



26 April 2019

Dear Parents

Up and Coming Events; Wednesday 1st Year 4 Athletics, The Manor House Readers

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break. The sun was a real treat at the weekend and I hope we see it again soon. The summer term begins and the diary is filling up fast. Please see attached sheet of dates so far for this term. Hopefully, we will see children in their summer dresses and school shorts. Please can I ask that black school shoes are still worn for safety reasons. As the British weather is so unpredictable can children have with them; water bottle, sun cap, named sun cream but NO sunglasses. Thank you.



Easter Service

Father Barry has thanked us for having our Easter Service at St Mary's. He said "It is always a delight. Please pass on my regards to the children and their parents, they gave a very generous £115".

Missing Violin

A violin went missing after the musical evening. Please check you haven't got two! It's in a brown case with 2 books inside. Thank you.

School Lunch

Just to remind you the cost of a school lunch is now £2.70 per meal per day (£13.50 per week). Please ensure this is paid in advance for the week. If dinner money remains unpaid you will be contacted to supply a packed lunch for your child.

After School Clubs

All clubs restart next week. We have spaces on the following Clubs:
Monday Girls Fitness - Year 3-6 Tuesday Basketball Year 1 - 6
If your child would like to join please pay on Agora.

Dance Festival DVD

Deadline for order on Agora is Friday 3rd May.

Updates from the RE Ambassadors

CAN YOU HELP? - Our school is applying for the RE Quality Mark award. We are proud of the RE work we do and want to share it, but we need your help! Please can you complete this short survey about RE for us? It only takes 2 minutes, and there is an extra box if there's anything else you'd like to share with us about RE and Philosophy at Front Street. Here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GSDMQ2M> Thank you!

PASSOVER - The Jewish festival of Passover ends on Saturday. Year 4 have been learning all about it, so if you want to know more, ask the experts!

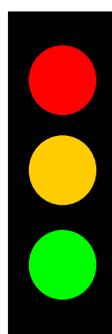
Happy Pesach from Michaela, Brodie, Isabel, Ollie, Olly, Penny, Eamon, Abigail, Christopher and Rebecca!

Science Easter Challenge

Well done and thank you to those who took part in the Science Easter Challenge. A whopping 107 children handed in their bingo sheets and the winning year group was Year 2 with 31 entries! They've won an amazing science lesson planned by their Science Ambassadors (who are very excited to get thinking about what they'd like to do later on in the term!) We enjoyed reading the extra notes about why dinosaur eggs, dodos and unicorn poo couldn't be found and especially loved the attempts at making them. Special mentions to Lewis, John, Ellis, Bailey, Emily and Thomas who all went above and beyond what we expected! They've all won a special science notebook and pen to continue making notes about their science discoveries! Look out for the next challenge at half term and keep up the home science and building our children's science capital!

Attendance

Congratulations to 1G & 2S who had top attendance this week. Well Done to 1S, 3ON, 3P, 5G, 5H & 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	100%	Class 4H	96.3%
Class 1S	98.8%	Class 4K	95.7%
Class 2M	96.4%	Class 5G	99.1%
Class 2S	100%	Class 5H	98.1%
Class 3ON	98.3%	Class 6L	95%
Class 3P	97.8%	Class 6W	98.7%



FOFS

Next meeting - the next meeting will be on **Friday 3rd May at 9am** in school. Please come along as we will be planning the events for this term. New faces would be great to see!!
Sponsored hop - please send in any outstanding sponsor money by the end of next week please.

Year 1

Children have been working really hard with their Phonics words at home and the progress they have made is fantastic. Well Done. The Phonics Screening test will take place week commencing 10th June.

Year 2

As you know your child will be involved in Key Stage 1 SATs during this term. For further information go to the following website.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

Year 4

On **Wednesday 1st May**, Year 4 will be taking part in a number of PE events. The first event starts at 8:30am so we would like as many of the pupils as possible to be in school by 8:20am ready for a prompt start. **They need to come into school wearing a full PE kit for both in and outdoor activities.**

In the afternoon, the pupils will be going up to Whickham Comprehensive to take part in an athletics event. We will be leaving school at 12:45 and returning for home time. If there are any parents who are able to help walk us up to the Comp, it would be really appreciated. Please also make sure your child has their inhaler with them.

We have had a few issues with timetabling and coaches for PE. From next week, the children will have a fitness and cardio session with a coach on a **MONDAY**. We apologise for all these changes and any confusion caused.

Please ensure your child has a complete PE kit in school. There were 9 children in 4H who did not have a PE kit or part was missing this week.

From the 2019/20 academic year onwards, all state-funded maintained schools and academies in England will be required to administer an online multiplication tables check (MTC) to year 4 pupils.

