



4th May 2018 Newsletter

Attendance

Following a very unfortunate spate of sickness and flu at the beginning of the Spring term, our attendance has been flagged up as a cause for concern with **13 children currently falling below the expected attendance target of 97%**. We very much appreciate parents support in ensuring that children are in school every day unless they are very unwell.

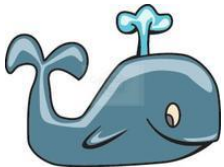
If your child has a common cough or cold, we are more than happy to administer medicine including anti-biotics and Calpol providing you have filled in a consent form which is available at the school office.

If your child is absent from school, please contact the school office or leave a message on the answer machine giving a reason for absence.

Leave of Absence During Term-time

Please can I remind all parents that I am unable to authorise holidays during term time as directed by central government.

The Hexham Partnership of School Policy for Leave of Absence during term time leaflet (available in the School Office) states: "If your child's attendance falls below **93%** it is of great concern to us and we have to discuss the issue with our Education Welfare Office."



Summer Production-'Jonah – A Fishy Tail' (Wednesday 11th July 9.15am/5.30pm)

This year's summer production to celebrate the Year 4 leavers is 'Jonah-A Fishy Tail!'

It is a 'summery', seaside type of show and we need your help!!

If you have any of the following items and you are willing to lend them for use in our production, please send them into school after the half term holiday:-

Beach balls
Deck chairs
Buckets
Spades
Beach bags
Windbreakers
Inflatable dinghy
Beach towels...

...and any other nautical/seaside paraphernalia to dress the stage.

All children have received a copy of the song words. Please help them to learn them from memory as soon as possible.

Piano stool plea

Our dear old piano stool has finally given up. We are on the look out for a replacement. If you know of anyone who has one that they no longer require, please point them in our direction! Thank you.

Friends events

Jumble sale and coffee morning -Tuesday 15th May in the school hall from 8.55am onwards

Drop off the children and grab a bargain and a coffee before you head off for the day.

Children can make a purchase before break time so please send them in with a small amount of money to spend.

We would appreciate the following suitable donations of toys, books, household items and old uniform in a condition to be resold.

Most items will cost 50p to £1.00.

Donations can be dropped into school on Monday 16th May.



Ice lolly- Fridays 3pm (after half term)

Our popular *Ice lolly* Fridays will start on **8th June** until the end of the school term.
A range of treats will be on offer after school (for parents too !)

AGM

The friends will be arranging the AGM soon so watch this space for the date to come along to the meeting and help raise plan and raise funds for equipment and seasonal treats and trips for our children.

School Lunches (16.4.18-25.5.18)

The following amount is now due:-**28 lunches x £2.30 = £64.40**

The cost has been calculated minus the Wednesday 25th April school trip to Broomley Grange when all children will need to bring a packed lunch from home and the Bank Holiday on Monday 7th May.

Please send money to Mrs Rowcroft in a clearly labelled envelope.

Emergency contacts

If your change address, phone numbers or email addresses, please ensure you inform Mrs Rowcroft so files can be updated.

Other dates for your diary.

Monday 7th May: Bank Holiday-SCHOOL CLOSED

Wednesday 9th May: Whole school trip to Chesters Roman Fort (back to school for lunch)

Tuesday 15th May: Friends Jumble Sale-9.00am-school hall

Tuesday 15th May: Reception-vision screening (letter was sent out last week)

Wednesday 16th May: Artist in Residence (Follow up workshop from visit the The Sill)

Friday 25th May: Break up for half term

Monday 4th June: Summer 2nd starts

Wednesday 6th June: Carmen Create and Sing day-Y3 and 4s

Thursday 7th June: Swimming starts

Friday 8th June: Rising 5s Transition mornings commence / Ice-lolly Fridays commence

Wednesday 27th June: Year 4 Newcastle Leaver Service-St Nicholas Cathedral

Friday 29th June: Pupil Voice Conference-QEH Year 4s

Tuesday 3rd July: Transfer Day

Wednesday 4th July: Sports Day 1.30pm

Friday 6th July: Y3/4 Partnership Sports Festival-Wentworth Leisure Centre (Letter will be sent out soon)

Tuesday 10th July: NO MESSY CHURCH

Wednesday 11th July: Summer Production 'Jonah, a Fishy Tail' 9.15am and 5.30pm

Monday 16th-Wednesday 18th July: Year 4 Residential -Broomley Grange

Thursday 19th July: Y4 water fight

Friday 20th July: Leaver Service 9.15am (Picnic lunch-parents and siblings welcome to join us on the field)

Break up for Summer

Monday 3rd September: Teacher Day

Tuesday 4th September: Autumn 1st

Friday 26th October: Teacher Day

Best wishes for a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

