



11 January 2019

Dear Parents

Happy New Year and Welcome Back! I hope you all had an enjoyable Christmas. Best Wishes for 2019. We have lots planned already for this term so please see the dates below and keep them for future reference. Remember school gates/doors close at 8:55am.

The children have settled into the new term really well and have been involved in STEM (Science, technology, engineering and maths) activities all week. We have had lots of visitors in working with the children and the children have enjoyed all the different lessons they have been involved in. A huge thank you to all the parents who gave up their time to come into school and share information about the work they do linking to STEM. Thank you.

Children have returned ready for the new term but some have come back not wearing their school shoes. Please can I ask that coloured trainers are not worn as they are not part of school uniform (black footwear only).

Up and Coming Events ; Primary School Application close Tuesday 15th January.

Shanghai visitors for the next 2 weeks

Clubs commence next week see below for further details

Shanghai Visitors

We are very excited to be hosting Miss Monica in Year 5G and Miss Wang in Year 2S, from Shanghai over the next two weeks, along with close to 500 visitors (Head Teachers, Governors and Local Authority representatives and teachers) from across our region and we know that everyone will make them feel very welcome - as they did with Mr Kelly during his time in Shanghai. This is an amazing opportunity to see some world-class maths and to show off our wonderful children and lovely school. We will also have a very special visit from Professor Huang from Shanghai Normal University and Debbie Morgan, the NCETM Director for Primary Maths, who will be attending two special 'maths showcases'.

Chinese Lunch Day

To make our Chinese visitors feel at home we are hosting a Chinese Lunch Day on Tuesday 22nd January, the menu as follows:

Chicken & Sweetcorn Soup, Chicken Curry, Egg Fried Rice, Vegetable Chow Mein, Vegetable Spring Rolls, Prawn Crackers.

THERE WILL BE NO JACKET POTATO OPTION THAT DAY

Parking

I know we are all busy and want to park as near to where we want to be as possible but it is becoming dangerous outside of school with a near miss this week.

- **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN OUR CAR PARK**
- **PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON DOUBLE YELLOW LINES OR ZIG ZAGS**
- **PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE, DO NOT PARK IN FRONT OF PEOPLES DRIVES**

Mobile Phones

Children who got mobile phones for Christmas have started bring them into school. Please be reminded of our policy below and collect a form from the office.

Pupil Policy

- While we fully acknowledge a parent's right to allow their child to bring a mobile phone to school if they walk to and from school without adult supervision, Front Street Primary School discourages pupils from bringing mobile phones to school.
- When a child needs to bring a phone into school, a permission slip must be signed by their parent and the mobile phone must be left with a member of staff at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day. Phones should be clearly marked so that each pupil knows their own phone. Parents are advised that Front Street Primary School accepts no liability for the loss or damage to mobile phones which are brought into the school or school grounds.
- Where a pupil is found by a member of staff to be using a mobile phone, the phone will be confiscated from the pupil, handed to a member of the school office team who will record the name of the pupil and attach to the phone. The mobile phone will be stored by the School Office. The pupil may collect the phone at the end of the school day. A letter will be sent home to the parents requesting that a permission slip be returned the next day. If this practice continues more than three times, then the school will confiscate the phone until an appropriate adult collects the phone from a senior teacher.
- If a pupil is found taking photographs or video footage with a mobile phone of either other pupils or teachers, this will be regarded as a serious offence and disciplinary action will be taken according to the school's Behaviour Policy.
- If images of other pupils or teachers have been taken, the phone will not be returned to the pupil until the images have been removed by the pupil in the presence of a senior teacher.

- Should a pupil be found to be using their phone inappropriately, the school reserves the right to withdraw this privilege and they will no longer be able to bring a phone into school.
- Please talk to your child about the appropriate use of text messages as they can often be used to bully pupils.
- Should parents need to contact pupils, or vice versa, this should be done following the usual school procedures: via the school office (tel. no. 4881941).

This policy supports the school's Health and Safety, Anti-bullying, Child Protection and Internet Acceptable Use policies.

After School/Breakfast Clubs

Clubs all restart next week as follows:

Every Morning Year 6 Reading Plus

Monday	Girls Fitness 3:20-4:20pm
Tuesday	Basketball, Film Club, Handy Crafts 3:20-4:20pm
Wednesday	Tennis Year 6 Booster 3:20-4:20pm
Thursday	Gymnastics, STEM, Art, Choir 3:20-4:20pm
Friday	Karate 7:45-8:45am, Animation Club 3:20-4:20pm

NEW CLUB - GIRLS FITNESS Our #FrontStreetGirlsCan continues and on Monday we launch a new club JUST for girls - in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Rosie McDonald our fitness coach in school is launching a Girls Fitness club combining elements of Cross Fit, Gymnastics, core strength and conditioning and cardio. As a Cross Fit competitor and experienced coach this will be a great club for our girls to learn, exercise and get fit in a club just for them. Places are limited to just 25. Sign up on AGORA £30 for the term. The club starts on Monday 3:20-4:20pm. Girls should bring suitable exercise clothing and footwear to change in to.