The National Curriculum specifies that pupils should be taught to recall the multiplication tables up to and including 12×12 by the end of Year 4.

The purpose of the MTC is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently, which is essential for future success in mathematics. It will help schools to identify pupils who have not yet mastered their times tables.

This year we will be taking part in a National voluntary pilot of MTC check between 10 June and 28 June 2019.

Year 6

Thank you to those who attended the Kingswood meeting and the SATs taster session this morning. For those who missed the meeting, information will be coming home to you. Please send £2 tuck shop into school for the Kingswood visit.

Homework/booster will continue until SATs week and will end on Wednesday 8th May. We are really impressed with the latest efforts of the children - they are working incredibly hard and need a very big 'Well Done!'.

Children have PE now every Friday, therefore we are reminding children to come to school wearing their PE kits on this day.

Leavers Hoodies - Please note the final deadline for ordering hoodies is **Tuesday 30th April**. **Any orders received after this date will not be fulfilled** and your child's name will not appear on the hoodies that are printed.

SATS - Week commencing 13th May is SATs week. Children need to be in school every day that week. Tests are nationally prescribed, so we have no choice as to when tests take place.

Each day school will be providing a SATs breakfast for all Year 6 children. Children are invited into the school hall from 8:15am onwards. This means children are in school on time, have settled before the start of the day and are then ready to start their tests at 9am prompt. It also gives an opportunity for revision on iPads etc.

There will be a special breakfast on the Friday morning.

Children do not have to attend but those who have in the past have enjoyed it.

Children may also bring treats for after each test to give them a boost and to keep them going. If you can help us at home by making sure your children are in bed at a reasonable time, are well fed and watered, it will help with the smooth running of SATs week.

Not long now Year 6 - hang in there - I know you will do everyone proud.

Please be aware although SATs week is finished the week ending 17th May, children will still be working towards their writing level until mid-June.

The Government have produced an online video and information sheet about SATs. You will already know most of this information, but it may still be useful to refresh your memory:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/key-stage-1-and-2-national-curriculum-tests-information-for-parents>

SATs timetable

Monday 13 May	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 May	English reading
Wednesday 15 May	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16 May	Mathematics paper 3

Yours sincerely
HJ Gladstone
Headteacher

Diary Dates

MAY

Monday 6 th	Bank Holiday School Closed
Wednesday 8 th	Year 1 Gibside
Tuesday 7 th	Year 2 visit Apple Store
Monday 13 th	SATS week Year 6 Year 5 visit to Nissan
Tuesday 14 th	Year 2 visit Apple Store Year 5 visit Nissan
Tuesday 21 st	Year 6 Growing Up Talk
Wednesday 22 nd	Year 6 to Kingswood Nursery Great North Museum
Friday 24 th	Year 1 Assembly Tuck Shop
BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM	

JUNE

Monday 3 rd	School reopens after half term
Friday 7 th	Year 4 Assembly
W/C Monday 10 th	Year 1 Phonics Screening 1S Beamish Museum
Wednesday 12 th	1G Beamish Museum
Thursday 13 th	Year 4 to visit Segedunum
Friday 14 th	Year 5 Assembly
MONDAY 17th SCHOOL CLOSED INSET	
Friday 21 st	Year 3 Assembly
Wednesday 26 th	Nursery Sports Day 9am and 1pm Reception New Parent Induction meetings 9am and 5pm
Thursday 27 th	1pm Sports Day Year 1 - Year 6
Friday 28 th	Year 2 Assembly Gateshead Schools Athletics festival at Gateshead Stadium (Years 3-6 details to follow)

JULY

Week Commencing 1st July is Transition Week. Children will visit their new class and get to meet their new teacher.

FRIDAY 5th SCHOOL CLOSED OCCASIONAL DAY

Wednesday 10 th	Reception Sports day 1pm Nursery Induction Meeting for new parents 9am and 5pm
Thursday 11 th	End of year Reports go home
Friday 12 th	Reception Assembly Summer Fair
Wednesday 17 th	Nursery end of year Assembly 11am and 2:45pm
Friday 19 th	9am Year 6 Leavers' Assembly

BREAK UP FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS

SCHOOL REOPENS TO CHILDREN TUESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

Future dates for reference

W/C 21st October Half term

Friday 6th December whole school visit to pantomime at Gateshead Stadium

Friday Family Sharing Assemblies.

Parents are welcome to come into school at 9am for their child's assembly on the following dates:

Friday 24th May	Year 1
Friday 7th June	Year 4
Friday 14th June	Year 5
Friday 21st June	Year 3
Friday 28th June	Year 2