



(Article 19)



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Friday Letter



11th October 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!

Harvest Donations

A reminder that, our School Council is once again looking for donations of non-perishable goods for Gateshead Food Bank. If you are able to donate any items, please hand them in to the school office before Friday 18th October.

Year 4 - Arbeia

Children in year 4 will be visiting Arbeia on Friday 18th October to take part in an Arts and Artefacts/Time Quest workshop. The cost of this workshop is £6.00 per child and can be paid using our online payment system. A link to the consent form has been sent to you via email.

School Uniform - School Shoes

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. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Secondary School Applications

A reminder that all online secondary school applications must be made before the deadline of Thursday 31st October. 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.

Flu Vaccinations

A reminder, the school nursing team will be in school on Tuesday 22nd October to administer your child's flu vaccination. If you do not wish for your child to receive this, then you will need to opt out by following the link below:

<https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

The school code is: NB108357

School Photographer

A photographer will be in school on the morning of Thursday 14th November. All children will have the opportunity to have their photo taken and can wear either school uniform or partywear. Children with siblings in school will only have their photo taken together and not individually. Anyone wishing to have family photographs taken with siblings who do not attend school, please arrive for 8.45am. Photographs will be taken on a first come first serve basis.

Children in Need

All children are invited to come to school dressed in bright clothes or their pyjamas on Friday 15th November to celebrate Children in Need. A £1 cash donation would be gratefully appreciated.

Christmas Events and Dates for the Diary

Please find attached a Christmas calendar showing all event dates for your child's year group throughout December. Below is a table showing these dates and times with some additional information for you.

Event	Date
Reception and KS1 - Elf Day	Monday 2nd December - Children in Reception and KS1 are invited to come to school dressed as an elf.
Non-Uniform Day	Friday 6th December - Children to donate a prize which can be used as a raffle or tombola prize at our Christmas Fayre instead of the usual £1 donation.
Christmas Fayre	Tuesday 10th December (Afternoon) - Details to follow.
Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch	Thursday 12th December - All children invited to come to school in a Christmas jumper.
Year 3 and 4 - Coffee and Carols Morning	Friday 13th December - Parents and carers of children in year 3 and 4 are welcome to come to school for a coffee and carols morning (9.30am-10.30am).
Reception Christmas Party*	Friday 13th December (Afternoon) - Details to follow.
Visit from Santa	Friday 13th December (Afternoon) - Santa to visit school and give all children a gift.
Year 1 and 2 Christmas Party*	Monday 16th December (Afternoon) - Details to follow.
Reception Nativity	Tuesday 17th December - 9.30am start, refreshments sold from 9am.
Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party*	Tuesday 17th December (Afternoon) - Details to follow.
Year 5 and 6 - Coffee and Carols Morning	Wednesday 18th December - Parents and carers of children in year 5 and 6 are welcome to come to school for a coffee and carols morning (9.30am-10.30am).
Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party*	Wednesday 18th December (Afternoon) - Details to follow.
Year 1 and 2 - Coffee and Carols Morning	Thursday 19th December - Parents and carers of children in year 1 and 2 are welcome to come to school for a coffee and carols morning (9.30am-10.30am).
Music Roadshow Performance	Thursday 19th December (Afternoon) - A Christmas music roadshow performance will take place in school for all children. Parents/carers are not able to attend this event.
Inset Day	Monday 6th January - School closed for staff training.

*On Christmas party days, children may be collected at 12pm to go home for lunch and change into their partywear. If you choose to collect your child, they should return to school for 1.30pm. Alternatively, they can come to school on the morning of their party wearing their party clothes and have lunch at school as normal.

Black History Month

Week beginning October 21st, we are going to be celebrating diversity in aid of Black History Month. We would like to invite parents to come in and chat with children in class about their own family history, culture or beliefs. We are also asking children to bring in anything that "makes them unique" so we can celebrate diversity as a whole school! If any parents/carers would be interested in coming to chat to the children, please contact the school office.

Konflux Theatre - Year 6

As part of Anti-bullying Week, Year 6 will be performing a short play at 3.00pm on Thursday 7th November. All parents/carers and grandparents are welcome to come along to watch.

Text Messages

Please be advised that the number used to send and receive text messages through Schoolcomms will be changing from 01288255965 to 07507282013 on 11th October. Please save the new number and delete the old number from any contacts.

Metro Line Closure

Please see the attached letter from Nexus regarding a line closure on the metro.

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