



8 November 2019

Dear Parents

## Up and Coming Events; Maths Week, Anti-Bullying week, Flu Vaccinations Wednesday, NSPCC & Reception Assemblies

### A Letter from The Minister of State for Schools

The Rt Hon Nick Gibb wrote to me this week congratulating Front Street on the outstanding achievement in the 2019 Phonic Screening Check. Well Done to everybody involved. We are very proud. See the full letter below.



### Remembrance



On Sunday some of our children are taking part in the Remembrance Parade in Whickham. They will need to wear full school uniform and a poppy. We are meeting at The Square at 10:15am, you will then collect your child from the Cenotaph at 11:15am. Two of Year 6 pupils will lay the wreath on behalf of Front Street and another will be reading a short message. It is a privilege to be part of this important event.

### Next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

It is Children in Need next Friday. Children will wear normal school uniform, but may wear Children in Need headbands, badges, Deeley Boppers etc. for a small donation.

**Anti-Bullying Week** - It is also Anti-Bullying week next week where the theme is '**Change Starts With Us**'...Small change - Big difference.

As part of the activities, **we invite all children and staff to come into school wearing odd socks**. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!

*Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Because together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with working together.*

*This year, the goal is to inform schools, children and young people, parents and carers to know that it takes a collective responsibility to stop bullying. When it comes to bullying, **CHANGE STARTS WITH US!***

During the week, children will be learning in class and assemblies about anti bullying and how to stay safe.

To help find information or advice about anti bullying, our Digital Leaders have found some websites for you to use, here are two of their favourites:

**CBBC** -<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/curations/anti-bullying-week> **NSPCC** -  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/types-of-abuse/bullying-and-cyberbullying/>

### Start of School Day

A reminder the school day is as follows:

**Doors Open** at 8.40am and close at 8.55am. Children should enter their class via the appropriate doors for registration at 8:55am. If your child comes into school after 8:55am they need to enter via the school office and they will receive a late mark, as they have missed registration.

**End of school day** Reception/KS1 3:15pm KS2 3:20pm

If you are going to be late picking up, please let school know.

### Pantomime

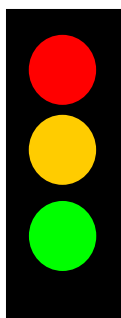
The whole school, including Nursery, are off to Gateshead Stadium the morning of **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December** to see Cinderella. The cost is £12.50 which includes transport, ticket and an ice-cream at the venue. Please make payment via SIMS Pay as soon as possible (this is the consent too). Thank you.

### Lost Property

Jayden has lost a navy blue Trespass coat Age 10-11 with his name in. Please can you check at home in case your child has brought it home by mistake.

### Attendance

Congratulations to 1M who had top attendance this week. Well Done to 1S, 2C, 3G, 3P, 4ON, 5H, 6L & 6W 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%

<b>Class 1M</b>	<b>99%</b>	<b>Class 4ON</b>	<b>97%</b>
<b>Class 1S</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>Class 4K</b>	<b>96%</b>
<b>Class 2C</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>Class 5L</b>	<b>96%</b>
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<b>Class 3G</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>Class 6L</b>	<b>97%</b>
<b>Class 3P</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>Class 6W</b>	<b>97%</b>

### Nursery

Nursery are going to the panto at Gateshead Stadium with the rest of the school the morning of Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December to see Cinderella. The cost is £12.50 which includes transport, ticket and an ice-cream at the venue.

If your child attends at the beginning of the week or in the afternoons they are still able to come. More information will follow. Please make payment of £12.50 via SIMS Pay as soon as possible so we can confirm numbers, this is also the consent. Thank you.

### **Year 1**

**Little Rescuers** The children had their first session this week. Please pay your contribution towards the cost of £10 on SIMS Pay asap if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

**Sharing Assembly** - Thank you to everyone who attended the assembly this morning I am sure you will all agree the children are coming on amazingly - remember they have only been Year 1 children for a mere 9 weeks!!! Please go onto Dojo and leave feedback so we can use it as evidence of your involvement with school activities.

