



Dear Parents/Carers

The tree has arrived and has caused lots of Oooos & Aahhs!

Special Visitors

This week Mrs Wilkinson, Beau and her new baby Arla Sadie visited school. It was lovely to see them and both Beau and baby Arla were very well behaved. We hope they come back soon.



The Worshipful Mayor of Gateshead visited school on Monday. Children found out about her robes, the Mace and their duties and were able to ask questions.



Farewells

After 15 years of dedication to Front Street Mr Caddle has decided to retire at Christmas. He has been responsible for many things at our school; from ponds and gazebos at the old school to being instrumental in our new build - plans & completion. He's been a DJ, minibus driver & chief Christmas tree 'putter upper', amongst a thousand other things! We hope he enjoys his last couple of weeks and a massive send off as he begins his retirement.

Nick has been with us all term, so will pick up Phil's tools in January.

Mrs Sutherland will also be leaving Front Street at Christmas. She has touched many lives over the last 26 years teaching in different year groups across the school, but more recently in Year 1. Contributing lots to #teamfrontstreet over the years, Mrs Sutherland will be a miss. She is always a bundle of fun with a huge smile, and we will miss her very distinctive laugh. As many of you have known her far longer than me, I'm sure you will make sure her time at Front Street comes to an end on a real high. Mrs Sutherland is taking up a new post as a Residential Care officer in a children's home. There will be time to wish them both Good Luck nearer to the end of term.

Start of School Day

Just to remind you that the start of school day is 8:45am. Gates will be closed promptly. Please be reminded Karate starts at 7:45am please do not drop your children off before then.

Advent

Now it is December, have you spotted any advent calendars yet? Lots of people have them, but do you know why Advent is celebrated? Advent is an important part of the Christian calendar. It means 'something is coming'. Christmas is the Christian festival that celebrates Jesus' birth, so Advent reminds Christians to prepare for those celebrations. Churches hold services, people sing carols and schools have Nativity plays. Many Advent customs involve counting down the days until Christmas begins. Some churches have an advent wreath with five candles. Sometimes people have their own Advent candle, which they'll burn at home. Many people who aren't Christians also look ahead to Christmas, by having an advent calendar. It's an exciting time of year for everyone!

Book Fair

A huge '**thank you**' if you visited our Scholastic Book Fair. Children who purchased a book were given a raffle ticket. The winners were chosen at random and were given the opportunity to select a book from the fair.

The winners were:

Reception: Rory S	Year 2: Leah B	Year 2: Clark S
Year 5: Felicity A	Year 5: Cameron W	

As a school we get a percentage of the profit made, this will go towards purchasing some new books for school.

Book Swap

It is time for our first Book Swap of this academic year! On **Thursday 7th December** children can bring in a book that they no longer want to read but is in reasonable condition. They will swap it for another book of their choice. There is no money required and no obligation to participate.

Minibus Driver

We are looking for someone who would be able to drive our minibuses for trips etc. (ideal for someone retired) Applicants would go through the usual recruitment process and would need to take a proficiency test in the bus at Gateshead Council. If anyone is interested, please contact the office.

Christmas

Performances will start as soon as the children are registered and changed into costume. Obviously, the older they are the quicker this will be and nearer to 9am. Parents can queue outside the hall doors. FOFS will be selling refreshments while you wait. Please be patient while staff work their magic in transforming your child into a character.

There will be room for pushchairs at the back of the hall. If you do bring young children to the performances, we ask that you are sensitive to the children performing and the audience by taking any noisy children out straight away.

Photographs - You may take photographs and videos of your own child during the performance (no flashes to put them off though!). Please be considerate to those around you if you are using your phone that you do not block their view. **Remember that you cannot post photographs/video on social media that contains any other child as you do not have written permission off other parents to do this. Some of our children do not have photo permission.**

Costumes - Details of children's costume will come from your child's class teacher.

For any further queries please see your class teacher. We look forward to seeing you at our Christmas performances.

Christmas cards

School is always keen to encourage pupils and families to be green. Once again, we are promoting the 'One Large Christmas Card' idea. This is where we encourage children to refrain from sending all their friends a Christmas card and instead for them to all sign one card which is in their classroom or send one card to the entire class to be displayed in class.

FOFS

School Fair and Sponsored event both next Friday. Please send in your donations of **sweets, chocolate, stationery, bottles, toiletries by Tuesday by the latest.**

Raffle tickets are on sale on Arbor.

If you can help at the Fair, please message the FOFS or you can let the office know asap.

RRSA

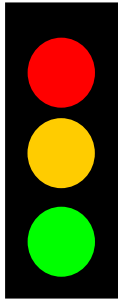
As a Rights Respecting School we would like to share an article from the UNCRC each week to continue to raise awareness between home and school about Children's Rights.

Our article of the week this week is: **Article 23 - Children with Disabilities. A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families.** 3rd December is International day of Persons with disabilities. Why do you think we need a day to focus on people with disabilities? Not every disability can be seen - we need to be more aware of different types of disabilities. Sign language is a way of communicating with people that are deaf or hard of hearing. See if you can research how to say "hello, my name is..." so if you meet someone that uses BSL you will be able to introduce yourself.



Attendance

Congratulations to 3C who had top attendance this week.



Red - Danger Zone - Below 90%

Amber - At Risk Zone - 91% - 96%

Green - Safety Zone - 97% - 100%

Class 1B	96%	Class 4ON	96%
Class 1S	90%	Class 4G	93%
Class 2K	82%	Class 5L	95%
Class 2D	96%	Class 5H	96%
Class 3C	97%	Class 6L	95%
Class 3S	96%	Class 6W	94%

I have a duty of care to safeguard all children.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs H Gladstone, Deputy - Mr Kelly, Miss Hault, Mrs O'Neill, Mrs Wilkinson, Mr Pallas, Mrs Doughney. We have a duty of care to pass on any concerns to Children's Services.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.



H J Gladstone

Head Teacher



FOFS CHRISTMAS FAIR 2023

**MAXIMUM SPEND £5
PER CHILD**

- Christmas themed games 50p
- Tombola
- Year 6 Leavers stall
- Name the Elf or Name the Bear
- Sponsored event

In school time – Children only

Friday 8th December

**Time slots allocated
between 1pm and 3pm**

**Please bring a named carrier
bag or book bag for prizes**



LET'S FACE THE NEW YEAR!

Tuesday
16th Jan
19:00 - 20:00
FREE



FREE SESSION
Cannabis Awareness
Get the facts so you can have the
conversation

Thursday
4th Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD
Challenging stereotypes, explaining
what ADHD is and offering a range of
interventions that can make lasting
differences.

Monday
8th Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24



**Autism: Improving
Communication**
Small changes in how you communicate,
lead to huge improvements with your
ability to communicate with someone on
the spectrum.

Tuesday
9th Jan
19:00 - 21:00
£24



Getting a Good Night
Screen Addiction, insomnia, energy
drinks and more. Get a range of
extremely useful ideas on how to get
quality sleep.

Supporting a Child with ADHD

The extra session you asked for!



Challenge the stereotypes and get the facts with Jane Keyworth

Monday 18th December (7pm to 9pm) £24

Available to book now via the website

facefamilyadvice.co.uk