



18 October 2019

Dear Parents

I can't believe how quickly this half term has gone. The children have worked really hard and have produced some lovely work. I'm sure you will have been able to see this when you came for Parents Evening this week. Not only have the children produced work to be proud of, but they have also been involved in lots of different activities where they were great ambassadors for Front Street. A fantastic start to the year. Well done EVERYONE!

Book Swap Shop

Thank you to all the children who swapped books today there was such a lovely 'book buzz'. Reading for pleasure is so important and the children demonstrated this today. Happy half term reading!

Spooky School Lunch

On Thursday 31st October our cooks will be providing a special Halloween menu as follows:
Ghostly Pizza, Mummy Meatballs (V) Curly Worms (fries) Monster Mash, Squeezy Boils (peas) & Witches Teeth (sweetcorn)
Selection of Ghoulis sweet treats

Gardening Club

Due to the dark nights, Gardening club will not be running next half term. We will let you know when it will restart in the New Year.

Whickham Waddle

Thank you to the Toddler Group who raised £200 last term in their Summer Waddle which is donated to the NECCR.

STEM Club Visit

30 children from STEM club visited Middlesbrough Gas Works this week to bring their 'ENERGY' topic to an end as well as to learn more about STEM careers. The visit was very interesting and we learned lots! The children involved were amazing and it was commented upon how well behaved they were. Well done Year 3 and 4 STEM club!

Tuck

Tuck Shop day will change after half term to the following days.

The children have chosen some new snacks to try this term, all are 50p. It will run each day for the following year groups:

Monday & Wednesday Year 1,2, 3, 4

Tuesday & Thursday Year 5 & 6

Gymnastics

THERE IS NO WEDNESDAY GYMNASTICS AFTER SCHOOL ON 30TH OCTOBER DUE TO THE DISCO.

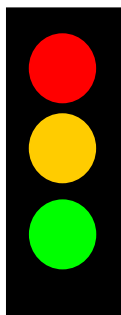
Panto

The whole school is off to Gateshead Stadium on Friday 6th December to see Cinderella.

The cost is £12.50 which includes transport, ticket and an ice-cream at the venue. Please make payment via SIMS Pay. Consent letters will follow next half term. Thank you.

Attendance

Congratulations 4ON to who had top attendance this week. Well Done to 2S,3P, 4K & 6L 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 1M	96%	Class 4ON	98.9%
Class 1S	95%	Class 4K	98%
Class 2C	93%	Class 5L	96%
Class 2S	97%	Class 5H	94%
Class 3G	90%	Class 6L	98.6%
Class 3P	98.7%	Class 6W	93%

Year 2

We've booked a company called Science Buddies to work with us in school on our Changing Materials work. They bring in resources most children probably wouldn't otherwise see until secondary school like a Bunsen burner and tripod but don't worry- the children don't handle these resources! Instead, they will take an active part in some different activities related to changing materials. All activities are safe and low risk. We've worked with Science Buddies many times and know they are great. There will be a payment option set up on our online payment system (SIMS Pay) to cover the cost of the workshop - £2.50 per child.

Year 5

Year 5 PE day will change to Monday (outdoors) - Swimming will continue on Tuesday.

Year 6

Secondary School Applications - There are currently children who have not yet applied for a place. **You must apply for a secondary school place by 31st October at www.gateshead.gov.uk/schooladmissions.**



Halloween Disco - Thank you for all of the requests for tickets for the disco. The children will get their tickets on the Wednesday of the event. Please be prompt dropping off and collecting your child. Remember Reception and Nursery parents must attend the disco with their child.

Tuck Shop - The children enjoyed the tuck shop today. Thank you for your support with this.

Reminders

School closed to children Monday 6th January 2020.

Clubs finish Week Commencing 25th November.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 28th October.

Yours sincerely
HJ Gladstone
Headteacher

Science Critical Thinking Holiday Homework

There are two parts to our critical thinking optional holiday homework.

1. The science ambassadors have met and chosen a question for you to discuss as a family (and write about, if you would like to). The question is: **If a vase was filled up with concrete, would it still be a vase?**
2. Look at the picture and ask your own questions. Discuss as a family.



Dojo points will be rewarded to children who join in the discussion enthusiastically back in class and also to those who write their thoughts down and hand to their class ambassador or teacher.