



Upcoming Dates

- **Wednesday 18th September – George Stephenson High School Presentation to Y5 & 6 parents**
- **Parental Consultations week – 21st – 24th October**
- **Harvest Collection – Thursday 24th October**
- **Teacher Training Day – 20th December 2019**

We are now into week three of the new school year and the children continue to impress through their smart presentation and calm and positive attitude. I have been observing pupil behaviour in and around school and across lunchtimes and I have been very impressed by the attitudes displayed. We are looking forward to this great start continuing.

Pebble the Elephant – We are delighted that so many people have been to visit Pebble at Whitley Bay Library. To help us celebrate this we would welcome any photographs you might have of your visit to Pebble which we will add to a display in school.

School Library – A huge thank you to Mr Pugh for his efforts over the summer which has led to us now having a fabulous new library and IT facility in school. Staff are currently stocking the library and the PTA have very kindly offered some significant funding to help with this. All pupils will be timetabled to use this lovely space and we look forward to the school council helping us decide how we further decorate it.



Ear-rings – Last year we introduced a no ear-ring policy which was very well adhered to. This year we have noticed that a small number of pupils have come to school wearing ear-rings or retainers. The reason for the policy was based on safety and also to reduce time lost when changing for PE. We would therefore please ask that neither ear-rings nor retainers are worn to school. Obviously, some pupils have had their ears pierced across the summer and we appreciate these may take time to heal, please speak to your child's class teacher if this is still an issue.

School Meal Census Day – Catering Services would like to invite all children to their 'Sports' themed school meal fun day planned for Thursday 3rd October, to have a party meal and the chance to find a golden ticket and win a prize. The meal will be free to all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 the cost will be £2.25.



The lunch will include a special menu of crunchy chicken strips served with lattice fries and corn on the cob, along with a salad bar, a homemade cup cake and a fruit drink. Medical diets will be catered for on the day.

Catering Services would like to encourage as many pupils as possible to take a school meal on this day as the higher the number of meals taken, the higher the level of funding that they receive from the government this year. Thank you.

School Car Park – We do have one or two parents who have permission to use the school car-park to drop-off and pick-up due to their particular needs however, other than this the car-park is a staff only car-park. Please could parents refrain from walking across the car-park with their children when dropping off or picking up as there may be vehicles moving around. Also, the 'Keep Clear' area by the barrier cannot be used as a waiting area at any time, including After School Club pick-ups.

Bikes and Scooters – I have been asked by the governors to remind parents that bikes and scooters are left in the scooter park at your own risk. Whilst we have had very few incidents of items going missing over the years, and in most cases these are usually related to 'mistaken identity', we would advise expensive items to be locked across the school day. CCTV cameras are in place in the car-park but they do not directly cover the scooter park area.