



(Article 3)



All adults should do what is best for you. When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decision will affect children.

Friday Letter



6th September 2024

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Dates for the diary:

Friday 25th October - Break up for half term

Monday 4th November - Return to school

School Lottery

To purchase tickets please follow the link below;

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/>

All money raised from tickets purchased will help to fundraise for our school. Tickets are £1 per ticket, per week and the more tickets purchased the higher the weekly prize is. There is a winner from our school every week!

Summer Works

Over the summer, we have had a new heating system installed by the Council. All staff have worked extremely hard during our much-needed two Inset days, cleaning, tidying and sorting! There are still a few areas not quite finished which will be completed in October half term.

Welcome Reception Class!

We would like to welcome our new Reception class to Bill Quay. We hope you have all enjoyed your first week with us!

Swimming Lessons (Year 5)

Children in year 5 will commence swimming lessons on Tuesday 10th September at Heworth Leisure Centre. They will be transported to and from Heworth by coach. We politely ask that, if you are able to, each child contributes £2.00 per week towards the cost of the transport which can be paid using the SchoolGateway App.

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached our monthly online safety newsletter.

Meet The Teacher

All parents are invited to meet their child's new class teacher and discuss the curriculum for the year. Meetings will be held after school in your child's classroom. Dates and times for each class are as follows:

Year Group	Date	Time
Year 1	Thursday 19 th September	3.30pm-4pm
Year 2	Thursday 19 th September	4pm-4.30pm
Year 3	Monday 16 th September	3.30pm-4pm
Year 4	Wednesday 18 th September	3.30pm-4pm
Year 5	Tuesday 17 th September	3.30pm-4pm
Year 6	Monday 16 th September	4pm-4.30pm

ICT Agreements

If your circumstances have changed since completing the ICT agreement when your child started Bill Quay Primary School, in relation to how you wish photographs which have been taken of your child within school and how they are published, please contact the school office to complete a new form.

Snack Attack

Snack attack will resume on Friday 13th September. Prices for snacks and drinks cost 60p each. Reception and Year 1 pupils should bring money in a labelled envelope please.

PE Days

Please see below your child's allocated PE days for this term. On these days children should come to school wearing their full PE kit.

Year 1	Wednesday and Thursday
Year 2	Monday and Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday and Wednesday
Year 4	Monday and Tuesday
Year 5	Tuesday and Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday and Thursday

NUFC After School Club

NUFC football after school club will recommence next Wednesday (11th September). This club is open to all children in years 5 and 6 and will run every week from 3.30pm-4.30pm.

Primary School Admissions

On Monday 9th September, parents/carers of children in born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021 will be able to apply for their child's primary school place. Please ensure all online applications are made before the deadline of Wednesday 15th January 2025.

Secondary School Admissions

On Monday 9th September, parents/carers of children in Year 6 will receive an email containing information about how to apply for their child's secondary school place. Please ensure all online applications are made before the deadline of Thursday 31st October 2024. Any late applications will be placed to the bottom of the pile and this may result in your child not being allocated the school of their choice.

Secondary School Open Evenings

If you wish to attend any secondary school opening evenings before applying for your child's place, please find details below:

Cardinal Hume Catholic School	Wednesday 16 th October at 4pm
Emmanuel College (<i>You can not apply to Emmanuel College via Gateshead's online application system; you must apply directly to the college</i>)	Monday 9 th October at 5.30pm or 7pm
Grace College	Wednesday 2 nd October at 5pm
Heworth Grange School	Thursday 3 rd October at 6pm-7.30pm
Kingsmeadow Community School	Thursday 19 th September at 5.30pm
Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy	Thursday 26 th September at 4.15pm-8pm
St Thomas More Catholic School	Thursday 26 th September at 5.30pm-7pm
Thorp Academy	Tuesday 17 th September 5.30pm-7pm
Whickham School	Thursday 19 th September at 5pm and 7pm Tuesday 24 th September at 5pm and 7pm
XP Gateshead (<i>Please contact the school to complete a booking form</i>)	Tuesday 1 st October at 5.45pm
Hebburn Comprehensive School	Wednesday 25 th September at 6pm
St Josephs Catholic Academy	Thursday 26 th September at 6pm-8pm

Uniform

May we remind you that on non-PE days, children should come to school wearing their full school uniform. This includes black shoes and not trainers. On PE and after-school club days that involve PE, children should wear plain navy joggers or leggings, a plain white T-shirt, school grey hoodie or navy 1/4 zip top with trainers. For health and safety reasons, children will be asked to remove jewellery prior to a PE lesson. This includes any watches, earrings, bracelets etc. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Parking

Could we politely request that when dropping off or collecting your child from school that you park considerately and do not park on any of the keep clear markings outside of school. Parking in inappropriate places causes health and safety issues to our children and their families trying to cross the road safely.

Dogs

Could we remind parents and carers that dogs are not allowed on the school premises.