

## Newsletter



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Dear Families and Governors,

Can you believe we are almost half way through the academic year? Because of staff training next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February, the children only have 4 more school days before they get a well-earned half term break. School re-opens on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

### Uniform

We have a number of named uniform items that have gone missing. Can we ask that you all check when washing your child's school uniform that they haven't accidentally picked up someone else's jumper? It can be easily done when children are getting ready after PE (particularly in the younger years). Thank you.

### Chinese New Year

The children enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year this week and many of them particularly enjoyed their special school lunch on Tuesday. As usual Newcastle City Council will be working with the North East Chinese Association to put on a Chinese New Year spectacle for all to enjoy. On Sunday, February 10, Chinese New Year celebrations will again start with the lion dance. It will begin at Old Eldon Square green at roughly 11.15am, before parading to the Chinese Arch in Stowell Street. The parade should arrive in Stowell Street for around 12 noon. From noon, there will be speeches from Chinese community and city council representatives. The North East Chinese Association will present an exhibition of arts & crafts and food in Stowell Street between midday and 4pm. There will also be a Chinese Market and fairground in Bath Lane, with arts & crafts and Chinese food from 11am to 4pm. I'm sure that many of you will be popping into town to enjoy the celebrations. We would love to hear all about it from your children and would encourage them to bring in any photographs that are taken on the day if you do get the chance to go along.



### NUSTEM

This week Year 1 took part in a NUSTEM workshop delivered by Northumbria University. The children practised their reasoning skills to develop fair experiments, and from observations solved problems. The children had to design, build and test boats strong enough to float a goat safely across a river. They had to consider their design, test their predictions before concluding and evaluating their results. They loved exploring which shapes of boat were better than others for keeping goats afloat.



### Premier Sport Clubs

Please note that the last sessions for KS1 Dodgeball (Wednesday) and KS2 fencing (Thursday) will take place next week. New clubs will commence after half term and parents will be notified next week if their child has a place at one of these.

### Valentine's Day

We will be supporting the British Heart Foundation this Valentine's Day. Your child is welcome to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a £1 donation.

### Attendance

Our attendance figures this week are as follows:-

Nursery – 95.3%  
Reception – 86.3%  
Year 1 – 90.4%  
Year 2 – 96.1%  
Year 3 – 98.7%  
Year 4 – 93.6%  
Year 5 – 100%  
Year 6 – 98.4%

### KEY DATES

11<sup>th</sup> February – Year 3 school health visit – relationships/feelings  
12<sup>th</sup> Feb – School council visit to People's Kitchen  
14<sup>th</sup> February – Valentine's Day Non - Uniform  
14<sup>th</sup> February – Open the Book Assembly  
14<sup>th</sup> February – Visit from Northumbria Police (whole school assembly and session with year 1)  
14<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for Half Term  
15<sup>th</sup> February – School Closed – Training Day  
25<sup>th</sup> February – Return to school after half term break

If you have any ideas about school improvement or can help out in school in any way, please do not hesitate to call in and see us.

Thank you for your continued support.  
Kindest Regards  
Mrs. A. Oliver (Head Teacher)

