



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 22nd September 2017



Dear Parents,

What a great week we have had – the children have been working so hard. I am so proud of our newly formed Cross Country team. Year 5 and 6 children took part in the first race of the season at St Margaret's. We have joined the Newcastle Sport's group of schools league and will be taking part in lots more competitions. We are looking forward to having a football team, netball team, rounder's, cricket and athletics teams during the academic year.

This morning all the children were treated to a brilliant production of Charlotte's Web. We were very lucky to have been able to offer this great opportunity for the children and it was enjoyed by all. We have re-launched our reward system in school. To link with our motto of together we succeed and shine like bright stars in the sky we have named our teams after spacecraft. All the children have been split into four groups. The red team are called Discovery, the blue team is called Endeavour, the green team is called Pioneer and the yellow team is called Voyager. The child with the most team points in their class will receive a small prize. Each week all the team points for each team are collected and points given. At the end of the year the team with the most points will win a treat. We are starting to share on twitter all of the brilliant work and experiences our children have during their time with us. Please do follow us and see what we are up to.

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance target is **95.5%** .This week we achieved **94.3%**.

School Clubs

Just a reminder that clubs will be starting the week beginning the 2nd October. Letters will go out on Tuesday 26th September for your child to choose their clubs.

School uniform:

Please can I remind parents to name all items of clothing. There have been some instances where uniform has been lost and it cannot be found. Can I ask for you to check if your child has by accident brought another child's uniform home.

Old £1 Coins:

As you may be aware the old £1 coins are being removed from circulation, and will no longer be legal tender. Please may we ask that from week commencing 25th September that you only use the new £1 coins to pay for items in school. We will no longer be able to bank the old ones.

PE kits:

There is a statutory duty for school to ensure children participate in physical education – therefore it is essential that PE kit is in school at all times. Texts will be sent home if children have not had kit for their lesson. If kit can be in school at all times it will avoid the need to do this. It is essential I have your support in this.

Cross Country Club:

Mrs Strickland will be running our cross country events during September and October.



School dinners

Please can you ensure your children do bring a lunchtime drink to school if they are being provided with a home packed lunch.

Water

A water bottle in school is advised for all children in order for them to have a drink during the day. There are facilities for these to be topped up during the day.

Dairy Dates:

We aim to keep this section as up to date as possible and quickly inform you if there are any changes.

Date	Event
29 th September 2017	Douglas MacMillan Coffee morning
27 th September	Laches Wood parent meeting – Year 6 only. 2:45 – 3:15pm
20 th October 2017	School closes for Autumn Half Term
30 th October 2017	Children return to school
1 st November 2017	3:15pm Year 6 Residential meeting
8 th November 2017	Autumn Term Parents Evening 3:30pm s
13 th December 2017	KS1 and KS2 Christmas Performance
14 th December 2017	EYFS Christmas Performance
15 th December 2017	Year 3-6 Panto visit regent Theatre.
18 ^h December 2017	Christmas Church Service at St Mary's Church
18 th December 2017	Christmas parties – afternoon -in school time
19 th December 2017	Autumn Progress Assembly 9:15
19 th December 2017	School closes for Christmas holiday

Absence:

If your child is unwell and will not be attending school, please let us know. You can text the school on **07786208450** at any time or leave a message on our answering machine Tel: **568680**. If you do not contact us by **9.30am** at the latest you may receive a visit from the ATTEND team.

Safeguarding and support:

The welfare of our children is always our priority. If you ever feel you need to talk to anyone in school regarding safeguarding or any welfare issues we can help with, please ask to speak to Mrs Wheaver or Miss Middleton who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads, if they are not available please speak to Mrs Birchall who is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.

Laches Wood:

Please can we remind you about our residential trip. We need a permission slip and £30 deposit to secure a place. We can offer a payment plan, for more information on this please contact the office, thank you.