



17 May 2019

Dear Parents

## Up and Coming Events; Year 6 to Kingswood, Year5 Fun Run, Tuck Shop Break up for Half Term

### Year 6

A huge well done to Year 6 for working so hard in the run up to and throughout SATs this week. Each day the Year 6 pupils were treated to a special breakfast to get them ready for the day. Thank you to Gillian and the team for preparing fruit, toast, cereal, sausage and bacon sandwiches.

Thank you to all staff, parents, carers for their support in being readers, breakfast club helpers this week.

The tests have now been sent away for external marking. We will receive the results in early July and as soon as we have compiled them we will send them home. I know they have tried their very best this week and deserve great results.

We hope that the children have enjoyed all their treats over the week and had a fantastic time at Battlezone today.

On Monday they will bring home a letter about their Leavers Party this year. It is a **Masquerade Ball at Swalwell Football Club on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July from 6 - 8pm**, tickets £10. Please send payment to the school office where tickets will be distributed once payment is received.

If any parents are available for support with set up/clearing up on the night, there is a FB page: Front Street Leavers 2019

### Kingswood

**Reminder that Y6 do not have to come to school until 10am on Wednesday.**

The coach will leave school at 10:30am to head to the park at Hexham. Children will need a packed lunch. Please make sure all clothing is labelled. If the lovely weather keeps up, we would recommend that children have sunscreen and a hat and a labelled water bottle. Also, children may need some insect repellent - **NOT AEROSOL!**

Any travel sickness tablets to be administered at home on the morning of travel and brought on the day for the return journey (make sure dose and labels are clear).

**Another reminder that Booster and Reading Plus have ended for Year 6. A massive well done to the children who came in extra-early for the past two terms!**

### **Free School Meals**

Children are entitled to free school lunch if their parent is receiving any of the welfare benefits listed below. Please note children in Nursery are not eligible for free school meals. Registering for free meals could raise up to £1,300 extra for your child's school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or after school activities. This additional money (i.e. Early Year Pupil Premium or Pupil Premium) is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the welfare benefits listed. It is therefore important to sign up for free school meals, even if your child is in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or year 2, so that your child's school receives as much funding as possible. If you think you could be entitled to Free School Meals, please contact the Local Authority on 0191 4333000 or speak with the school office (in confidence). Even if you do not wish them to have the meals, this would still mean that the school could claim the Pupil Premium funding available to help your child. **All matters regarding the use of Pupil Premium funds are treated with discretion and in confidence.**

#### **Welfare Benefits:**

- Income Support
- Income-based job Seekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment & Support Allowance
- Support Under Part V1 of the Immigration & Asylum Act
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, (provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' - payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

We may also be able to secure the extra funding if any of the following are in place for your child:

- Has been looked after by the Local Authority for at least one day
- Has been adopted from care
- Has left care through special guardianship
- Is subject to a child arrangement order

**IF YOU APPLY AND ARE DEEMED ELIGIBLE YOU WILL RECEIVE A FULL OR COMPLETE NEW SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR SEPTEMBER.**

### Sandals

It's been lovely to see the girls in their summer sandals this week. Sandals should be flat and sensible with good fastenings. Please can I ask that they wear socks with them to keep their toes protected on the yard at break times. Thank you.

### Nursery Places September 2019

We are still accepting applications for Nursery places for September. Please contact the school office on 0191 4881941 for further information, to arrange a visit to our Nursery or for an application form.

### Basketball

Basketball club- please could all parents of pupils who attend basketball club check white polo shirts. A child in Y4 has lost her polo shirt and it has her name on the label

### Book Swap Shop

Just to remind you there will be a book swap shop next Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

### Attendance

Congratulations 6W to who had top attendance this week. Well Done to 2M, 2S, 3ON, 3P, 4H, 5G, 6L who were in the green section of our traffic lights.

You will notice that some classes are in the danger zone due to family holidays.



Red - Danger Zone - Below 90%

Amber - At Risk Zone - 91% - 96%

Green - Safety Zone - 97% - 100%

Class 1G	94.3%	Class 4H	96.3%
Class 1S	91.7%	Class 4K	94.8%
Class 2M	98.4%	Class 5G	97.9%
Class 2S	96%	Class 5H	92.2%
Class 3ON	97.7%	Class 6L	99.3%
Class 3P	99.3%	Class 6W	100%

### Year 5

Letters should have arrived home for the new cohort of Year 5 Reading Plus children.

