



Dates For Your Diary

Monday 14th November 2022- Anti-Bullying Week

We would love it if the children could come to school wearing odd socks to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week.

Week beginning 7th November 2022- Parent Consultations

Friday 18th November 2022- Children In Need

We would love it if the children could accessorise their school uniform with a spotty accessory, e.g. spotty scarf, spotty socks, spotty headband. Drinks and biscuits will be on sale for £1.

Friday 25th November 2022- PD Day

The children do not attend school on this day.

Wednesday 30th November 2022 am- Pantomime Time

The children will be going to The Gala Theatre, in Durham, to watch Sleeping Beauty.

Friday 2nd December 2022 pm- Christmas Fayre

We hope you can come along and enjoy our stalls, games and refreshments.

Wednesday 7th December 2022 pm- Class 1 and 2 Nativity

We hope you can join us to celebrate the joy of Christmas through our nativity led by Class 1 and 2.

Thursday 8th December 2022- Christmas Jumper Day

We would love it if the children could come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. We kindly ask for a small donation of £1 to support the fantastic work of Save The Children.

Wednesday 14th December 2022- Christmas Dinner Day

The children can enjoy a delicious turkey dinner with all the trimmings.

Thursday 15th December 2022 pm- Christmas Disco

The children can stay after school and dance the night away for a small charge.

Tuesday 20th December 2022 - Christmas Party Day

The children can come to school in party clothes for a day of fun and laughter. We kindly ask for a small donation of £1 towards the party food.

Tuesday 20th December 2022 – Children break up for Christmas holiday

Tuesday 20th December 2022 – Carols Around the Christmas Tree

We would love you to join us at 2pm to sing carols around our Christmas tree. Mince pies and refreshments will also be on sale.

Wednesday 4th January 2023- Children return to school

October Highlights

Internet Safety Visit from Community Police

Class 4 were visited by community police officers, who gave the children some great tips on how to keep safe when using the internet. The children listened so attentively and took on board the importance of following these guidelines.



Handball Festival

Some of the children in Class 4 attended a handball festival. The children did great; they came top in both of their leagues.

Sports Leaders Training

Class 4 received training enabling them to lead activities for the other pupils during break times and lunchtime.

Ice cream in a bag

Class 2 made ice cream by shaking milk and cream in a bag surrounded by ice and salt. It tasted delicious; we definitely recommend trying it at home!

Baby Visits Class 1

As Class 1 were learning about how people change as they grow, the children compared their abilities to those of little baby Phoebe. They made predictions about what they can do as children but babies can't and then tried them out.



OPAL

At the beginning of this academic year, we launched our new playground scheme 'OPAL'. The children are thoroughly enjoying having a wide range of activities to do. It's lovely to see the children sharing, taking turns and working together.



Attendance

Children are required to be at school by 9am as our core subject lessons (English and Maths) begin immediately after registration.

Appointments should be made out of school time where possible please.

Holidays should be taken outside of term time.

The Department for Education deems that if a child's attendance drops below 90%, they become known as a Persistent Absentee. All absences are monitored thoroughly.

Below are the percentages of attendance for each class for October:

Class 1 – 93.95%

Class 2- 96.08%

Class 3- 96.35%

Class 4 –91.48%

Congratulations Class 3 for having the top attendance this month! Keep up the good work!

Christmas Fayre

On the afternoon of Friday 2nd December 2022, we will be holding our Christmas Fayre. There will be a variety of stalls and refreshments on sale.

To help make this a super successful event, we are kindly looking for donations of:

- Toys (teddies, books, etc)
- Bottles for tombola (bubble bath, shampoo, perfume, alcoholic, non-alcoholic)
- Unwanted gift items which would make great gifts for others
- Boxes of chocolates/ seasonal food items to be used in hampers

Thank you for your support.



Food Bank Fridays

Every Friday during November, the Mini Vinnies are collecting food for the local food bank.

They would greatly appreciate donations of:

- Tinned fruit and vegetables
- Rice
- Pasta
- Tinned meals (soup, stew, etc)
- Dried fruit
- Tinned meat
- Nuts and pulses
- Crackers

Breakfast Club

Our breakfast club runs from **7.50am every morning** for £2. **Please can children be accompanied until 7.50am.**

A selection of breakfast items (including cereal, toast, fruit) are on offer.

A range of activities and games (including lego, k'nex, colouring in) are on offer too.

After-School Club

Our after-school club runs from **3.10pm until 5.10pm every evening**. Children can be picked up any time between these times – up to 4.10pm is £2, after 4.10pm is £4.

A range of activities and games (including outdoor activities, puzzles, board games) are on offer.

Drinks and snacks are also included.

Parking Outside School

The safety of our children is paramount; we kindly ask that you refrain from parking on the yellow zig zag lines and in the bus stop when dropping off and collecting children from our school.

The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles even if picking up or setting down children.



Staff Car Park

When dropping off (including breakfast club) and picking up your child (including after school clubs), please can the main gate in the front playground be used.

We kindly ask that you refrain from walking through the staff car park.

The safety of our children and families is our top priority.



Clothing Collection Box

Do you have any clothes you no longer require?

In the front playground, we have a charity collection box where you can donate your unwanted items.



Sharing Shelf

We would like to say a huge thank you to all those who have donated items to our sharing shelf.

Donations are greatly appreciated throughout the year- food, books, small toys.

Please feel free to take items from the shelf as required.