

## Newsletter October 2017

### New School Update

The statutory notice period for the new building and expansion of the school will begin on Friday. Notices will be posted outside of school, on the noticeboard in the school yard and on our website. Construction is due to start in February following approval of the design plans.

### Attendance and Punctuality

I am pleased to inform you that overall school attendance for 2016/2017 was 97% which is above the national average. As a reward all children will have an additional playtime on Friday afternoon.

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

#### Lates

Week Ending	22 <sup>nd</sup>	September	10
Week Ending	29 <sup>th</sup>	September	8
Week Ending	6 <sup>th</sup>	October	11
Week Ending	13 <sup>th</sup>	October	9

#### Attendance

Week Ending	Reception Class	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
22.09.2017	96%	95%	100%	98%	95%
29.09.2017	96%	99%	100%	98%	95%
06.10.2017	85%	92%	97%	96%	95%
13.10.2017	100%	99%	100%	97%	97%

Congratulations go to all children who achieved our September punctuality target of 17. It was wonderful to award those children an, 'I've been on time for school this month' wrist band at our assembly of achievement.

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. Please also note that parents should be specific about the nature of their child's illness. It is not enough to say that a child is ill; we need to know what the illness is.

### Safeguarding

Our updated Safeguarding policy has been placed on our website. A paper copy of the policy can be obtained from Mrs Purvis in the school office. The designated safeguarding lead in our school is Mrs A Farrar and the deputy safeguarding lead is Mr Donnelly. Our designated governor for safeguarding is Mrs E Appleby.

### Park and Stride

I hope that you will be able to support our Park and Stride initiative so that we can reduce the number of cars that are parked outside of the school. Remember that even if you have to travel by car to school you can always park safely in a road a short walking distance from it.

Following the road safety assembly 'Be safe, be seen' Newcastle City Council have provided high visibility jackets for all children in our school. The jackets can be worn going to and from school and when children are outdoors during the winter months.

### **School Nurse**

This year our school nurse Laura Moore, will be coming in to work with children in class. For your information I have listed the theme of the session and when it is taking place as you might want to discuss this further with your child.

Reception Class	18 <sup>th</sup> October	Hand washing
Year 1	25 <sup>th</sup> November	Looking after my teeth
Year 2	6 <sup>th</sup> February	Healthy Relationships
Year 3	6 <sup>th</sup> February	My Body and I
Year 4	12 <sup>th</sup> June	My Body and I

Please remember that the school nurse can be contacted on 0191 2823672 if you would like to discuss any medical concerns about your child.

### **Cycle Training**

Newcastle City Council are delivering Learn to Ride sessions and Bikeability Training Level 1 for all children who attend school in Newcastle. This offer is in addition to those sessions that are booked into schools and are for children who may have missed the training for whatever reason. Children are also invited to bring their grown-ups along as they can take part too.

The training will be delivered on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October from 10am to 12pm and 1pm to 3pm at the Cycle Hub on the Quayside. No booking is necessary but participants will need to bring their own bikes and if they have them helmets. Helmets can be supplied if required.

### **Halloween Disco**

Our Halloween disco takes place on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November from 3:15pm-4:45pm for children in Years 1 to 4. Children may bring disco outfits to school and get changed into them at the end of the day.

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Thank you to all those parents that supported this event. The donations of cakes and biscuits were very much appreciated and it was lovely to see so many of you at the coffee morning. I would also like to thank members of the Parents and Friends for setting up and running the cake stall and serving the teas and coffees.

The amount rose from the cake stall and sale of tea and coffee was £307 this amount has now been forwarded to Macmillan Cancer Support.

### **Birthday Treats**

Please remember that we are not able to give out party invitations or to supply parents with class lists. We would also ask that parents do not send birthday cakes in to school to celebrate birthdays. A small treat such as a packet of sweets or small chocolate bar is acceptable and these can be given out at the end of the day.