These are to arrive in the ICT room via the front of school, for 8.30am Monday to Friday.



## FOFS

We have some great events coming up this term so please mark them on your calendars and as always if you help out please contact the school or via our Facebook page.

**Tuck Shop** - we are holding a tuck shop on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - this will happen in the morning during school time - we suggest the children bring in no more than £2 to spend.

**Sundae making - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** - The children will get to make an amazing ice cream Sundae with ice cream and lots of toppings. More information will be given about this nearer the time.

**Teddy Bear orders** - your child should have brought home a letter with details about how to order a unique Front Street bear. Please ensure all orders and payments are in school by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June**.

**Summer Fair - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** - this will take place during the school day. More information about this event will come over the next few weeks. We will be desperate for helpers to enable this to go ahead too.

**Summer Raffle** - We will be holding our Summer Raffle next half term. If you know anyone who could donate a prize please let school know. Any donations can be handed into the school office.

### Reminders

**Please pay Music tuition fees for summer term by 31<sup>st</sup> May.**

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

Advice given by Gateshead Council's Legal Team is as follows.

It is the parent/guardian's responsibility to ensure they provide money for a school meal in advance or provide a packed lunch on the day if payment hasn't been made

If a child arrives at school with no lunch or lunch money and before the child is given any food the school will contact the parents to -

- inform them that the child has no lunch or lunch money
- ask the parents if it is their intention to collect the child and take them home/off the premises to provide a lunch for them
- inform them that the school can provide the child with lunch, at a cost, and inform them of the cost
- ask the parents to consent to the school providing the child with food; and
- inform them that they must pay for the cost of the food within seven days.

I hope this clarifies the legal stance of not paying school meals. I appreciate your co-operation in keeping payments up to date, so we do not need to go down the route of a legal attempt to recover any unpaid debts.

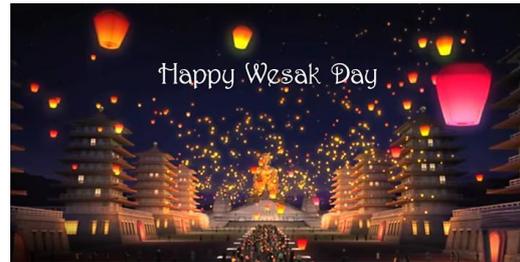
Yours sincerely  
HJ Gladstone  
Headteacher

## RE Ambassadors

Here at Front Street, we have a team of children who work together to make sure RE is as good as it can be.

We are:

Michaela and Brodie from Year 2  
Isabel and Olly H from Year 3  
Penny and Ollie D from Year 4  
Abigail and Eamon from Year 5  
Rebecca and Chris from Year 6



We think that RE is really important, because it helps us understand the world and other people better. We also think it's really interesting!

This week the Buddhist religion has a special festival. **Isabel** and **Penny** want to tell you more...

### **WESAK**

When the Moon is full in the constellation of Scorpio and the sun is in Taurus, a world-wide event takes place. This is called Wesak. Wesak is the most important day in the Buddhist calendar. Wesak is a festival in May. (May 19<sup>th</sup> this year) On Wesak Buddhists celebrate the man who started Buddhism, called Buddha. Wesak was the day when Buddha finally understood life's meaning. People send cards to each other to say "Happy Wesak". The food is always vegetarian on Wesak because Buddhists are not allowed to eat meat. They go to the temple to offer incense, flowers and candles in honour of Buddha.

*"Happy Wesak!"*

*by Penny and Isabel.*

Gateshead Libraries – Bringing Words to Life

We are celebrating 20 years of the Summer Reading Challenge



The Summer Reading Challenge is coming to Gateshead Libraries and we want to get your children involved!

The Summer Reading Challenge 2019 theme is **Space Chase**, an out of world adventure, inspired by the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first moon landing.

Children taking part in the Challenge will join our Super Ace Space family, The Rockets to take on a thrilling mission to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens!

Children are encouraged to visit the library over the Summer Holidays, read books and complete the mission!

This year, Gateshead Libraries are excited to announce we will be offering a **PRIZE** to the school, with the highest number of children completing the challenge.

Our Children and Young People Team will be visiting assemblies to promote Space Chase to your schools during June and July.

Book your assembly now to get your children excited about reading this Summer!

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