



6 September 2019

Dear Parents

A very warm welcome back to this brand-new academic year. I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and managed to find some sunshine somewhere. It has been lovely to see the children return looking even taller and ever so smart. (remember to make sure all uniform is named). This week they have made their teachers very proud with their amazing manners and great work. What a fabulous start to a new year! We would also like to welcome our new reception and Nursery children and hope they will be very happy at Front Street.

Welcome to our new parents too! This is the start of an exciting journey and I look forward to working with you all.

Welcome to Reception - Georgia, Leyton, Mason, Edward, Ella, Sebastian, Travis, Rosa, Archer, Harley, Jana, Paige, Scarlet, Isla, Jacob, Jack, Hugo, William, Milo, Toby, Joseph, Oscar, Anya, Evie, Katy, Noah, Scarlett, Brooke, George, James, Armandas, Kevin, Sofia, Talia, Ava-Rose, Emily, Millie, Lucas, Ellyanna, Joni, Lily, Mason in Reception.

Welcome to Nursery - Poppy, Grace, Dameon, Austin, Leo, Theo, Raseel, Kyle, Elspeth, Jacob, Eliza, Alice, Nathan, Sophie, Poppy, Oscar, Alex, Emilia, Nieve, Otis, Ellie, Lewis, Jay-Lee, Archie, Junaid, Reeva, Harper, Harley.

We also want to welcome Miss Carter (Y2C teacher) and Miss Hamilton (Y1M teacher on a Friday).

As you can imagine we have lots planned and it will no doubt be another very busy year.

Diary Dates

Please see below the dates we have so far. Please keep these safe for future reference.

PE Across School

Year 6 Wednesdays

Year 5 Tuesday Swimming

Friday rugby (outdoor with coach)

Year 4 Tuesday (indoors)

Thursday (outdoors)

Year 3 Mondays (indoor)

Tuesday (outdoor)

Year 2 Wednesday (outdoor) Thursday (indoor)

Year 1 Fridays

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school.

Lost Property

There is an abundance of lost property left from before the summer holidays. If you think you may be missing something, feel free to come and have a look. Whatever is left by next Friday will be disposed of. Thank you.

Clubs

Children who are continuing with a club have until Monday 9th September to make payment for this terms clubs. All relevant parents/carers should have received a text message or email about their child continuing with the clubs and making payment. Any spaces will be made available on SIMS Pay (formerly Agora) on a first come first served basis for any children that wish to join these clubs on Tuesday 10th September.

Clubs running during the Autumn term are:

Monday	Basketball - 3.20pm - 4.20pm for Years 1 - 6 - cost for the 10 weeks is £30
Tuesday	Dance - 3.20pm - 4.20pm for Years 3-6 - cost for the 10 weeks is £30
Wednesday	Advanced Gymnastics - 3.20pm - 4.20pm for Years 3-6 - cost for the 10 weeks is £30
Thursday	Key Stage 1 & Beginners Gymnastics - 3.20pm - 4.20pm for Years Reception - Year 2 - cost for the 9 weeks £27
Friday	Karate - 7.45am - 8.45am - Years Reception - Year 6 - cost for the 10 weeks £30
	Rugby - 3.20pm - 4.20pm - Years 3-6 - cost for the 10 weeks £30

Payment must be made before your child commences in the clubs.

Tour of Britain

OVO Energy Tour of Britain 2019 which comes to Gateshead **NEXT WEEK on Tuesday 10th**

September! We have been lucky enough to be involved in this event as it may never pass us by again. At the deadline closes, 29 schools had confirmed their involvement with an estimated 3,000+ children set to spectate.

A final event timetable has now been shared with us for approximate times at which the race will pass the various stages of the course: -

Sprint 1 Whickham 42	11:34 11:32 11:31
T. Lights Left B6317 Front Street	11:33
T. Lights Straight B6317 Swalwell Bank	11:34
Keep Right B6317 Swalwell Bank	11:34
Caution! Fast Descent	11:34

Y6L have been lucky enough to be involved at the start of the race at The Sage.

KS2 have been invited to observe the race as it passes by on Front Street. Only children who we have received prior photograph consent for FB and media will spectate, providing consent has been previously given for photos.

Parent Information Drop-In

On Monday 16th September from 8:45 - 9:15am you are invited into your child's class to find out about homework, log-in details for various Apps for homework e.g. My Maths, reading Plus (Y5/6) etc. This is different from the usual Year Group expectation session as it is about how you can help your child at home. Please complete the reply slip below to indicate if you will be coming along to the session. Thank you.

Health & Safety

Inhalers and Epipens - Just to remind you that if your child has asthma or allergies, we need an up to date inhaler and epipen with dispensing details on. You will need to complete the school asthma card or obtain an Allergy Action Plan provided by the hospital.

Medication - school is unable to administer any medication unless it is prescribed with the dispensing label attached and this is only for medication to be administered 4 times a day.

Sickness - if your child has been sick or has an episode of diarrhoea public health guidelines state your child **MUST** stay away from school for 48 hours from the last episode.

Earrings

Just to remind you that earrings are not part of school uniform and due to health & safety regulations cannot be worn for school. Earrings may not be covered with plasters for P.E lessons or in the class as this maybe more dangerous than just wearing the earrings alone.

