors that I would really like to celebrate Anti-bullying Week this year so they gained the ideas of pupils from every class. We will celebrate Anti-bullying week in school from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November where the children will take part in assemblies and class based learning. On Friday 14<sup>th</sup>, we are inviting children to wear whatever they wish to celebrate being their unique self. They can have a crazy hair style, wear a costume, wear non-uniform or mix-match clothes – whatever makes them happy and they will know that they will gain acceptance from everyone. Issues in the park were discussed and while we can't get involved with matters outside of school, we can support a kind and caring approach and guide children to make positive choices.

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November, weather permitting, we are going to visit the park in Byers Green and support and encourage positive friendships and games in this shared space. We will discuss strategies for handling falling out and discuss ways of getting along with everyone.

### Children in Need

Children in Need is also on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November so we wondered if children could bring a £1 donation for our non-uniform mix-match day and this will be donated to Children in Need.

### Food Bank

For a number of years, we have collected non-perishable food at Harvest time to donate to the local foodbanks. We have delayed this slightly this year as we know many schools do the same thing so wanted to supply the foodbank at a slightly later date. We ask you for your donations of packets, canned foods, dried foods and toiletries and ask that you bring them to school by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November. Once we have collected all donations, we will take it to.... Thank you in advance for your support in helping others in our local community.

### PE Days

Please can children come to school on their PE day dressed in PE kit. PE kit comprises of navy joggers and jumper /hoody and a white t-shirt. Please can all hair be tied back and all jewellery be removed. Please wear plain or school branded items only. The PE dates for next half term are as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Class 4 swimming at Spennymoor Leisure Centre	Class 2	Class 3 Class 4	Class 2	Class 1
Class 3 PE				

## Friends of School

We have always really valued the support of parents, carers and our wider community when planning events such as the school fair. As explained previously, we are in need of some serious fund raising! We would really appreciate the help of anyone who is willing to spare any time. We would like to hold a Friends of School meeting at 3:30 on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Your child can access Sunset Club while you join the meeting. At this meeting we will discuss the plans for our Christmas Fair and gain ideas around other events we can plan to raise money for School Fund.

## Diary Dates

Please see important dates coming up this term

<b>Date/time</b>	<b>Event</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> October	Spooky Movie Night 3:30 – 5:30 Snacks and drinks available - £5 per ticket More information to come.
24 <sup>th</sup> October	School closes for half term
3 <sup>rd</sup> November	School re-opens for Autumn 2
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening
11 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents' Evening
10 <sup>th</sup> – 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-bullying week
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School Trip to 'The Gift' at Glow Theatre, Newton Aycliffe
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fair and Christmas jumper day
16 <sup>th</sup> December	1:15 – Class 1 and 2 Nativity Play 2:00 – Class 3 and 4 Christmas Show
17 <sup>th</sup> December	9:10 – Class 1 and 2 Nativity Play 10:00 – Class 3 and 4 Christmas Show
18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas lunch and Christmas party day
19 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for Christmas holidays
<b>More dates will be updated in this table as other opportunities arise – please keep checking.</b>	

Thank you for reading our newsletter. Please get in touch if I can help you in any way.

Kind regards,

*G.E.Dodds*

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