



22 November 2019

Dear Parents

Up and Coming Events: Last week for Clubs & music tuition, Thursday Angels of the North, Friday M&M Productions (Peter Pan)

School Meals

Next Thursday would usually be chicken tikka & mozzarella topped naan bread. This is proving not to be a popular option. The cook has very kindly offered to make chicken & vegetable pie instead on the Week 3 menu.

Friday 6th December (Panto Day) the Menu option will be fish & chips or a Spudbuster.

Christmas Lunch is on Thursday 12th December - meat & vegetarian option (there will be no Spudbuster).

Head Lice

Head lice are very common in children and their families. Could I please ask you to check your child's hair on a regular basis and treat if necessary. Please inform the school office confidentially if you have any confirmed cases of head lice so we can notify parents accordingly. For more information/advice see <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/#>

Public Health

Illness in school - The North East Health Protection Team have been made aware that we have had a large number of children off school this week with illness.

PLEASE CAN I ASK YOU TO KEEP YOUR CHILD OFF SCHOOL IF THEY ARE UNWELL OR SHOW THE SIGNS OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS BELOW. THIS WILL HELP TO MINIMISE THE SPREAD OF INFECTION. THANK YOU.

Symptoms include fever, sore throat, abdominal pain, nausea and vomiting.

Viruses including influenza (flu) and norovirus can present with symptoms such as these and are a common cause of illness at this time of year in the community and in schools.

Influenza (flu) - Flu and flu-like viruses spread easily between people from coughs and sneezes. They can live on hands and surface for up to 24 hours. Symptoms of flu may develop quickly and can include:

Sudden fever - Dry, chesty cough - Sore throat - Aching body – Headache – Tiredness - Diarrhoea or tummy pain - Nausea

For most healthy people flu is an unpleasant but self-limiting illness. However, some people can be more at risk of developing severe illness or complications including the following groups:

For more information please visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/flu/>.

Viral gastrointestinal illnesses - It is not uncommon for viruses which cause vomiting and diarrhoea to circulate among children (for example norovirus, also known as the 'winter vomiting bug'). If you child

develops vomiting or diarrhoea, it is important that they stay off school until 48 hours after they last vomited or passed diarrhoea. As always, please contact your GP or NHS 111 if you are concerned or need further advice on how to manage an illness.

For more information please visit: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>.

General Hygiene - The spread of most infectious illnesses is reduced through good hand hygiene. Please encourage your child to wash their hands frequently with warm water and soap, particularly after using the toilet, after using a tissue to catch a cough or sneeze, and before eating.

Advent Sunday

Miss Scott & Mrs Wilkinson are taking some of the choir to St Mary's on Sunday 1st December for the first Advent Service. Anyone is welcome to come along!



Pantomime

I understand some children do not want to go to the pantomime for medical reasons. Please will you let the school office know as I don't want to pay for a child's ticket if they are not going to go. Children will just be marked as absent instead.

There are still some outstanding payments for tickets. Unfortunately, I wish school had the money to pay for everyone to go but we don't. Our budget is tight and we rely on your contributions so that children get to do lovely things. A Dojo and text have been sent as a reminder so please, please, please, please, help us by sending in your money for the panto ticket. Thank you.

Student Social Worker.

We would like to welcome Olivia our new student social worker who will be in school until next March. Please see attached her welcome letter.



Switch Off Fortnight

Switch Off Fortnight has begun. The children have even had an assembly in the dark! They have enjoyed searching for energy fact cards around school. Competition closing date is Monday so there is still time to design a poster about Saving Energy over the weekend. All entries to be given to class Eco Kids.

We currently recycle paper, plastic writing implements and batteries. This week we have started a mission to encourage pupils who stay for packed lunch to recycle their empty crisp packets and biscuit and cake wrappers.



RSE Parent Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy on our school's RSE steering group.

This is an opportunity for a parent to become involved and support the school with the delivery of the new framework.

From September 2020 it will be statutory and compulsory for all primary schools to deliver age appropriate lessons on safe and healthy relationships. This includes diversity, equality and inclusion.

If you are interested in this role, please see Miss Scott (Y1) or Mr Pallas (Y3) for further details.

Christmas Dates Reminder

Friday 6 th	Whole School to Gateshead Stadium Pantomime
Thursday 12 th	AM Nursery Production Christmas Lunch
Friday 13 th 9am	Year 1/2 Christmas Production Christmas Fair - PM (Children Only)
Monday 16 th 9am	Year 3/4 Production PM - Year 1/2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 th 9am	Year 5/6 Production PM Nursery Production PM - Year 3/4 Christmas party
Wednesday 18 th 9am	Reception Production PM - Nursery Christmas party PM - Year 5/6 Christmas Party
Thursday 19 th	AM - Christmas Music Workshop for Children PM - Reception Christmas party
Friday 20 th	Christmas Jumper Day PM - School to church for Carol Service (children)

Year 6

Kingswood - Please ensure second instalment of £60.00 is paid by Monday if you have not already done so. Thank you.



Film Night - Wednesday 4th December- ALL REPLY SLIPS MUST IN BY MONDAY WITH FULL PAYMENT, Thank you. If you need a spare letter there are some at the office.

Christmas Fair - Friday 13th December - We have not had many donations at all. For this event to go ahead we really need your support. We are now opening up donations to all year groups. We need donations of bottles, stationary, sweets/ chocolates, teddy bears.

Christmas Raffle - all donations for this will be gratefully received.