GDPR

You have the right to withdraw or amend your consents at any time: you can do this by telephoning the school office on 0191 4881941 or by emailing your request to

frontstreetcommunityprimaryschool@gateshead.gov.uk

PLEASE ENSURE ALL EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS ARE UP TO DATE FOR YOUR CHILD.

Parking and School Car Park

Can I remind parents and carers to park considerately and safely at pick-up and drop-off times? We have already had a complaint this week. Please think of the residents and the safety of our children. There are ample spaces in the car park behind the Gibside.

Please can I also ask that you do not use our school car park at in the mornings or at home time. We have over 450 children in school and if every parent used our car park, we would have a huge problem. Please let grandparents, aunties, childminders and anyone else who collects your child not to park in our car park. Thank you for your co-operation.

School Meals

Please ensure all payments are up to date by Monday. If your child's account remains in arrears you will be contacted (or any of the contacts we have) to supply a packed lunch.

Please be reminded of the guidance given by the legal team at Gateshead Council - It is the **parent/guardians responsibility** (not the schools or the local authority) to ensure that they provide money for a school meal in advance.

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

- inform them that the child has no lunch or lunch money
- **inform them that they are responsible for feeding their child and that a failure to provide either lunch or lunch money may result in a referral to children's services as a neglect issue**
- 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 and making payments on a Monday each week so that we do not need to go down the route of a legal attempt to recover the money.

Free School Meals - If your child does not have Free School Meals, but may be eligible because of your family's income level, please contact the school office (in confidence) to register them. 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

Music

Music tuition restarts next week. Please ensure you have paid in full for last terms lessons as your child will be unable to continue if not.

Reception

Reminder - Join us for Tea and Tissues in the school hall on Monday 9th September at 8:40am after you have dropped of your little one for their first full week of school.

The children were amazing at lunchtime today! Please could we ask you encourage them to have School Meals to try the menu out for at least the first 3 weeks. After all they are free of charge so saves you money and time trying to think of healthy options to put in a packed lunch!

When dropping off or picking up children please do not let them climb on the play equipment. Thank you.

Year 3

Reminder - Children are no longer eligible for Free School meals. The cost is £2.70 per Day - £13.50 per week. Please ensure this is paid in advance for the week on Agora.

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.

Great North Run/ Junior North Run

Good Luck to anyone taking part in the run this weekend.



FOFS (Friends of Front Street)

New Parents - Welcome to our new Reception children, Nursery children and any children who have joined Front Street this September. Friends of Front Street is a group of parents and grandparents who help to organise and run events that raise money to help the school purchase resources for our children. If you would like to join you can follow us on Facebook or give your details to the school office. We welcome new members who can come forward with fresh ideas.

AGM - Our Annual General Meeting will be on Friday 13th September in school straight after school drop off. If you would like to attend, you can just turn up at the school office where you will be greeted by our chair, Mel Harris. The meeting will last no longer than 40 minutes. Please try to attend, it helps our children and school in so many ways.

If you have any concerns or queries do not hesitate to contact me.

Just to remind you 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.

Yours sincerely
HJ Gladstone
Headteacher

Parent Information Drop-In

Name of Child _____

Class _____

I will be attending the Parent Information Drop-In session on Monday 16th September.

Signed _____ Parent/Carer

DIARY DATES AUTUMN TERM 2019

September

Tuesday 10th

Monday 16th 8:45 - 9:15am

Friday 20th 9am

Friday 27th

Tour of Britain

Parent Information Drop-In

Year 6 Sharing Workshop for Parents

Year 5 Sharing Workshop for Parents

October

Tuesday 1st

Friday 4th

Friday 11th

Monday 14th & Wednesday 16th

Wednesday 16th

Friday 18th

Tempest Photography (consent letter to follow)

Harvest Festival in School (children only)

Year 4 Sharing Workshop for Parents

Parent Evenings

Music Workshop in school for children

Year 3 Sharing Workshop for Parents

FOFS Tuck Shop

BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

Monday 28th

Wednesday 30th

Return to school after half term

FOFS School Disco (details to follow)

November

Friday 1st

Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th

Friday 8th

Tuesday 12th

Thursday 14th

Friday 15th

WC 25th November

Thursday 28th

Friday 29th

Year 2 Sharing Workshop for Parents

Year 6 to Nissan

Year 1 Sharing Workshop for Parents

Flu Vaccinations

NSPCC workshop and Assembly in school

Reception Assembly

After School Clubs finish for the term

School Choir Participating in Angels of the North

M&M Productions in School

December

Monday 2nd & Tuesday 3rd

Friday 6th

Thursday 12th

Year 3 to Nissan

Whole School to Gateshead Stadium Pantomime

AM Nursery Production

Christmas Lunch

Year 1/2 Christmas Production

Christmas Fair

Year 3/4 Production

Year 1/2 Christmas Party

Year 5/6 production

Nursery production

Year 3/4 Christmas party

Reception Production

Nursery Christmas party

Year 5/6 Christmas Party

Christmas Music Workshop for Children

Friday 13th

Monday 16th 9am

PM

Tuesday 17th 9am

PM

Wednesday 18th 9am

Thursday 19th

PM
Friday 20th
PM

Reception Christmas party
Christmas Jumper Day
Whole School to church for Carol Service (children)

BREAK UP FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
SCHOOL RETURNS TUESDAY 7TH JANUARY FOR CHILDREN