



8 February 2019

Dear Parents

Up and Coming Events; Year 6 Panto Monday, Swimming Gala & Football finals Wednesday, Valentine Lunch, Sign2Sing, Basketball Finals Thursday, Tuck Shop, Boccia, Book Swap Friday & Break up for half term

I will be supporting and working with Colegate Primary school for the next few weeks while the Head Teacher is absent. We wish him a speedy recovery. I will share my time between Front Street and Colegate so will still be here if you have any queries.

Sport

Well Done to our Football and Basketball teams who performed really well this week and are now through to the finals next week. It must be the new strips that have helped them perform! Good Luck!

Valentine 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.

Dance Festival 2019

Watch out for letters coming home today with information regarding this year's Festival if your child has been dancing (Years 4 - 6).

Book Swap Shop

If your child would like to participate in next Friday's 'Book Swap Shop' please ensure they have a book to bring to school.

Book donations

The Reading Shed now has some books for the children to read during playtime and lunchtimes but if you have any spares that can be donated these would be greatly appreciated. Over time, there will be other story related props that will be added to the shed.

Safer Internet Day 2019

This week we hosted Safer Internet Day in our school. We took each class, from Year 1 up to Year 6, onto the yard to complete the scavenger hunts designed and created by us. The children all had so much fun and learnt a lot about e-safety. Afterwards, each class took part in answering questions from a quiz; it was great to hear them all talking about how and why we stay safe online.

In Nursery and Reception classes, we read the story of Buddy the Dog with the children. They all enjoyed sharing their own experiences of using tablets but especially enjoyed singing Buddy's special song which helped the younger children to remember how to stay safe while watching videos and playing games online.

It was amazing to see such enthusiasm across the school around digital safety. Our aim was to raise awareness and understanding of the importance of staying safe online.

For more information about how to help your child to stay safe online, please visit <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019> where there are activities for parents and carers, as well as tips to help your child out of school.

From your Digital Leaders,

Year 5 - Demi G, Olivia, Fearne, Aiden, Abbie, Emilie

Year 6 - Lewis M, Fraser, Gabrielle, Demi M, Liam, Charlie

Art Competition - Design a Front Cover

The Gateshead Schools Dance Festival takes place once a year at The Sage, Gateshead. More than 2,600 children are set to take part in this year's festival on the 2nd and 3rd April with around 4,000 likely to attend and watch the performances.

Every year the Dance Festival has a different theme with schools asked to put ideas forward and then vote to decide the winning theme.

The theme for this year's event is a "**10 Year Anniversary Celebration**". We are now asking for schools help to design a front cover for the Dance Festival Programme. This is very important as each of the 4,000 people who come to watch are given a copy of the programme. The winning school will also be invited along to the Gateshead School Sport Awards to display their work and receive their award.

The minimum size for designs is A4 (portrait).

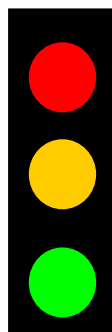
- Designs should be in colour but can be created using the media of your choice (i.e. crayons, pens, pencils, paint etc.)

- Schools submitting design ideas will be awarded a Blazing The Trail **RESPECT MARK**
- The winning design will be used on the **2019 Dance Festival programme front cover**
- If the winning design is submitted by an individual they will be awarded a printed t-shirt containing their design and a framed print of their final work

Make sure designs are handed in to Mrs Robson no later than 1st March. Good Luck!

Attendance

Congratulations to 5G who had top attendance this week and receive a bonus playtime. Well Done to 1G, 2M, 4K, 6L & 6W 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	98.6%	Class 4H	96%
Class 1S	91.7%	Class 4K	97.2%
Class 2M	97.7%	Class 5G	99%
Class 2S	95.3%	Class 5H	94.1%
Class 3ON	94.7%	Class 6L	97%
Class 3P	96.2%	Class 6W	98.6%



FOFS

The FOFS group met last week and have organised some events that will be happening over the coming weeks. Please find details of the events below.

If you are able to help at any of the events please contact us through the FOFS Facebook page or see a member of office staff.

Half Term Tuck Shop - Friday 15th February - This will be for Nursery up to Year 6. We suggest children bring in between £1 - £2 to spend on this day. The tuck shop will happen in the morning after school drop off.

Easter Film Night - Wednesday 3rd April - This event is for Years 1 - 6. Children will be able to have a snack and watch a movie. More details about this will be along soon.

Win your height in Easter eggs - Friday 5th April - tickets for this will be sold in the morning for £1 and each year group will have a winning ticket who will win their own height in Easter eggs.

Sponsored Hop - Friday 29th March - Children will get sponsors for hopping around our assault course. This will happen during the school day and each participant will get a prize. More details to follow.

Funds - Our new FOFS team had a great first term and raised lots of funds to invest into our children's amazing school! We are funding a new lighting system for our main hall that will really give our performances that professional feel!!! We can't wait to try them out!! Staff at school have also requested History artefacts to help children learn about the past.

Once again if you are available to help at any of these events please get in touch.

Year 1

There has been some date changes for trips in Year 1.

1S will be going to Souter Lighthouse on **Wednesday 27th February**.

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Year 6

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

Our thoughts are with the Sergison Family at this sad time.

Reminders

Please ensure all dinner money & music tuition fees are paid in full by the end of next week.

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

About young carers and young adult carers

Young carers are children and young people under 18 years old who provide unpaid care to a family member who is disabled, physically or mentally ill, or misuses substances. Young adult carers are young people aged 16-25 with unpaid caring responsibilities who are transitioning into adulthood

A young carer or young adult carer may undertake some or all of the following:

- Emotional support: listening, calming, being present
- Practical tasks: cooking, housework, shopping
- Physical care: lifting, helping up the stairs, physiotherapy
- Personal care: dressing, washing, toileting needs
- Household management: paying bills, managing finances, collecting benefits
- Looking after siblings: putting to bed, walking to school, parenting

Why do young carers need support?

Young carers and young adult carers can struggle to balance education alongside their caring responsibilities.

Research suggests that without the support and understanding they need from teachers and other staff, being a young carer can have an impact on attainment and their experience of school.

Caring responsibilities can also influence whether or not a young person feels able to consider going into further or higher education, as they worry what would happen to the person they care for.

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