



12 July 2019

Dear Parents

**Up and Coming Events; Year 6 Leavers' Party, Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, Year 6 to the beach**

**BREAK UP!**

### **Photos/Videos**

Recently we have had sports days, family sharing assemblies and next week will be Leavers' Assembly. I know you all love to take photos of your children and these are precious memories to keep.

We do not have permission from every parent for their child's photograph to be uploaded to social media. Please can I ask you to check that no other children are on any of your photos or videos before you upload them. If you have already done this and there are children other than your own child, please can I ask you to remove them. Thank you for your co-operation in this delicate matter.

### **End of Year Reports**

Last night your child should have brought home their End of Year Report. I hope you are all very proud of them!

### **Sports Day**

Thank you to everyone who has returned the questionnaire. See below for feedback  
55 returned - some only had said yes/no to certain questions

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Sports day 2 separate afternoons	33	17
KS1 then KS2	8	25
Carousel of events in whatever format	14	37
At another venue	4	45
Just for children	7	46
No sports day	2	50

**Parent Comments** - FOFS - selling refreshments.

Competition is part of life they need to learn how to lose, encourage and support each other

Always enjoyed sports day and appreciate the effort and time involved. Well done!

## Year 6 SATs

**Congratulations:** - A massive well done to Year 6 for such incredible SATs results this week - testament to all of your hard work. We are confident that our children are ready for their secondary school career.

## Sports Awards

Last night three of our children received awards at Gateshead School Sports Partnership's annual awards. The evening was very glamorous and guest speakers included Craig Heap Olympic gymnast and athlete Jason Nicholson.

Very well done to Holly, Lola and Ethan who received awards.

We also surprised Mr Hollingworth who received an Unsung Hero award for all his commitment and education to sport and PE at Front Street. He was extremely surprised but a well-deserved award. Well Done Mr Hollingworth!



## RE Award

This week we have been visited by an assessor who has been looking at RE across school. Children and staff were interviewed, children's RE books scrutinised and poor Mrs Howliston was interrogated about RE provision at Front Street. Well Done to the RE Ambassadors who blew the assessor's socks off!! She was really impressed with your explanations, opinions and answers. We will find out officially in a couple of weeks how we have done (I think we did ok though). Well Done Mrs Howliston!

## Musicians

A HUGE WELL DONE to our guitarists, violinists and clarinettists and Year 3 recorder players who performed in a mini concert in assembly today. They were very brave playing in front of the entire school. A very talented group of young musicians.

## School Meals

Next week there are some slight changes to the menu as follows: -

Wednesday - Vegetarian - Vegetable Pasta Bake

Thursday - Cod/Salmon/ vegetarian sausages

Friday - Picnic Day

**PLEASE PAY ALL OUTSTANDING DINNER MONEY TO THE END OF TERM BY  
NEXT TUESDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JULY.**

## Year 4

Next week the children will be taking part in a DT project based on structures, where they will be designing, making and evaluating a case for sunglasses. For Monday, we need any examples of glasses cases and a range of card packaging e.g. cereal boxes, toothpaste boxes.

## Year 6

**Cafe Lutz:** - A special mention to Mrs Asiq for her lovely gesture of breakfast at the cafe this week. (See photos on our website). Year 6 all loved their treat morning after SATs results were handed out.

**Beach visit:** - A letter will be with you now - please return ASAP. On the day, please ensure your child has: - sensible beach wear, towel, footwear and flip-flops, change of clothes, sun cream, ice cream money (£2) snack and drinks. **Lunch is provided.** We are keeping our fingers crossed for some sunny weather!

**Cleaning up and Clearing out:** - Please can all children bring a carrier bag to school next week, ready to clean out their tray and belongings.

**Leavers' Party - Masquerade Party at Swalwell FC from 6- 8pm (for children only).** We have all the helpers we need, you will have been contacted by the organisers if we need your help.



## FOFS

**Summer Fair** - The children had a great time at the fair today and I hope they came home telling you all about it! Thank you for your support with this and a **HUGE THANK YOU** to all the helpers.

**Bake Off** - wow what talented parents and children we have. The three winners were -

1<sup>st</sup> - Molly 5H

2<sup>nd</sup> - Nahla R2

3<sup>rd</sup> - Lily 5H

**Summer Raffle** - The winners will be drawn on Monday, so tickets **MUST** to be returned to school by 9am on Monday to be included in the draw. Winners will be notified via the school office where you can collect your prizes.

**A HUGE THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT THIS YEAR.**

This has been the first year with a new FOFs team and we want to say how much we appreciate your support with events and fundraising. We have been able to purchase lots for school this year that enhance the wonderful experience they have each day at our wonderful school. Looking ahead to next term we have lots of fun things planned.

Yours sincerely  
HJ Gladstone  
Headteacher

# Family



# Fun Day



Cups & Saucers | Flying Chairs | Giant Assault Course  
Duck & Dive | Giant Slide | Giant Circus | Kids' Corner  
Human Demolition Zone | Dash & Grab | 3x Football matches  
Bar & Marquee | Hot Food Vendors | Sweets & Ice Creams

**£10  
IN ADVANCE**  
— or —  
**£15  
ON THE DAY**

**20th July from 11am until 6pm - Unlimited Ride Wristband £10**

plus get a FREE Dunes Soft Play or Bowling Voucher on Arrival with every wristband!!



**GET YOUR WRISTBANDS FROM:**

Birtley Community Hub | The Hanlon | Wadghey's Bar

Call/Text - Colin: 07428 123582 Jan: 07519 384121 Chris: 07584050768



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# STEM Update 2019

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHS

Building the **STEM capital** of our children has been a key focus this year. This has been the feedback so far from teachers and pupils:

POSITIVES:	WE'LL BE EVEN BETTER IF:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• STEM clubs and competitions have happened in more year groups.</li><li>• STEM week was a real success.</li><li>• Parents in STEM roles have been into school to teach us about their jobs.</li><li>• STEM visits and visitors have enriched our curriculum.</li><li>• The 'Curiosity Table' has got children talking about science and other STEM subjects.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• We make more links to STEM in our normal school lessons.</li><li>• We make more 'real life' links between <b>STEM careers</b> and our lessons.</li><li>• We develop <b>critical thinking</b> skills in STEM areas.</li><li>• We have a STEM family challenge and a school <b>STEM fair</b> to showcase our knowledge.</li> <li>• <i>We continue all the actions in the left-hand column.</i></li></ul>

### HOW **PARENTS** CAN HELP TO DEVELOP CRITICAL THINKING:

We want our children to ask better quality questions (**what, why and how**) that help them understand something really well. Instead of home science/holiday tasks this year, we'll be giving you a **family discussion task** each half term. We'll set the discussion through whole school dojo (please like the post if you do it and feel free to write comments).

All children in school will get the same discussion task. Please discuss it at home within a week so children can take part in the discussion at school.

If children want to write things down, this is great but there is no requirement to do so.

**Here's an example:**

*If Cinderella's shoe fit perfectly, why did it fall off? (Discuss)*