

#### Important Dates

**Friday 15th February**—Non uniform day—fine unwanted gifts/toiletries.



**Friday 15th February**—Break up for half-term.

**Monday 25th February**—All pupils return back to school.

**Tuesday 26th February**—Y6 Girls football match.

**Thursday 7th March**—World Book Day.

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**Monday 11th March-Tuesday 12th March**-Parents Evening and Book Fair.

**Wednesday 20th March**—YR trip to Walker Activity Dome.

**Thursday 28th March**—Y3 Celebration Event-parents invited 2.30pm-3.30pm.

#### Parent Code of Conduct

Thank you to all of the parents/carers who have signed the Code of Conduct and for their support for making the school and grounds a caring and supportive environment for the children. We're pleased that we're all keen to continue working together for the benefit of the children.

#### Non Uniform Day

The Parents and Friends Association (PFA) would like to remind you that next Friday 15th February is a non uniform day. The fine this time is unwanted gifts/toiletries which will be used as prizes on stalls at the fair. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

#### YN & YR Trip to Northern Stage

Nursery and Reception had a wonderful time at The Northern Stage yesterday morning, watching a live performance of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'! We watched the intrepid family of adventurers and their musical dog as they went on a quest to find a bear; as they waded through the gigantic swishy swashy grass, the splashy splashy river and the thick oozy, squelchy mud! We loved the catchy songs, interactive scenes and adventures! I wonder if we'll see a bear at the bottom of our garden?! Thank you to all of the pupils, parents and carers – the behaviour of the children was exemplary (even when we were getting wet!) and the children (and some of the adults) came back to school singing the songs!

#### Successful Learners

**YR**-Nicola for fantastic teamwork on our theatre trip.

Sienna for using our 'community' Mrs Wordsmith words. (such as 'sympathetic').

**Y1**-Emily for being kind and respectful towards others in the class and during break and lunch time.

Elwood for persevering with his handwriting and producing a fantastic narrative.

**Y2**-Isa for being extremely polite and respectful towards adults when on our school trip.

Georgia for showing a great determined attitude in lessons and showing great perseverance.

**Y3**-Faye for always persevering with everything that she does and putting 100% efforts into all of her work.

Ellie for always ensuring that her work is beautifully presented at all times!

**Y4**-Amrita for always having a caring attitude and having enthusiasm in everything she does.

Blake for trying really hard to answer tricky maths problems including coordinates.

**Y5**-Cleo for working hard in every lesson and persevering during difficult time.

Harry L for working in teams and independently without getting distractions.

#### Late's last week.

YR-2 Y1-7 Y2-1 Y3-2  
Y4-2 Y5-1 Y6-1



**Early is on time. On time is late. Late is unacceptable.**

#### In assembly this week we...

Talked about Chinese New Year which was on Tuesday 5th February. We discussed how the date changes every year and is worked out according to the first day of Chinese lunar calendar which depends on the movement of the sun and moon. We talked about different ways Chinese New year is celebrated-you might already have something planned to celebrate this at home this weekend.

**Each half term we will be focusing on one of our core School Values. This half term our school value is TEAM WORK. Assemblies and awards will be focused around this theme. Please ask your child about our theme and what they have been learning.**



#### Safer Internet Assembly

Thank you to those parents/carers who came along on Tuesday afternoon to find out a bit more about Safer Internet Day. Mr D'Evelin shared some information about what pupils had been learning about in school. He also shared some key issues faced by pupils going online and playing online games. Mr D'Evelin concluded this session by pointing parents in the direction of some useful websites which offer parental advice about e-safety.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/education-packs/activities-parents-and-carers>

#### Stay Safe Online

It has been brought to our attention that children have been going online by either downloading an app or going on you tube to watch 'Zombie Town'. This game on the face looks fine to watch but is actually inappropriate. There is lots of bad language and sexual scenes. We would advise parents/carers to take some time to watch this and also check your child's settings are set at the correct age for your child. Please also check your child's history settings as you may then wish to discuss some of this with them. If you have any queries please contact Mr D'Evelin , computing lead, Tonya or Mrs Cleary.

