



(Article 11)



You have the right to be protected from kidnapping.

Friday Letter



14th February 2025

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Dates for the diary:

Break up for half term - Friday 21st February

Return to school - Monday 3rd March

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!

School Book Fair

We are holding a school book fair on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th. This will be held in the school hall between 3.30-4pm. To pay for the books, there are two options: cash or cashless using a QR code (displayed at the fair). Pupils will be able to use the World Book Day tokens that will be given out in advance to help pay towards the cost of a book. Approximately 30% of titles are under £5 and proceeds will be used towards further books for our school library.

Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor. If you or anybody you know might be interested, please apply through either Indeed or the Gateshead Council website.

Dance Festival

We have been informed that tickets are now available to be purchased for all children who have been selected to take part in the Dance Festival at The Glass House in Gateshead on Wednesday 26th March. Further details on how to purchase tickets have been sent to you via email.

Year 5 - Bikeability

Children in year 5 will take part in a 4 day Bikeability course beginning Tuesday 18th February and running until Friday 21st February. A consent form for this has been sent home with your child this week. If you wish for your child to participate, please ensure completed forms are returned to the school office no later than Friday 14th February. All children taking part are required to bring their bike and helmet into school with them on this day, more information can be found on the consent form. **On Tuesday, the bike sessions will run in the morning only so please ensure your child brings their swimming kit as normal.**

Year 3 Bake Sale

Children in year 3 will sell cakes to all pupils in school on Friday 21st February. Any year 3 children who wish to donate cakes or biscuits to this sale, please do so via the school office on the morning of the sale. Items will be sold for 50p each. There will be no snack attack on this day.

Year 6 - Ford Castle Residential

A reminder, if you have opted to pay by instalments for your child's residential at Ford Castle, the next payment of £40.00 is due on or before Friday 28th February.

Internet Safety Week

This week, all pupils have taken part in Internet Safety Week. Please follow the link below for parent/carer tips on keeping your children safe online.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2025/tips-for-parents-and-carers>

Pancake Day Lunch

On Tuesday 4th March, the school kitchen will serve a pancake day themed dessert. The main menu will be served as normal on this date.



World Book Day

On Thursday 6th March, children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character to celebrate world book day. We will also be serving a world book day themed lunch. Please find below a flyer showing the menu for this.




Pharmacy First

We have been advised that, children with the following illnesses, can attend the pharmacy, no appointment required, and be seen in a clinical setting by an experienced Pharmacist, Richard. The pharmacy is located at Well Pharmacy (14 Beaconsfield Road, Low Fell. NE9 5EU).

The conditions are as follows:

Pharmacy First Service



Key Referral Guide and Checklist

This document will help to identify patients who may benefit from a Pharmacy First consultation with the pharmacist and those who may need to be referred for more urgent care. Patients answering 'yes' to any of the following questions will need to be referred to the pharmacist for further support. Please note that the questions listed below are not exhaustive.

KEY RED FLAGS

If a patient presents any of the following symptoms, they **MUST** be signposted to their nearest **A&E** department or phone **999** if there is an emergency.

- New confusion or disorientation
- Chest pain or palpitations
- Difficult/laboured breathing
- Pale or mottled skin
- Stiff neck
- Loss of bladder control
- Sensitivity to light or sounds
- Sting/bite on or around the eye
- Swollen lips, tongue, mouth

Sore Throat

- 1 Is the patient over 5 years old?
- 2 Symptoms appeared less than 3 days ago?
- 3 Inflamed tonsils/visible puss on tonsils?
- 4 Does the patient have a fever?

UTI

- 1 Is the patient a female aged 16-64 years?
- 2 Passing urine at night more frequently?
- 3 Pain/tenderness in the lower abdomen?
- 4 Burning sensation when passing urine?

Shingles

- 1 Is the patient over 18 years old?
- 2 Has a rash appeared 2-3 days ago?
- 3 Is rash affecting one side of the body?
- 4 Is rash appearing as red spots/blisters?

Impetigo

- 1 Any red patches/lesions around the mouth or nose that are likely to rupture and dry forming yellow-brown crusts?
- 2 Is the patient over 1 years old?
- 3 Any fluid filled blisters on affected area?
- 4 Patient not had impetigo within last year

Infected Insect Bite

- 1 Is the patient over 1 years old?
- 2 Has 48 hours passed since the bite?
- 3 Is the bitten skin painful or hot to touch?
- 4 Is the bitten skin red or swollen?

Earache

- 1 Is the child aged 1-17 years old?
- 2 Does the child have any earache?
- 3 Is child tugging/rubbing/holding ears?
- 4 Any fever or flu-like symptoms?

Sinusitis

- 1 Is the patient over 12 years old?
- 2 Have symptoms lasted 10 days or more?
- 3 Any pain/pressure in the face or head?
- 4 Blocked/runny nose?

Get Involved in Research this February Half-Term!

HDRC Gateshead is hosting fun, free art-based sessions for autistic children (including children currently referred) at Gateshead Family Hubs, where children can share their brilliant ideas for happier dental experiences at the dentist and at home.

What will my child do?

Your child will have fun drawing, painting, and creating colourful artwork to share ideas on how to make dental visits more comfortable.

Their artwork will help us make a special flipbook resource to share with dentists and families!

Who are we?

Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) Gateshead is a partnership between Gateshead Council and Newcastle University. We work to improve health for all communities in Gateshead.

Scan the QR code to register your child for a session



Each child will receive a £25 gift card as a thank you for taking part!

Children must be

- diagnosed autistic or awaiting assessment (e.g. school referral)
- aged 6-9 years and live in Gateshead
- attending a dental practice (excluding community dentist).
- interested in artwork



DATES & LOCATIONS places are limited (15 per date)

Monday 24 Feb	9:30am - 12pm	Birtley HARRAS Bank Family Hub
Tuesday 25 Feb	9:30am - 12pm	Blaydon Family Hub
Wednesday 26 Feb	9:30am - 12pm	Deckham Family Hub
Thursday 27 Feb	9:30am - 12pm	Chowdene Family Hub

Questions or more information?

Please contact Dr Michael Johansen at michaeljohansen@gateshead.gov.uk

