



1 February 2019

Dear Parents

Up and Coming Events; Year 6 Parents Evening Monday 4th February, Year 4 visit to Land of Oak & Iron and Internet Safety Day Tuesday 5th, VEX Robotic Competition Wednesday 6th, Football & Basketball Tournaments,

Message from our Chair of Governors

Dear Parent/Carer

Since the road traffic accident outside school on Friday last week, there have been a number of correspondence with the local authority with regard to traffic calming and parking. The local authority are of the opinion that there are quite a few traffic calming measures already in place.

I am sure it will not have escaped your attention that there are speed humps on North View, however most of these can easily be avoided by driving through the middle of them and when the parking is heavy this is the only way of navigating them. There are no warning triangle Road Signs (School) other than the historical sign near the previous building, and no Speed Limit Road Signs (only one faded painted sign on the entrance off Whickham/Swalwell Bank). We have pointed this out to the Local Authority who has confirmed that no further signage is required.

Perhaps in number our worries will be better received. Could I please ask you and anyone who drops off or collects your children at School to lobby the local authority and/or your local MP, to improve safety around our school. Added to more considerate parking, additional measures could improve the safety for all of our children, both now, and in the future.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Mrs Louise Dick

Chair of the Governing Body

Please can you help us? Your voice is louder than ours!

Missing Coat

Lena has brought into school a navy blue girls coat from PlayZone which has been left there. It looks brand new quilted with a fur trimmed hood, aged 8-9. It must belong to someone.



Valentine's Day Lunch

Change of menu on Thursday 14th February.

Burger in a bun or Quorn hot dog or Jacket potato with Curly Fries, peas, sweetcorn Assorted Desserts, Chocolate/Strawberry milkshake.

Sign2sing 2019

This year's Sign2sing song is 'Greatest Day' by Take That. We will be performing this song on Thursday 14th February 2019. Donations towards deaf awareness welcome.

Please bring any donations in on Thursday 14th February.

Safer Internet Day 2019

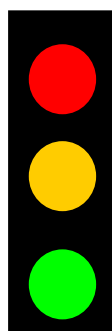
Safer Internet Day 2019 takes place next week on Tuesday 5th February with the theme 'Together for a Better Internet'. Coordinated in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre the celebration sees hundreds of schools and organisations join together to raise awareness of online safety issues and run events and activities right across the UK.

In our school, the Year 5 and 6 Digital Leaders have been working hard to develop some fun activities for all children to take part in on Tuesday and Wednesday as well as across the week in the ICT suite. Look out for some pictures on the school's Facebook page.

Attendance

You will notice our attendance is significantly lower this week. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD INTO SCHOOL FOR 48 HOURS AFTER ANY EPISODE OF SICKNESS OR DIARRHOEA THIS IS NHS HEALTH GUIDANCE NOT SCHOOL GUIDANCE.

Congratulations to 3ON who had top attendance this week and receive a bonus playtime. Well Done to 6L who were 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	93.4%	Class 4H	92.7%
Class 1S	78%	Class 4K	94.8%
Class 2M	95.8%	Class 5G	94.7%
Class 2S	94.2%	Class 5H	96.3%
Class 3ON	97.7%	Class 6L	97%
Class 3P	96.9%	Class 6W	94.%

Year 6

BOOSTER CLUB - WILL NOT BE ON NEXT WEDNESDAY 6TH FEBRUARY

REMINDER - BOOSTER CLUB runs every Wednesday 3:20pm - 4:20pm until SATs unless you are told otherwise. If your child is not attending for some reason please let Miss Walker or Mr Lakey know via a note in their planner or telephone.

Please can Y6 children come into school **EVERY Wednesday wearing their winter PE kit** (tracksuit bottoms without brand names). Shorts can be worn underneath for indoor PE. Children can remain in kit all day at school.

