

Tuesday 2nd July 2024

Newsletter

The Reading Lodge is Open!

We were absolutely delighted to open our Reading Lodge last Thursday. The children have all already enjoyed reading sessions across the day and the Lodge is available for children to use at breaktime and lunchtime.

Thank you to our KS2 children for the contribution they made from the Readathon last year.



Early Years - Don't Stop Moving Fundraiser

Well done to our early years children who raised an incredible £1,820.96 at their 'Don't Stop Moving' sponsored event. They had a great time, moving all day and only stopping for lunch! Their hard work will contribute to the continued development of the early years outdoor area.



Sports Day

It was lovely to have so many parents and friends joining us last week for Sports Day and to have decent weather for the event. Huge thanks to children and staff for their hard work during the event and congratulations to the Red Team, this year's winners. Thank you also to the cricket club for the use of the venue and their support for school.

Upcoming Events

KS2 Performances – Tuesday 9th July (9:30am / 2:00pm)

The KS2 children are preparing their summer performance. Parents and friends are invited to come to either the morning or afternoon performance. There will be no tickets, but to avoid overcrowding, please can we ask that families work on around two adults per child attending across the whole event. Please avoid bringing a buggy if you can, as space is limited, and any buggies brought may need to be stored in a different part of school for the duration of the performance.

Photography, sound recording and filming are not permitted at the event and all mobile devices must be switched off on entry to school.

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Move Up Morning – Wednesday 10th July

Our Year 6 children are engaged in transition events with their new schools this week.

On Wednesday 10th July, children in Nursery to Year 5 will have the opportunity to visit their new classrooms and spend the morning with their 2024-25 class teacher (see below).

Next year, Nursery and Reception will be operating as an early years unit, working across the current Nursery and Reception spaces.

Early Years (EY) and Key Stage 1 (KS1)		Key Stage 2 (KS2)	
Early Years	Mrs B. Newton and Mrs C. Innes	Year 3	Miss J. Old
		Year 4	Mr A. Taylor
Year 1	Mrs S. Pearce and Mrs J. Kelsall	Year 5	Miss R. Millman
Year 2	Mrs S. Skitt	Year 6	Mrs A. Ingram and Mrs L. Seddon

Mrs Moir will begin her maternity leave in September and will return to us later in the academic year. We wish her all the best at this exciting time. Mrs Innes will cover Mrs Moir's maternity leave.

1,2,3 Magic Parent Course – Wednesday 10th July - 9:15am – 12:00pm

A reminder that the 1,2,3 Magic parent course will be delivered in school on the morning of Wednesday 10th July. Parents who have signed up are asked to meet at the school office and sign in before the course starts at 9:15am.

School Fair – Wednesday 10th July

Next Wednesday, 10th July, please join us for the Summer Fair. The doors will open as soon as the children have been dismissed safely. This event is cash only, please bring lots of change. Any parents who would like to help at the event should contact the school office. Helpers should arrive from 2:00pm on the day. External store holders can arrive to set up at 2:45pm.

Thank you so much for the donations from the non-uniform day, the hampers are already under construction and each child should have brought a book of raffle tickets home yesterday. If you are able to sell these, please return stubs and money to the school office. Any tickets that are not needed can be returned to school so that we can sell them in the lead up to the event. If you feel you are able to sell more, please contact the office.

The flower wall is up and running and the last call has gone out for Paw Patrol tickets.

We are very grateful for all of your support. The money really does make a difference across the year, supporting visits and visitors and making things a little more affordable for everyone.

Annual Reports – Thursday 11th July

Your child's annual report will be sent home on Thursday 11th July. Also included will be your child's attendance certificate and the results of any statutory government assessments for applicable year groups. Most parents will not need to make an appointment, but if there are any additional questions beyond the information included in the report, please contact the school office on Friday 12th July to make an appointment to meet with the class teacher on the evening of Tuesday 16th July. Please share with the school office the nature of your query.

Please complete and return the report reply slip to confirm you have received the report. If your child does not arrive home with their report, please contact the school office.

The report will be received by the parent who collects their child on Thursday 11th July. If a second copy is needed for a parent who did not collect the child, they should contact the school office and we will either arrange a copy for collection or will send this to you.

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

On Wednesday 17th July, we invite the families of our Year 6 children to join us at 2pm for their Leavers' Assembly. Bring a tissue, it will be emotional!

As a reminder, the last day of this term is Thursday 18th July and the new academic year starts for children on Tuesday 3rd September.

Wrap Around

There will be no after school wrap around on Thursday 18th July as this is the last day of term, All other wrap around sessions will run as usual.

After School Activity Clubs

Next week, Monday and Thursday after school activity clubs will run as usual. There will be no football club on Tuesday 9th July as it is the day of the KS2 performance. There will be no after school activity clubs in the final week of term.

End of Term Organisation and Reminders

Reading and Library Books / School PE Tops

Next week will be the last week for reading books and library books to be sent home. Please return all books and yellow reading records on **Monday 15th July** so we can carry out a stock take in the final week of term.

If one of the school's blue long-sleeved PE tops has been brought home accidentally, please could you return this to school.

All PE kits will be sent home by **Wednesday 19th July**. Children will not need them on the last day of term.

Earrings

A reminder that newly pierced ears take six weeks to heal. If you are considering this, please do it at the very start of the holiday so that they can be removed prior to return to school, allowing children to take part in all activities. Children wearing earrings or spacers are not permitted to take part in outdoor or PE activities for their own safety and that of others.

Leave of Absence from September 2024

As a second reminder, the Department of Education is further tightening their guidance for schools and local authorities around all aspects of attendance with the aim of ensuring children are in school and accessing all available opportunities.

In relation to unauthorised absence (which includes occasions where a reason is not given or a holiday absence), the penalty notice charges will increase and warning letters will not be issued, with referrals moving directly to the penalty notice stage. There is also an increase in the penalty notice fine.

The local authority has produced a letter for parents covering the key changes in place from September 2024 which was emailed with the last newsletter. Please ensure you familiarise yourself with this information before considering a holiday in term time.

The school attendance policy for 2024-25 will be updated to take account of the new guidance and advice from the local authority. Any holiday requests that have been made for next academic year will be processed once the new policy is finalised and agreed.

Please note the term dates below to assist with your planning.

School Term and Holiday Dates 2024-25

	Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Autumn	Tuesday 3 rd September 2024	Mon 28 th Oct – Fri 1 st Nov	Fri 20 th December 2024
Spring	Monday 6 th January 2025	Mon 24 th – Fri 28 th February	Friday 11 th April 2025
Summer	Monday 28 th April 2025	Mon 26 th May – Fri 30 th May	Friday 18 th July 2025

School will be closed on Monday 5th May 2025 (Bank Holiday). In addition, school will be closed for three training days across the year (Monday 2nd September plus two more) and one occasional day in the summer term. These dates will be shared once they have been agreed.

Brighten the Day – Holiday Clubs and Activities

Brighten the day are offering free access to summer holiday clubs for eligible children. There are a range of activities on offer. Follow the link to check your eligibility and book a place.

www.gateshead.gov.uk/BrightenSummer24