



(Article 26)



You have the right to help from the government if you are poor or in need.

Friday Letter



15th November 2024

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Dates for the diary:

Break up for Christmas - Friday 20th December

Inset Day (School Closed) - Monday 6th January

Return to school - Tuesday 7th January

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!

Baby Tannahill

We are delighted to announce that Mr Tannahill's wife has given birth to a beautiful baby girl weighing in at 6lb and 8oz. Congratulations to them both!

Christmas Fayre Help

In readiness for our Christmas fayre on the afternoon of Tuesday 10th December, we are wondering if any parents/carers would be willing to help out on a stall. If you are able to help, please contact the school office. This will allow us to plan accordingly.

Christmas Cards

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

After School Clubs

A reminder that the final sessions for homework and OPAL after school clubs will be next Thursday (21st November).

Badminton Club

As previously advised, Badminton after school club will therefore be cancelled on Thursday 21st November; however, children are more than welcome to stay behind at school and join in with our Opal after school club until 4.30pm. If children do not wish to attend the Opal after school club, please ensure they are collected at 3.30pm.

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.

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.

Pupil Progress Meetings (Year 1-6)

A reminder that, pupil progress meetings will be held after school on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th November for pupils in years 2-6. We have a system which will allow you to book your appointment for the date and time that is convenient to you. As advised by email this week, year 1 progress meetings will now take place on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd December. Meetings will be held face to face. Appointments are now available to be booked using the link below;

<https://billquayprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

Money Tree

We are once again going to have a money tree at our Christmas fayre on Tuesday 10th December. Your child has been sent home with a small coloured envelope this week. Could we please request parents/carers donate anything from 20p-£1 and return the envelopes to the school office by Thursday 6th December. The envelopes will be hung on a tree and you will have the opportunity to choose an envelope and win up to £5.00.

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.

Attendance Policy

A new revised attendance policy will be available to view on our school website within the next few days.