



8 March 2019

Dear Parents

## Up and Coming Events; Usborne Book Fair Wednesday to Friday

### Baby News

Further to my letter last week, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Spence gave birth to a gorgeous little boy over the weekend. Both are doing well.

I am sure you join us in our congratulations to the newly extended Spence family.

### World Book Day

#### WOW WOW WOW!

How creative you all are! The children looked amazing today dressed as describing words/adjectives. We've seen contagious, icy, absurd, silent, fiery, puzzled, chatterbox, spellbound, nefarious, wise, neon, angelic, filthy, greedy to name but a few. I was blown away with the ideas and the effort made. The video of the parade will be on Facebook and photos on our usual places. I know some people said this was really difficult, but you wouldn't think it looking around school. Far rather have the money in your pocket than local supermarkets for book characters. Well Done everyone.

The winners for the Reading Shed Competition will be announced in Assembly on Monday.

Thank you to the cooks for making a special effort in decorating our desserts, check out the photos. (They've just about recovered from doing all the pancakes for Pancake Day.) We have the best cooks in Gateshead who go the extra mile for our children.

### Usborne Book Fair

There will be an Usborne book fair after school in the LRC on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup>. The children will be given a chance to look at the books available. The World Book Day £1 vouchers will be accepted at the fair.

## **Parents Evening – Nursery to Year 5**

Your child should have brought home a parents evening letter. Please choose your time and day and return as soon as possible. Appointments are offered on a first come first served basis.

### **Times of the Day**

I try my best to open the doors in the morning earlier than necessary to help you out. Officially our opening times are 8:40am. Obviously if the weather is awful the doors will be open.

At the end of clubs please can I ask parents to wait outside. Space is limited in the office area and obviously office staff are still working.

I hope this clarifies our times.

### **Funding**

On Tuesday another letter will be sent home about funding schools. The letter will inform you of the impact that your support has had and summarises what happened at the debate in Parliament.

If you have seen or heard the news this morning you will have seen that further letters have been given out by Head teachers across the country. The response from government has been to state they disagree with the accusations but that there will be a case put forward to the treasury. We can only hope that this pressure, focused initially in Gateshead to this level, will have the impact in the spending review. Thank you for your on-going support in this matter.

### **Dance Festival**

Ticket orders have now been received, thank you. Please can I now ask you to pay on Agora before next Thursday as orders & payment must be sent to the Sage next Friday. Any late orders will be returned for to you to order direct from the Sage.

I have ordered T-shirts for all dancers. They just need to wear black leggings/joggers, black socks and black trainers/plimsolls etc.

Mr Pallas and Miss Blyth have been working extremely hard and have devoted much time in putting the dance together.

Final arrangements are now being made. It's all very exciting!

### **Road Safety**

We have been asked to advise you of the following information we have received from the Health & Safety team at Gateshead Council.

*Following an incident at a school crossing this week where a driver failed to stop at the zebra crossing and an 11 year old child was knocked over, please can you remind parents or carers via your school newsletter to ensure that children know to stop at the crossing and not to cross either until the lollipop person gives them instruction to do so or if a lollipop person is not available until vehicles on both sides of the road have stopped. For younger children, please ensure that a responsible adult brings them into the school grounds. Please can parents who are driving children to and from school take additional care near schools and stop at crossing points if there are people waiting there to cross.*

## Oliver

Come along and consider yourself one of the family for this fun filled show! If you book for the Wednesday night only and quote FRONT STREET when you book over the phone your tickets will be buy one got one free. Or, see Miss Routledge with your ticket orders for this deal. We would love to see you there. For information see flyer below and at the end of newsletter.



## Attendance

Congratulations to 3P & 5H who had 100% attendance this week and receive a bonus playtime. Well Done to 1G, 2M, 2S, 3ON, 3P, 4H, 4L & 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	96.6%	Class 4H	97%
Class 1S	95%	Class 4K	99.7%
Class 2M	96.8%	Class 5G	95.3%
Class 2S	97.3%	Class 5H	100%
Class 3ON	96.7%	Class 6L	97.3%
Class 3P	100%	Class 6W	97.9%

## Scooter

A scooter was left at the front of school before half term. If anyone has lost one, please see the office.

## FOFS



Here is a reminder of the events that are coming up.

Easter Film Night - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Children from Years 1 -6 should have brought a letter home about this during this week. The details of the event are all on the letter with information about payments and timings etc. If you can help at the film night, there is a space on the form to give your details.

Sponsored Hop - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March - The children brought home a sponsor form to complete this week. This event will take place on the afternoon of this date during school time.

Win your height in Easter Eggs - the tickets for this will be sold on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April in the morning and then the winners will be chosen from the tickets sold - the tickets will be £1 each.

Yours sincerely

HJ Gladstone

Headteacher

 *Gateshead Musical  
Theatre Company*

# Oliver!



The Show That Will Leave You Wanting MORE!

**Wed 3rd April - Sat 6th April**

**Wed - Fri at 7:15pm, Sat at 2:30pm Only**

**At The Dryden Centre, Gateshead**

Evistones Road, NE9 5UR

**Tickets Adults £12**

**Children £10**

**Family Ticket £40**

(2 adults + 2 Children or 1 Adult + 3 Children)

**Box Office: 0191 421 9449**

**[www.ticketsource.co.uk/gmtc](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/gmtc)**

Music, Lyrics and Book by Lionel Bart

Produced for the Broadway stage by David Merrick and Donald Albery

By arrangement with MusicScope and Stage Musicals Limited of New York

Registered Charity Number: 1181323

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It's inspired to another theatre

## BBC CHILDREN IN NEED:

### Family Fund

#### **Who can they help?**

- Vulnerable children and young people up to the age of 18 who are experiencing a crisis or emergency.
- UK or EU citizens who are.

#### **Who are we unable to help?**

- Adults aged 18 and over.
- Those who do not meet income criteria as defined by the programme.
- Those who are leaving care who have access to separate, specific statutory provision.
- Children and young people who do not meet the residence criteria as defined by the programme.

#### **Exceptional difficulties/crisis**

This means an unexpected occurrence outside of the child or young person's control, where they are affected by issues such as domestic abuse, substance misuse, estrangement, disability, serious illness, mental health, behavioural difficulties, abuse or neglect. This list is not exhaustive.

#### **Items we can assist with**

The programme awards grants for critical household items, typically:

- Electric cookers
- Fridges, freezers and fridge-freezers
- Washing machines and tumble dryers
- Children's beds and bedding (including cots)
- Kitchen equipment and small appliances
- Furniture
- Clothing
- Baby equipment

[Register as a referrer or make an application online: www.familyfundservices.co.uk/emergency-essentials](http://www.familyfundservices.co.uk/emergency-essentials)