



(Article 36)



You have the right to protection from any kind of exploitation (being taken advantage of).

## Friday Letter



8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

[www.billquayprimary.org](http://www.billquayprimary.org)

### Dates for the diary:

Break up for Christmas - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Inset Day (School Closed) - Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Return to school - Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> December

### 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!

### Consultation on Nursery Provision

Please take the time, if you can, to respond to the consultation letter sent out earlier this week.

### Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached our monthly online safety newsletter.

### Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is anti-bullying week. As part of this, our year 6 class took part in a play in a day workshop on Thursday which concentrated on online bullying. We would like to invite all pupils to wear odd socks on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November to raise awareness.

### Christmas Cards

For anybody who would still like to purchase Christmas designs, we have been notified that the shop will re-open from Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November to noon on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Unfortunately, after this date you will no longer be able to purchase any items.

### Trim Trail

As you will be aware, due to fundraising efforts from parents/carers and our local community over the last 2 years, we have been able to replace our trim trail in the KS2 yard. There is still some work outstanding but hopefully children will be able to enjoy this within the next couple of weeks.

### Class Dojo

Please be mindful when sending messages via Dojo. We encourage parents and carers to use Dojo for short messages, such as to notify the class teacher of a forthcoming appointment. If you have any concerns that you need to raise with the class teacher, please do not do it via Class Dojo as it can result in causing great stress to staff who, like us all, need time with their families away from the classroom. Instead, please contact the school office and arrange a face to face appointment or a telephone conversation.

### Raffle Prizes

Our Christmas fayre will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. We would be most grateful if any local businesses or individuals would be willing to donate a prize to our raffle to help us raise as much as we can for the children in school. If so, please contact the school office.

## School Photographer

A reminder that our school 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.

## After School Clubs

A reminder that the final session for cookery, gardening, tag rugby, and art after school clubs will be next week (commencing 11<sup>th</sup> November).

## Bottle Bags

In preparation for our Christmas fayre, if anybody has any spare bottle bags that they no longer require, please hand them into the school office.

## Raffle Tickets

Our Christmas raffle tickets are now on sale at £1.00 per strip and can be purchased using the SchoolGateway App. Please find attached a flyer showing our prizes so far. Tickets must be purchased by no later than Friday 6th December.

## Non-Uniform Day

Children are invited to come to school wearing non-uniform on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Instead of the usual cash donation, we ask that pupils bring in a small unopened/unused prize which will go towards hampers for our Christmas raffle or Tombola. These can be left in the foyer outside the office where they will be collected.

Reception/Year 1	Sweets, chocolates or biscuits
Year 2 and Year 3	Toiletries
Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6	Bottles

## Year 6 - Kingswood Residential

A reminder, if you have opted to pay by instalments for your child's residential at Kingswood, the next payment of £40.00 is due on or before Friday 29th November.

## Brass Tuition for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils

We are delighted to be able to offer brass tuition to a selection of Y5 and Y6 pupils, working in partnership with the Gateshead Music Service. Tuition will be in small groups of 6 pupils at a cost of approximately £6 per weekly half-hour session. The sessions will begin in January and the cost includes the loan of an instrument - which will probably be either a cornet, Eb horn or trombone. The brass tutor will be coming into school to do some trial sessions later on this term to see who has the aptitude to be able to play a brass instrument. If you would like your child to be included in the try-out sessions with a view to them beginning lessons in January if selected, please email the school office at [billquayprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk](mailto:billquayprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk).

# POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORT WORKSHOPS

Are you ever worried about your child's behaviour and aren't sure how best to help?

Do you want to better understand their needs and support them through those tricky times?

These workshops help parents think about strategies and to come up with a plan that focuses on a good life for your child and your family.

## GATESHEAD

Thursday 5th & Friday 13th December  
10am - 2pm  
Deckham Family Hub, Elgin Centre, Elgin Road,  
Gateshead NE9 5PA

I wish it was available to all parents.

I loved hearing other people's stories about their own families!

I felt valued and supported.



If someone in your family is under 18, and is autistic, has a learning disability or is waiting for a diagnosis of autism or a learning disability, please come along.

Please get in touch with **Jillian** or **Jen** at **Skills for People**.

Tel: 0191 281 8737 or e-mail: [information@skillsforpeople.org.uk](mailto:information@skillsforpeople.org.uk)



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