



School Photographs

On Thursday 1st October, the photographer will be in school. Individual and sibling photos will be taken throughout the morning. Family groups with preschool children are welcome to arrive from 8:30am. All children are to come to school in school uniform. Class 1,2 and 4 will do PE on Friday.

Food Bank Harvest Assembly

At this time of year, we talk to the children about being grateful for the food we eat. Every year, as part of Harvest celebrations we collect for the local foodbank. Next Wednesday, 7th October, we are discussing the work of the foodbank in assembly. If you are able to, please could your child bring an item to donate on this day. This will help the children to understand what we can do collectively as a community to help others and we will bring all of our items together during our assembly. Popular items include tinned foods, pasta, rice, cereal, long-life milk, tea, coffee, toiletries, and household essentials such as toilet roll and cleaning products. Thank you in advance for your support. If you would like to bring more than one item, this will be gratefully received.

Attendance Update

Our attendance so far this term stands at **95.8%**. I have set us a target for this academic year to have whole school attendance above 96%. So far this term 55 of our 75 pupils have 100% attendance! This is excellent news. We will be celebrating excellent attendance throughout the school year with certificates and prizes.

Parking outside of School

Last week, I received a number of concerns and complaints regarding the end of the day arrangements outside of our school. This is something which has always concerned me too. Bikes, scooters and children running on the road were also mentioned. Thank you all so much for supporting me, when I said not to bring bikes etc to school. It added a dangerous complication to an already heavily congested road. There should be no parking on the zigzag lines and Durham County Council do send parking officers out to assess the situation. Please find attached an information leaflet shared by the Durham County Council transport team.

Wrap Around Care

Breakfast Club runs from 8am every day and is £3 per session. Sunset Club will run after school from 3:25 – 5:25 and will be charged at £5 per hour. If you require longer hours than this, please let us know and we can discuss options.

Allergies and Asthma

Please can parents ensure they have reported any allergies, asthma or other medical conditions to the school office. If your child needs an inhaler, please can one be provided to be stored in school.

Parents' Evening

We will be holding Parent-Teacher meetings on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October. Mrs Blenkiron will send home letters for you to book your preferred timeslot. If you are not able to make an appointment on these occasions, we ask that you endeavor to book another time slot so that you can keep track of your child's progress. We really value working with you to support your children and these meetings are essential to promote good outcomes for your children.

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.

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

Diary Dates

Please see important dates coming up this term

Date/time	Event
1 st October	School Photos – individual photos – school uniform please
19 th October	Parents' Evening
20 th October	Parents' Evening
23 rd October	School closes for half term
2 nd November	School re-opens for Autumn 2
11 th November	2pm Craft Afternoon for Parents and Carers – share a craft in school with your child – more details to follow
16 th November	Anti-bullying week to be celebrated in school
23 rd November	Bike-ability Training this week for pupils in YEAR 5
9 th December	Whole School Trip to 'The Gift' at Glow Theatre, Newton Aycliffe. We ask for £5 contribution for the bus – more details to follow
11 th December	Christmas Fair and 'Elfridges'
15 th December	1:15 – Class 1 and 2 Nativity Play 2:00 – Class 3 and 4 Christmas Show
16 th December	9:10 – Class 1 and 2 Nativity Play 10:00 – Class 3 and 4 Christmas Show
17 th December	Christmas lunch, Christmas jumper and Christmas party day!
18 th December	School closes for Christmas holidays
More dates will be updated in this table as other opportunities arise – please keep checking.	

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

Kind regards,

G.E.Dodds

Headteacher