#### SMART– Half-Term Attendance challenge

Registration Group	%
Year 5	98%
Reception	97%
Year 2	97%
Year 6	96%
Year 3	96%
Year 4	96%
Year 1	94%

mean buying an expensive costumes-often the best are those hand-made costumes.

after half-term.

### PFA

The PFA are looking to recruit new parents to their team.

Are you able to give an hour or more of your time to help raise money to support our school to provide equipment and extra opportunities for our children? We offer coffee mornings, tea & coffee for parents evenings and assemblies, organising and supporting our Summer and Christmas fair, collecting non uniform 'fines' or making things to sell for the fairs. Your child will love seeing around school and being visible in school tells your child how important their education is to you. We would be very grateful for any help and would love to welcome you. If you're interested please contact the school office for more information or speak to any current PFA member.

### Year 2 Trip to Walker Activity Dome

On Wednesday afternoon Year 2 enjoyed participating in a multi-skills event at the Walker Activity Dome. The pupils were praised for determination, respect, teamwork, self belief and honesty. Well done Year 2!

### Simpson Boys Football

A great start to the boys football league games last night as they got their first win, 2:0 against St Charles. Goals from Taylor and Jack. Unfortunately, the break before the next 2 matches took away the momentum resulting in a loss against NSB and Gosforth Central Middle. Again we saw some fantastic play as the boys become used to playing as a team. The next matches are on the 7th March.

### Nursery Applications 2019

If your child is due to start Nursery class in September 2019 you can now apply. Please call into the office to pick up an application form. If you have any further queries please contact the office.

### Lateness

It is a parent's responsibility to ensure their children arrive at school on time. Lateness can disrupt the learning of others and can result in a pupil feeling greater stress and achieving poorer outcomes. Research shows a close link between attendance at school and a child's achievement. Being late adds up to a loss of learning. All time out of school affects learning and achievement for both pupils.

Please make sure your child arrives at school on time. If a pupil arrives after registration has closed the absence will be recorded as unauthorised for that session. If this persists legal action, in the form of a Penalty Notice or Prosecution under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996 may follow. At the beginning of the new term, we will require parents to sign in children who arrive at school after the pupils entrance has closed, providing a reason for lateness.

If you are experiencing any difficulties getting your child to school on time, please do not hesitate to contact school.



### Wowcher

Mrs Cleary will continue to share some of your 'wow' moments from home during assembly. If you'd like more 'wowchers' so that you can let us know the amazing things that your children are getting up to at home please call in to the foyer and collect some from the 'wowcher wall' by the door. Once you've filled in 'wowchers' you can either hand them back in to class teachers or pop them in the plastic wallet on the 'wowcher wall'.



We are open Thursdays and Fridays from **09.30—14.30** and offer hot drinks, breakfast and lunch options, as well as great cake! 🍰

Come and relax with a cuppa whilst your children enjoy our themed role play, messy play and arts and crafts.

Each week we have a different theme—check our Facebook page for updates!

#### • POP IN AFTER THE MORNING SCHOOL RUN

• **COME FOR LUNCH**— we offer affordable, delicious food from cakes to toasties, soup and quiche.

• **DROP BY FOR AN AFTERNOON TREAT AND A PLAY BEFORE THE END OF DAY SCHOOL RUN**— ideal for older children after morning nursery

• **JUST GET OUT THE HOUSE AND COME AND MEET OTHER PARENTS IN A RELAXED AND FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT.**

**We are now running our "pop up café" in COXLIDGE METHODIST CHURCH on Kenton Road.**

SUITABLE FOR CHILDREN AGED 0—5 years

(Ideal for parents / carers needing another adult to chat to!)

£3 per child (50p for siblings) with under 6 months free.

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