



16 November 2018

Dear Parents

Up and Coming Events ; Year 5 Assembly Friday 23rd

Children in Need

Thank you for all your donations for Children in need. We raised approximately £90.00.

Remembrance Parade

Well Done to the children who attended the service on Sunday. Rebecca did Front Street proud when she read beautifully at the cenotaph and Gabrielle and Amelie were very dignified when they laid the wreath on behalf of Front Street. Thank you to everyone who took part.

Anti-Bullying Week

The children all looked fantastic in their odd socks to support 'Anti bullying week' and celebrate individuality. This year the theme was RESPECT; your child has been learning about showing respect to everyone as well as taking part in other anti-bullying activities. If you would like any support or advice please ask a member of staff or refer to our Anti bullying policy on the school website. Alternatively there are links on our Facebook page to the Anti Bullying Alliance where you can find information or follow this link: <https://www.anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/tools-information/advice-parents>

School Meals

Currently Gateshead Council charge us £2.60 per meal per day. We only charge £2.40 per meal per day which means school are subsidising every child's meal by 20p per meal. With over 300 meals per day it doesn't take long for this sum of money from our budget to escalate.

From April 2019 the cost of a school meal will rise to be in line with the local authority charge. At present this is £2.60 but with inflation, Brexit and other rising costs it is likely that the cost of a school meal will be more than £2.60.

Unfortunately we are no longer able to afford to continue to subsidise school meals.

We recognise that this is not ideal but we can no longer use our budget to pay for children staying for school meals. With extremely limited funds, educating our children remains our priority. School should not be faced with a choice of reducing staff or reducing resources or increasing school meal costs but we have been left with no choice. If you think your child is entitled to Free School Meals please see the office for the relevant paperwork.

Mr Kelly

Mr Kelly was appointed as a Primary Mastery Maths Specialist in 2018, working for the Great North Maths Hub. This means that it is his role to develop mastery maths at Front Street and also support other schools across the NE region in developing maths in their school. This is a role funded by the DfE and is a great opportunity for both Front Street and Mr Kelly. A teacher exchange programme has been developed by the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM) and the Department for Education (DfE). We (including Mr Kelly) are very excited to announce that Mr Kelly has been selected to visit Shanghai between 24th November and 7th December 2018 - fully funded by the DfE. He will be learning lots about Shanghai maths and will be bringing these ideas back to share with school and he will also have the opportunity to teach in China.

The second part of the exchange will see up to 86 high performing maths teachers coming to England between 12th and 26th January 2019 to teach Shanghai mathematics practice in a meaningful model for the English school context. Front Street will be hosting these teachers and they will be working with our teachers and our children early next year. We will also be welcoming lots of visitors to Front Street to showcase the Shanghai teaching and our marvellous maths pupils.

Dogs

Just to remind you that dogs are not allowed on school premise at all (not even in arms) Thank you for your co-operation in this.

School Car Park

Please can I ask parents not to use the car park to pick up or drop off.

Christmas Fair

FOFS work extremely hard behind the scenes to try and raise money for school. It is becoming increasingly difficult to have enough volunteers to help run events. (We nearly didn't have a KS2 disco). We have also struggled with having sufficient donations to last the duration of the event. Rather than have no fair for the children FOFS decided to have a fair just for the children and Year 6 will then run child friendly stalls for the children in school.

At the Christmas Productions there will be opportunities to buy raffle tickets and other Christmas Fair bonanza goodies.

I know many will be disappointed with this but without an army of adults to help with organisation, purchasing goodies and running stalls on the day it just isn't possible.

Attendance

Congratulations to 1G & 3P who had top attendance this week and receive a bonus playtime for being the class winners. Well Done to 1S, 2M, 3ON, 4K, 5G, 5H, 6L who were all in the green section of our traffic lights.



Red - Danger Zone - **Below 90%**

Amber - At Risk Zone - **91% - 96%**

Green - Safety Zone - **97% - 100%**

Class 1G	99.3%	Class 4H	96.6%
Class 1S	98%	Class 4K	98.6%
Class 2M	97.1%	Class 5G	97%
Class 2S	98.3%	Class 5H	98.8%
Class 3ON	98.3%	Class 6L	97.3%
Class 3P	99.3%	Class 6W	93.4%



Friends of Front Street

Christmas Fair - Friday 7th December (this will take place during the school day and will be a children only fair this year)

Donations - to make our fair is a success we are looking for some donations from you. Please look at the list below and please try to donate an item for your child's year group.

Year 5 and 6 - bottles for tombola - this could be fizzy drinks, water, bubble bath, body wash, basically any bottles suitable for this stall.

Year 4 and 3 - Sweets and chocolates for a sweetie tombola.

Year 2, 1 and Reception - stationary items for a tombola - felt tip pens, pencils, rulers, rubbers, note pads, colouring books.

If you have any unwanted teddies or gift sets please send them in for a stall at the fair.

Raffle - every Christmas we sell tickets for our amazing raffle. This year we have some great prizes up for grabs including gym memberships, sweet hampers, restaurant vouchers, the list goes on!! If you could donate a bottle of wine for this as a prize this would help the list of prizes become even longer!!! The raffle tickets will be coming home soon with your children so get family members and neighbours buying tickets as they have to be in it to win it!!

Christmas Film Night - Tuesday 11th December (this will take place straight after school) tickets for this will go on sale soon.

Christmas Plays - as the fair this year is a child only event FOFS will be giving you the chance to have your own 'mini fair". After each Christmas performance we will have the following stalls - Guess the weight of a Christmas cake, a raffle that will be drawn at the end of the performances and a tuck shop for your children.

Christmas Jumper Sale - we will be holding a Christmas jumper sale on **Wednesday 28th November** in 2M classroom. This is a chance to buy a nearly new Christmas jumper for your little one at a bargain price all ready for the festivities. If you have any unwanted jumpers at home please send them in for the stall.

Reminders

Please return Data Collection Sheets to update our records.

If you have any concerns or queries do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

HJ Gladstone
Headteacher