Children should have brought home a letter regarding the Leavers Hoodies. Any queries please contact Julia Bonner. **Please order direct from Mick Martin Promotions, the deadline for orders is FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 2019.**

KINGSWOOD BALANCE DUE BY FRIDAY 15TH FEBRUARY TOTAL £170.00.

Reminders

GDPR - You have the right to withdraw or amend your consents at any time: you can do this by telephoning the school office on 0191 4881941 or by emailing your request to frontstreetcommunityprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk

PLEASE ENSURE ALL EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE FOR YOUR CHILD.

This is a Safeguarding School and we have a duty to pass on any concerns to Children's Services.

Our staff are also trained in Team Teach techniques in order to ensure the safety of everyone involved.

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

Yours sincerely

HJ Gladstone

Headteacher



Friends of Watergate Forest Park

Watergate Wildlife Watch



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

Woodland Workshop

Saturday 23rd February

10.30-12.30

Discover how people use different types of trees. Have a go at crafting your own elder bead garland and build a raft to race down the stream.

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.

WORLD BOOK DAY

This year's WBD Competition will demonstrate your artistic and creative skills.

Our new reading shed has a plain black front. I would like this to be decorated with book related images that you have designed yourself.



The design does not need to fill the whole of the door panel. It can be smaller designs which can be recreated on a larger scale and painted on to the door.

- * The designs need to be clear and simple (tiny detail will not be easy to recreate).
- * The design needs to be bright and colourful.
- * Use coloured pens or pencils (no collage material).
- * Designs on A4 paper.
- * Names and class on the back.



There will be a winner from **each** class.

Designs need to be completed and handed in by **Thursday 7th March**. So get designing!

WORLD BOOK DAY

World Book Day is a day set aside every year to celebrate the love and enjoyment of all things to do with books; from the authors, to the illustrators to the words and the pictures. We will be celebrating it on **Friday 8th March**.

This year we are going to celebrate the **words** within books so that we can have our very own **FRONT STREET WORD PARADE**.

We would like your child to:

- Choose a favourite book.
- Within their book they must choose a describing word (adjective) that they really like.
- They will dress up according to their chosen word.
- The word must be attached to them.

There are lots of examples available on the internet if you Google search "word parade". Here are some ideas to get you started.

Have fun!

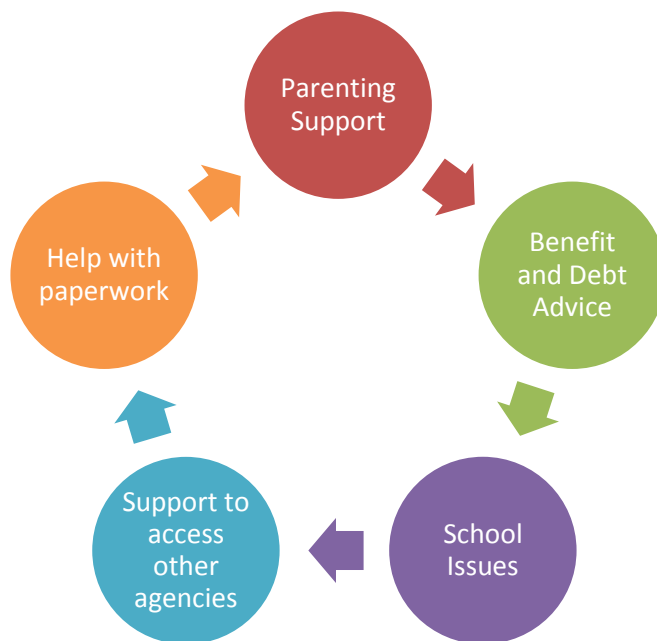




FAMILY SUPPORT DROP IN SESSIONS

Drop in for advice and support on a variety of issues

with our Family Support Worker – Sarah Casey



UPCOMING DROP IN SESSIONS:

Thursday 7th February 9-10am and 2-3.20pm

Alternatively you can contact the school office on 0191 488 1941 to book an appointment