

Newsletter February 2019



New School Update

We are now settled into our new school. The children are enjoying having lots of space both indoors and out and they are very excited when it is their turn to go into the practical room and library. Phase Two of the building works is well under way and the old building could be demolished as early as March. Work will then begin on the landscaping, staff car park and early years play area.

Reporting Absences

If your child is ill or unable to attend school for any reason please inform the school on the first day of absence. This should be followed by a note handed to the class teacher explaining why he/she has been absent when they return to school. The school **must** be informed of the reason for all absences; otherwise they will be recorded as unauthorised.

Walking to School

We continue to take part in the WOW Challenge. Staff complete the Travel Tracker each day and those children walking/parking and striding at least once each week are rewarded with a themed badge at the end of the month. Since joining the challenge we have seen an increase in the number of children parking and striding.

Attendance and Punctuality

For the last four weeks attendance and punctuality are as follows:

Lates

Week Ending	18 th January	30
Week Ending	25 th January	39
Week Ending	1 st February	30
Week Ending	8 th February	28
Week Ending	15 th February	23

Attendance

Week Ending	Reception Class	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
18.01.19	97%	100%	97%	96%	95%
25.01.19	97%	96%	97%	96%	99%
01.02.19	97%	99%	98%	100%	99%
08.02.19	97%	99%	92%	100%	97%
15.02.19	99%	100%	91%	94%	94%

As you can see the number of children arriving late in the first half of the term has been in double figures each week. Some of this is due to the move to the new building and the introduction of the bell to indicate when class room doors are closed but we are well settled into our new building now and it is really important that children arrive on time and make a good start to the day.

Attendance figures are good for this half term and for the most part have been over 95% each week.

Year 1 have the best average attendance for the half term, followed closely by Reception class and Year 3. Both Year 1 and Year 3 have had 100% attendance at least once this half term.

School Website

Our school website has been redesigned and we are currently updating the information on it. All newsletters are placed on the site and a calendar of events is also regularly updated. Policies with regard to attendance, behaviour and school uniform are also on the site. Don't forget that we now produce a weekly class blog which gives details about the various activities that children take part in throughout the week.

Gosforth Schools Trust

This half term our children have taken part in a number of Trust events. As part of Gosforth Gets Going some children from Year 1 attended a Zumba session. Children from our School Council are working with other Trust schools to produce a Trust video and a groups of children from Year 4 have attended a Ceilidh and Arts and Culture workshop.

School Lunches

We encourage all children to have a school lunch, please remember that for children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 school lunches are free. If children change from school lunch to packed lunch we must be given at least two weeks' notice as food orders are submitted well in advance.

February

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1
4	5	6	7	8
	am Yr 1 Zumba event			
		3.15pm Valentines Disco		
11	12	13	14	15
			9.00am Year 1 Assembly	9.00am P & F Meeting
			pm Yr 4 Ceilidh	
18	19	20	21	22
HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
25	26	27	28	
	Y3/4 Hockey Tournament pm			

March

2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Balance bikes Nur/Rec
4	5	6 Book Fair in School this week	7 World Book Day	8 Balance bikes Nur/Rec Non Uniform Family Gift Day
11	12	13	14 3.00pm Year 4 Parents Hawkhurst meeting	15 Balance bikes Nur/Rec Comic Relief Gosforth Voices tour
18	19	20	21 Warburtons Workshops	22 am Big Pedal Breakfast Balance bikes Nur/Rec Warburtons Workshops Family Gift Day
	3.30pm Parents Evening	4.30pm Parents Evening		
25	26	27 Year 4 Residential visit to Hawkhurst	28	29

April

2019

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
	9.00am Year 3 Assembly	Yr 1 Dance Festival		Fish and Chip Lunch
		3.00pm Parents & Friends Easter Activity		
8	9	10	11	12
HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
15	16	17	18	19
HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	BANK HOLIDAY
22	23	24	25	26
BANK HOLIDAY			Year 3 Scoot smart training am	
29	30			
pm Year 3 Swimming				