



Upcoming Dates

- **Wear Grey Day – Friday 4th October (voluntary contributions to Luke's Life Legacy)**
- **Y2 trip to the Quayside – Thursday 10th October**
- **Parental Consultations week – 21st -24th October**
- **Harvest Collection – Thursday 24th October**
- **School closes for half-term 3.20pm Friday 25th October, return Monday 4th November**
- **TEACHER TRAINING DAY – Friday 20th December 2019**

Wear Grey Day – As mentioned in a recent Parentmail, this Friday we are supporting the brain tumour awareness campaign and remembering a wonderful former pupil. We ask that children come to school on Friday wearing predominantly grey. We will collect voluntary donations on behalf of Luke's Life Legacy.

Thank you to the PTA – We received a wonderful cheque for £2500 from the PTA this week to help us stock our new library area. This is a huge amount of money and we are very much looking forward to spending it. We also received a significant contribution towards the cost of our Christmas Decorations Day.

Parent Evenings – Meetings to discuss how well your child (children) have settled in to their new year groups will be held across the final week of this half-term (week commencing 21st October). We will release appointment slots on Monday 14th October. Appointment lists will be posted outside the classrooms that morning and then, from 10am, those of you who are unable to sign up in person can phone the office to organise your slot. The lists will then be placed outside the classrooms again that afternoon and we will repeat this process across the rest of the week.



Cycle Safety Lessons – Despite some inclement weather, many of our Year 5 pupils have been taking their Bikeability Level 2 qualifications in and around school this week. This programme, offered free by North Tyneside Council, helps children understand how to ride their bikes safely when out and about on the roads. Later in the term, Year 3 pupils will have the opportunity to take the Level 1 introductory course.

School Meal Census Day – A ‘Sports’ themed school meal fun day is planned for tomorrow, **Thursday 3rd October** and we would encourage as many pupils as possible to take a school meal that day as the higher the number of meals taken, the higher the level of funding that Catering Services receive from the government this year.

Online Safety – This week, my whole school assembly focused on online safety and this theme will continue next week. We discussed the importance of understanding PEGI age ratings for games and I also highlighted to pupils that the terms and conditions for the apps Instagram and Snapchat state that accounts should only be created for pupils aged 13 or over. The reaction to this revelation from the children suggests that many are already using these apps. I would urge you do check the apps your child has downloaded onto their phone or iPad to ensure you are aware of them. Next week, we will look at the SMART rules for keeping safe on line:

Be smart on the internet

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S SAFE Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information when chatting or posting online. Personal information includes your email address, phone number and password. **ZIP IT**

M MEETING Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present. Remember online friends are still strangers even if you have been talking to them for a long time.

A ACCEPTING Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages! **BLOCK IT**

R RELIABLE Someone online might lie about who they are, and information on the internet may not be true. Always check information with other websites, books or someone who knows. **? FLAG IT**

t TELL Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online. **THINK U KNOW**
You can report online abuse to the police at www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.kidsmart.org.uk

KidSMART Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.

Ear-rings – At a Full Governing Body meeting last week it was reiterated that the school policy is 'no ear-rings'. This policy applies to all pupils. In line with other schools with similar policies, retainers are classed as ear-rings as they pose the same risks. Overall, this policy has been adhered to very well and the Governors are appreciative of this. We will continue to monitor this closely and may contact individual parents if the need arises.

Elmer Parade Farewell Weekend – We continue to receive some lovely photos of our children visiting Pebble the Elephant and we would welcome more of these. We have some 'Elmer Trail Maps' available from the office at £1 each (all proceeds to St Oswald's). We have been given four tickets for the Grand Farewell Event to be held at Gosforth Park Racecourse Sat 9th – Sun 10th November. All of the elephants will be on display prior to a grand auction. Tickets are available to purchase for this event from the St Oswald's website (£5 per adult, £3 per child). We will raffle the family tickets we receive in the coming weeks.



Chinese Mandarin lessons – From next week, some of our Y3 and Y4 pupils will receive Chinese Mandarin lessons after school on a Monday. This opportunity is supported by Newcastle University's Confucius Centre and we are very excited to be involved with this project. This will add to our foreign language provision – currently we deliver French lessons throughout Key Stages 1 and 2 and also offer after school Spanish to Key Stage 1 pupils.