NEW CLUB - TENNIS Our tennis club returns for children from Years 1 upwards on a Wednesday from 3:20-4:20pm. This is run by Blaydon Tennis Club and payment should be made via cheque or cash to the school office, with cheques made payable to Blaydon Tennis Club. It is £40 for a 10 week block. Parents should include a letter confirming collection arrangements for their child/children.

****SPACES**** We have spaces in the following clubs allocated on first come first served basis via AGORA - £30 for 10 week;

Basketball - Years 2 upwards - Gymnastics - Years 1 upwards - Karate - Year1 upwards

Year 4 PE days.

We have a coach coming from Whickham Comprehensive on either Wednesdays or Fridays. Please make sure your child has an outdoor PE kit as some of these sessions will take place outdoors weather permitting.

Year 5

Dojo - we actively use Dojo to update parents on homework, letters and important information and activities going on in class. We have most parents on it now so if we can remind people to check the class story / messages regularly that would be a great help.

STEM - we have had a great week this week covering our science, technology, engineering and maths work. We have been back in time to early Iraq looking at the first cam developments right up to the use of cams in the modern internal combustion engine! Thanks to parents Mr Cox and Mr Salhin who both visited to talk to the children about their jobs in STEM subject areas.

Greek Day - today was Ancient Greek Day! This launches our history for the term - hopefully the children will tell you all about it - handling the artefacts, clay work, a Greek Tragedy drama and the history knowledge and skills used.

Year 6

Kingswood balance needs to be paid by **Friday 15th February**.

FOFS

Christmas jumpers - before you pack those Christmas jumpers away have a look to see if your child will have outgrown it by next Christmas. We are accepting donations of all Christmas jumpers just send them in with your child and we will hold a jumper sale in November.

Meeting - our next meeting will be on Friday 1st February at 2pm in school. Please try to come along as the more helpers we have the more we can do. Just come to the school office at 2pm.

Reminders

School Day - Doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.55am

End of school day - Reception & KS1 3:15pm **KS2** 3:20pm

Nursery (AM) 8.30 - 11.30am **(PM)** 12.20 - 3.20pm

Just to remind you that the cost of a school lunch will increase to £2.70 per day from April 2019.

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

Yours sincerely

HJ Gladstone

Headteacher

Helpful Information

Have you heard of the Salvation Army?

Sometimes families can go through periods where money and resources are limited. However please do not feel like there is not a way out...

The Salvation Army are friendly teams. They work in partnership with other voluntary organisations and offer Food Parcel Vouchers. When somebody attends the Salvation Army, they are invited to sit down, share a cup of tea, and talk through the reasons for their food poverty, this helps determine what support is available or what the best way to help is. This may be in the form of budgeting and debt advice, making people aware of the welfare they can access or equipping them with skills they may need to help find a job.

Your nearest Salvation Army may provide:

- Clothes
- Lunch clubs
- Food parcels
- Utility top-ups
- Showers
- Homeless drop-in days
- Disaster/emergency response
- Bottles of water
- Baby supplies
- Meal vouchers
- Debt and budgeting advice

Nearest Salvation Army:

- **146 Westgate Rd, Newcastle, NE1 4AG**
Phone: 01912320258
- **Warwick St, Gateshead, NE8 1PZ**
Phone: 01914774757



Friends of Watergate Forest Park **Watergate Wildlife Watch**



The free nature club for children. Our next session will be:-

Bird Box Building

Sat 26th January 2019 10.30 – 12.30

Meet at Watergate Café

No need to book, just turn up in suitable clothes for an outdoor event.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Donate your box to Watergate Forest Park, or take it home for a small fee



SPRING TERM DIARY DATES

January

WC 14 th	Shanghai teachers arrive at Front Street
Monday 21 st	5H to Nissan
Tuesday 22 nd	Chinese special lunch
Friday 25 th	9am Parents meeting for Year 6
Monday 28 th	Year 6 only Parents Evening (& Monday 4th February)

February

Friday 1 st	PM FOFS meeting
Monday 4 th	Year 6 only Parents Evening (& Monday 28th January)
WC 4 th	Year 4 working with Land of Iron details to follow
Tuesday 5 th	Internet Safety
Monday 11 th	PM Year 6 to Whickham School to watch Greece Panto
Thursday 14 th	Last Art club
Friday 15 th	Break up for half term
	Monday 18th - Friday 22nd school closed for half term
Monday 25 th	School reopens
Wednesday 27 th	1G lighthouse visit

March

Wednesday 6 th	1S lighthouse visit
Friday 8 th	World Book Day at front Street
W/C 25TH	FINAL WEEK FOR ALL CLUBS
Monday 25 th	Parents Evening Nursery - Year 5
Wednesday 27 th	Parents Evening Nursery - year 5

April

Tuesday 2 nd	Gateshead School Dance Festival
Friday 5 th	Break up For Easter Holidays
	Monday 8th - Monday 22nd school closed for Easter
	TUESDAY 23rd SCHOOL REOPENS AFTER EASTER WEEKEND

SUMMER TERM

YEAR 6 SATS WEEK W/C 13TH MAY

YEAR 6 to Kingswood Wednesday 22nd
Friday 24th May school breaks up for half term