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Newsletter 1



Welcome Back

It has been so lovely to welcome all our children back to school this term. Whilst things are very different in school at the moment I must acknowledge how well your children have adapted to the changes. I must also comment on how beautifully turned out your children are in their uniform. Thank you.

There have been so many new ways of working for us all to get used to and I thank you for your support. Can I remind you all of the importance of social distancing at entry and exit times. Please queue in single file on the yard or whilst waiting at the gates. Please remember reading books go home each Monday and can only be returned on a Friday. Also children must come to school wearing their PE kit on their PE days. Finally, please ensure your child has their school water bottle, cleaned and filled with them every day.

Thank you.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions at all.



Please ensure you download myschoolapp on your mobile phone/device. The app is used in school to communicate with parents and carers and is updated on a regular basis with key dates for your diary and important information about what is happening in school.

Any important messages will be sent to parents via the app so please ensure you download it as soon as possible. Thank you.

Informal Childcare

Could I remind you all of the current restrictions in terms of informal childcare. Two households should not be mixing unless this is to carry out an informal childcare arrangement.

Anyone who is collecting your child as part of an informal childcare arrangement should be included on our school records. Asking other adults to collect your child outside of this arrangement is against current regulations and should be avoided.

Thank you.

National Breakfast Programme

We recently informed parents and carers that we have teamed up with the National Breakfast Programme to provide free breakfasts to all children. Over the coming days your child will bring home a free breakfast pack containing cereal and bagels. They will continue to receive a pack once a fortnight until March 2021.

This is a fantastic opportunity to ensure all our children have access to a nutritious breakfast, every morning, giving them the best start to the day ahead.

We are delighted to be able to offer this provision during such difficult and challenging times and I am confident it will benefit many families over the coming months.



Covid19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (covid19) are:

- a new continuous cough
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Your child should not attend school if they display any of the above symptoms.

For further advice please contact the NHS coronavirus testing contact centre on 119.



Our Attendance Target is 96%

	Wk Com 7/9/2020	Wk Com 14/9/2020	Wk Com 21/9/2020	Total
Nursery (AM)	96.84%	93.14%	92.50%	94.01%
Nursery (PM)	99.03%	88.71%	95.35%	94.10%
Nursery (Red)	100.00%	93.64%	98.33%	96.90%
Orange	91.45%	97.09%	99.00%	96.70%
Yellow	96.60%	99.29%	96.00%	97.39%
Green	100.00%	96.98%	96.90%	97.86%
Blue	100.00%	97.81%	95.36%	97.58%
Indigo	95.69%	98.15%	97.01%	97.01%
Violet	99.14%	97.81%	97.74%	98.19%
Total	97.72%	96.81%	96.72%	97.02%

What a fantastic start you have made this term with attendance in all infant classes above national expectations.

Keep up the good work!

School Lunches

Our school catering team are currently doing an excellent job in ensuring school lunches are provided to children in such a way to avoid bubbles in school mixing with other bubbles.

This means that your child eats their lunch in the school hall one week then in their classroom the next. We have listened and responded to your concerns and now the takeaway meals which are serviced in classrooms each Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday will be a hot meal for example a pizza, burger, sausage in a bun etc.

Each Monday and Friday the classroom option will be a sandwich. On days when the takeaway menu is a sandwich there will always be either a cake or biscuit for dessert.

Meals served in the school hall will always be a hot meal served from the hatch. I do hope that you can appreciate the great effort that is being put in across the lunchtimes and continue to support the school with this.

https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/media/15892/School-meals-menu/pdf/9104_Summer_Catering_Menu_2020_ONLINE.pdf

Our school menu can be found above and details the hot meals served each week. On the days your child has lunch in the school hall they will be served meals from this menu.

Please note both the above menu and the takeaway menu is in place following changes we have had to make in school due to covid19 and are subject to change.

Dates for Your Diary

Wk Commencing Monday 5 th October	Fill a box for Harvest
Thursday 15 th October	Start of Parents Meetings (Telephone Appointments)
Friday 16 th October	Flu Immunisations (Rec/Y1/Y2)
Friday 23 rd October	Break up for half term
Monday 2 nd November	Back to School
Wednesday 16 th December	Reception Nativity (Online Performance)
Thursday 17 th December	Christmas Parties
Friday 18 th December	Cinema Afternoon/Break up for Christmas
Monday 4 th January	School Closed Inset Day
Tuesday 5 th January	Back to School

The school holiday calendar for academic year 2020/2021 can be found on our school website at :

<http://smartfile.s3.amazonaws.com/6771ecfcd12f71334d5c1103399cb71/uploads/2019/07/Holiday-Calendar-2020-2021.pdf>