



## Allendale Primary School School News

Welcome back to the new school year. Previously we have sent home a monthly newsletter but this year, I'm trying to provide a weekly update so events are fresh in the mind.

### **Playground:**

We now have a new wellie store. All children will need to have a pair of named wellies so that the children can have playtime even if wet. If it does rain during playtimes, children will also need to have their coat in school.

Bikes and scooters are still allowed at playtimes, (helmets must be worn for cycling), unless it is too wet. We are trying to secure some funding for additional cycle and scooter storage.

We are planning to hold an after school parents and children's play session so you can see the sorts of activities on offer at playtime. I will let you know as soon as we confirm the date.

### **Homework:**

All children are expected to read on a daily basis – it really makes a huge difference to their approach and success with general school work. Every child has a reading record/home school diary and parents should regularly sign this. Any written homework should be completed in pencil, please not coloured pencil or felt tips. We are currently looking at implementing a different approach to learning spellings and hope to have more information about this very soon.

### **Travelling to school:**

We are again taking part in the Living Streets active travel programme again this year. Each week the children record their way of travelling to school. Each child should aim to walk, scooter, cycle or park and stride at least once a week, (children on school transport can still take part if they do extra walking, cycling or scooting). At the end of every month, the children can earn a badge.

October is also International Walk to School month and we will be taking part in this initiative.

### **Events in school:**

Congratulations to all the pupils, staff, governors and parents from last year as they took part in or supported sporting events, festivals and coaching sessions which has led to Allendale being awarded the Gold School Games Award for 2018-19

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September** - Y5 and Y6 have a music workshop for the morning led by a specialist from Cheethams School of Music in Manchester.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September** - Y2 and Y3 have a PSHE Emotions and Empathy workshop led by a school liaison officer from Northumbria Police.

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September** - we are celebrating Roald Dahl Day. the children will be doing some activities based on the stories of Roald Dahl. The children are welcome to come to school dressed as a character from a Roald Dahl book.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September** – Y5 and Y6 music workshop 2

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September** – Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be attending the Hexham Abbey Festival.

### **Permission and medical forms:**

We are required to update our medical information and permissions information annually. These will be sent home with the children so that you can complete them and return to school by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September.

Finally, on a general note, if there is anything you wish to ask questions about, seek clarification or discuss with your child's teacher, we are always around at the end of the school day. I would just ask that you wait until all the children have left their lines so we know that they have all been collected safely.

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