HJ Gladstone
Headteacher



22nd November 2019

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Olivia Dean and I am a student social worker from Northumbria University. I am very pleased to have my placement here at Front Street Primary until March. I am looking forward to getting to know all the children and yourselves as parents.

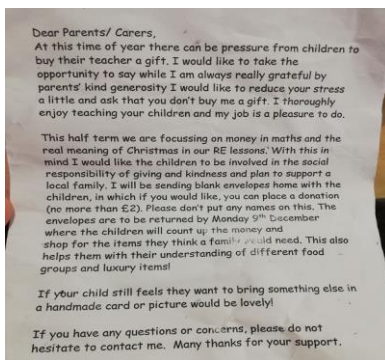
I will be here to provide support for any child or parent that has any concerns or worries, and I will do my best to help in any way that I can.

If anyone would like to speak to me about anything, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,
Olivia Dean
Student Social Worker

Spirit of Christmas

You may have seen in the press or social media the letter sent to parents by a local teacher regarding Christmas presents.



At Front Street we would like to propose something similar. We always appreciate your generosity but wondered if you would help donate as the flyer below suggests.

Could you help us change a life this Christmas?

This Christmas we're asking people in our local community to support our Reverse Advent Calendar campaign and we're inviting your pupils to get involved!

Reverse Advent Calendar is an easy way to do something wonderful for someone else this Christmas and will be sure to capture the imagination of your pupils by introducing them to the joy of giving. It is a gentle way to start a conversation about social disadvantage and exclusion in our community, whilst showing that we all have the power to make change happen through small acts of kindness.

Instead of a traditional advent calendar where you open a door each day (and usually receive something in return) the Reverse Advent Calendar works by donating an item every day for a month. If you want to make your countdown to Christmas meaningful, all you need to do is find a big box for each class taking part and ask each pupil to bring in a different item from our enclosed wish list each day to place in the box.

All donations will be distributed to our projects across the North East, helping to make Christmas special for the individuals and families we support. Last year, many children also included festive drawings, cards and letters with messages of hope and good wishes, which were hugely appreciated by those who received them. Often, these are the only gifts the people we support will receive, so they really do make a big difference during the festive period, which can be an isolating time for those without somewhere to go this Christmas.

If you would like more information, or if you would like to take part, please let us know at fundraising@changing-lives.org.uk or 0191 256 2918. You can find your nearest drop off point at www.changing-lives.org.uk/rac19.

CHANGING LIVES

Reverse advent calendar 2019

WARM CLOTHES

We reach out to people sleeping on the streets. Warm gloves, socks and hats help keep vulnerable people warm over winter.

GIFT SETS

Gift sets of toiletries make a lovely treat for residents who may not receive any other gifts this Christmas.

SLEEPWEAR

Pyjamas can be a luxury when you're living in poverty and nights can be cold if you can't heat your home. Can you help vulnerable people get cosy this Christmas?

TOILETRIES

We always need deodorant, body wash, shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and sanitary products.



A NEW START

A donation of £20 can cover the cost of a starter kit for someone moving into their own home for the first time.

DIARIES

People who use our services often have a lot of appointments. Diaries are always useful and popular.

A SAFE HOME

A regular donation to Changing Lives gives vulnerable people a real chance of finding a home.

TOYS AND GIFTS

Some of our residents aren't able to provide gifts for their children. Can you donate new toys, books and craft items for parents to give this Christmas?

Find your local drop off point at:
www.changing-lives.org.uk/RAC19

CHANGING LIVES

Are YOU ready to change lives this Christmas?

The reverse advent calendar is a simple way to make a big difference to your local community. It is also a great way to share the true spirit of giving this Christmas.

1. Visit www.changing-lives.org.uk/RAC19 to find out if we're collecting near you. Double check whether the project near you has any special needs that differ from the list overleaf (eg women's items only)
2. Grab a box - any box will do - and pop in an item from the list each day, for as long as you'd like to. New unwrapped items only please.
3. Drop it off at your local Changing Lives by the end of November. Check out our designated drop-off points online at www.changing-lives.org.uk/RAC19

Thank you! You've made Christmas safer, happier and easier for vulnerable and socially excluded people in your local community. Together we are Changing Lives!

New items only please

For men and women

No alcohol or razors

WHO ARE CHANGING LIVES?

Changing Lives are a national charity that supports over 17,000 people each year, including those experiencing homelessness, domestic violence, addictions, unemployment & more.

WHO WILL RECEIVE MY DONATION?

We have men and women in immediate need of your help this Christmas. Your donations will go directly to our local projects, providing vital items for people who use our domestic violence refuges, recovery centres, emergency and long-term accommodation, women's hubs, and more.

DO YOU NEED THINGS FOR CHILDREN?

Our greatest need is for men and women. A few of our projects require items for young people and children. For a specific list of the items needed by the project near you, see www.changing-lives.org.uk/RAC19

Changing Lives is the operating name of the Operation. Registered charity number 1059791 and registered company number 1017710 in England.

ABLE TO MAKE A CASH DONATION? LOOK WHAT YOUR GENEROUS GIFT CAN GIVE



A NEW START

£20 can cover the cost of a starter kit - cutlery, crockery and cleaning products - for someone moving into their own home for the first time.



A SAFE & SECURE HOME, NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

A regular donation gives vulnerable people a real chance of finding a home, escaping domestic violence, finding work and more. We'll use your gift to fund the services most in need.

To make a one off or regular donation visit:
www.changing-lives.org.uk/how-you-can-help/donate

Spread the word! Share your reverse advent calendar photos on our social media pages!

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