**Phonics Words** - remember word packs need to be returned on Monday.

### **Year 2**

**Science Buddies** came this week, please pay your contribution towards cost of this of £2.50 on SIMS Pay asap if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

### **Year 5**

**Temple visit** - Please ensure all consents and payments are made on SIMS Pay before the visit next week. Thank you.

### **Year 6**

**Kingswood - Reminder second instalment of £60.00 is due by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.**

Payments can be made at any time and any amount on SIMS Pay (under Trips) to spread the cost.

The 2020 Leavers Party has been booked for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at Paco's at the Gibside Hotel.

The children voted for the theme and Hollywood pretty much had a landslide victory. Specific details will be sent out closer to the time.

The next planning meeting is Sunday 10 November at the Gibside Hotel at 6:30pm. Please come along if you would like to be involved.

Permission slips for the leavers Book have been sent home. Please return asap so we know which children can be included in the book. If you need another one, please ask your child's teacher.



**Today's Meeting** - thank you to everyone who attended the meeting today, your support is really appreciated.

**Christmas Fayre Donations** - We are now asking for donations for our Christmas fair, please see below to see what your child's year group is being asked to donate.

**Nursery, Reception & Year 1** - Sweets & chocolates - bags/boxes of sweets/chocolates.

**Year 2 & 3** - Stationery items - felt tips, stickers, note pads, pencils etc.

**Year 4, 5 & 6** - bottles - not containing alcohol - water, bubble bath, cream, pop, juice, sauces, etc.

**Raffle Donations** - Our raffle is always a huge success. We are asking for donations of wine, prosecco, spirits, gift sets etc from parents. If you own or know of a business that would be willing to donate a raffle prize, we would be so grateful for any help offered to make this the best raffle yet!!

HJ Gladstone  
Headteacher

### **Operation Encompass Drop In Session** **3pm Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Operation Encompass Drop In Session For Parents And Carers From 3:00pm

Front Street Primary School has been taking part in a Home Office approved project being led by Northumbria Police, in partnership with Barnados and Operation Encompass.

The project named Operation Encompass, The Next Steps, aims to form part of a wider strategy to break the cycle of Domestic Abuse through education and support.

The project helps students learn the importance of friendships, relationships, emotions and rules so they can live and work together safely.

Our school also benefits from having a School Safeguarding Liaison Officer, Nicola Joicey, who has begun to deliver age appropriate material on domestic abuse, friendships, relationships and emotions.

She is also available in school for a drop-in session so that parents can talk about issues they may have around relationships and domestic abuse.

Our drop-in session will be held in school from 3pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November. If you would like to take advantage of this, please report to the Office from 3:00pm where a member of staff will show you to the designated room. This will be done with as much confidentiality as possible.

### **Your Growing Healthy Gateshead**

For the most up to date Health Information and Advice about Children and Families please add the new Facebook page: Growing Healthy 0-19 Gateshead.

### **Introducing your Growing Healthy team...**





### **Switch Off Fortnight**

We are taking part in the Pod's Switch Off Fortnight campaign starting on November 18<sup>th</sup>. More than 1,500 schools across the UK (and beyond) are joining in to take action and to change the way they use energy.

Over the fortnight, our pupils will explore different energy sources and learn about the actions we can all take to use this important resource in a way that minimises the impact on the environment.

On a practical level, pupils will focus on saving energy at school by running an energy audit and identifying where energy is wasted. All the activities are designed to get young people to think about the ways they use energy, as well as sparking an early interest in science and engineering. The main aim of Switch Off Fortnight is to inspire long-term behaviour change and to help people understand the actions they can take to use energy efficiently.



### **Design a poster about Saving Energy**

The poster must be A4 size. Any medium can be used including IT. Please write your name and class on the reverse.

