



(Article 7)



You have the right to a name, and this should be officially recognised by the government. You have the right to a nationality (to belong to a country).

Friday Letter



6th December 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!

Online Safety Newsletter

Please find attached our monthly online safety newsletter.

Year 5 - Swimming

Children will not be swimming on Tuesday 10th December due to our annual Christmas fayre taking place in school.

Year 1 - Northern Stage

Children in year 1 will be visiting Northern Stage in Newcastle on the morning of Friday 13th December to watch 'Wolf!'. The cost of this trip is £16.00 per child which can be paid using the SchoolGateway app. School uniform to be worn. Children can bring a drink and a small packet of sweets to eat during the performance. A link to the consent form has been sent to you via email.

Reception Nativity

Children in Reception class will be performing 'Whoops-a-daisy-angel' on Tuesday 17th December at 9.30am with refreshments being available from 9.00am. Tickets for this performance cost £2.50 and can be purchased using our SchoolGateway App. Proceeds will go towards our School Fund. Each ticket purchase includes a tea or coffee and a sweet mince pie. For health and safety reasons, we unfortunately have to limit numbers in our school hall; therefore, parents can purchase up to three tickets each initially. Tickets should be purchased no later than Friday 13th December to allow us to offer any spare tickets to other families.

Reindeer Dust

Our environmentally friendly reindeer dust is now available to be purchased from the school office for £1.00. This can also be purchased using the SchoolGateway app. If you choose to purchase online, this will be sent home with your child however, if you would prefer to collect, please let us know.

Primary School Applications

If you have a child that is due to start primary school in September 2025 and have not already completed the online application with Gateshead Council, please ensure the application is completed before the closing date of 15th January 2025.

Photographs

For all parents/carers who ordered photographs, these have been sent home with your child this week. If you have a query about your order, please contact Phototronics on 01642673692.

Christmas Events at Bill Quay Community Church

Sunday 15th December - 4pm

Christingle Service, with singing led by some of our school choir

Sunday 22nd December - 4pm

Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 25th December - 10.30am

Christmas Day Service

Monday 30th December - 2pm

Family Film Afternoon: Home Alone.

Admission free - bring your own snacks!

Juice and tea / coffee provided

Christmas Parties

Children may go home for lunch on their party day to get changed if they wish. Please notify the class teacher by class dojo if they are being collected at 12.00pm so that we can ensure they are ready to collect from the school office. Children should return for 1.30pm. Children who are not going home for lunch, may come to school in their party outfit. All parties will be finished by 3.30pm.

In order to cater for our children at the Christmas parties, we would be grateful if each child could bring in a small amount of the following on the morning of the party:

Reception	Notified by Mrs Bone
Year 1 (Monday 16 th December)	Savoury
Year 2 (Monday 16 th December)	Sweet
Year 3 (Tuesday 17 th December)	Savoury
Year 4 (Tuesday 17 th December)	Sweet
Year 5 (Wednesday 18 th December)	Savoury
Year 6 (Wednesday 18 th December)	Sweet

***Children who have dietary requirements should bring their own plate of food clearly labelled to prevent them having anything that may cause an allergic reaction.**