All entries to be handed to your class Eco kid by **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November**. There will be a winner for Foundation Stage, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 chosen by the Eco Committee.

**Winners will be announced in assembly on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November.**



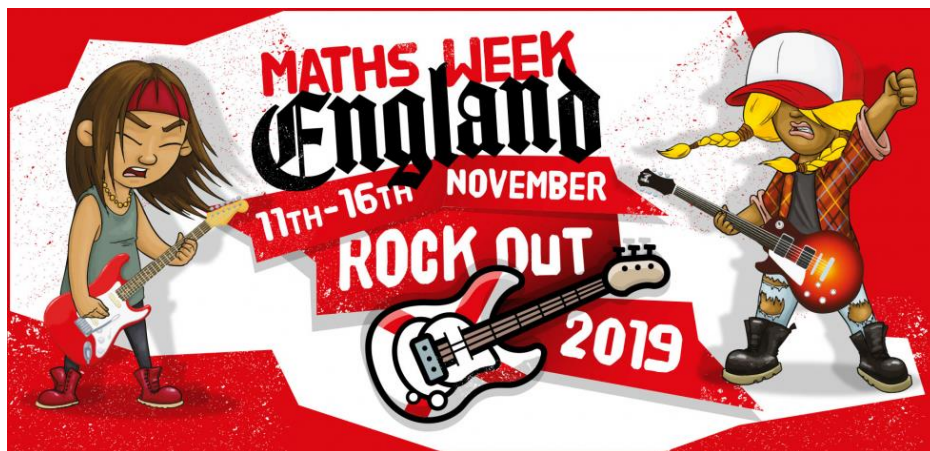


On **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December**, you will be able to *recycle* your old *Christmas jumper* and possibly purchase a new one for a small donation in time for this year's Santa Dash!

The environmental costs of fashion...Every year we all buy a Christmas jumper, but only wear it once or twice! How many jumpers have you got from previous years?

If you have an old Christmas Jumper, please bring it into school by **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November**. Our Christmas jumper sale will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December before and after Film night. (FOFS) in the LRC.

Also, there will be an opportunity to pick up any outgrown but not worn out school uniform items **at no cost.**



We are excited to share some very important news; that it is the first EVER 'Maths Week England' from the **11<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019**.

Front Street will be taking part in maths week and solving problems, practising our Numbots and TTRs skills and trying to promote a **love** of maths.

We have been enrolled in a country-wide competition on TTRs '**The Rock Out**' - to try and earn the most coins (based on correct answers). There are all kinds of exciting prizes up for grabs!

**Please** encourage your child to take part in 'Maths Week' by playing TTRs wherever possible (within your screen time limits!). We have no doubt that Front Street are the best rockers and would **LOVE** to prove that we are amongst the best Rockstars in the country.



**Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP**  
Minister of State for School Standards

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1 November 2019

Dear Mrs Gladstone,

I would like to congratulate you, your staff and your pupils on your school's outstanding achievements in the 2019 phonics screening check. Your excellent teaching of phonics is something I hope to see replicated across the country: decoding skills are the foundations for pupils to progress to reading fluently, for purpose and for enjoyment.

There is a substantial body of evidence that demonstrates that systematic phonics is a highly effective method for teaching children to read. We want to ensure that every child develops a firm grasp of phonics, which is why I was delighted to see your results. With 97 per cent of pupils at Front Street Community Primary School reaching or exceeding the pass mark in the check, your school is in the top five per cent of all primary schools in the country.

This year's figures show that 88 per cent of pupils who achieve the expected standard in the check go on to achieve at least the expected standard in key stage 1 reading teacher assessment, which underlines the importance of teaching pupils to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation in literacy, from which they can develop excellent vocabulary and cultivate a love of reading that can last a lifetime.

Thank you for your commitment and success in teaching the next generation to read so effectively.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,