



WELCOME BACK

A big welcome back to all our children after their Easter break. We are in the final term of this school year and it is always a busy term! We will update you with details of key events in the summer term (sports day etc) on the next school newsletter.

UNIFORM

I have been impressed with how smart many of the children are looking. May I remind you that summer uniform states:

- Girls may wear a light blue checked summer dress and boys can wear grey/black shorts.
- Black shoes/trainers (brightly coloured shoes/trainers are not allowed). This applies to girls and boys.
- Jewellery should not be worn other than a wrist watch or stud earrings.
- No nail varnish or make up should be worn for school.

As you will appreciate, it is vital that your child's name should be on all uniform, PE kits etc.

PE Kits:

There many pupils who do not have any or the correct PE kit. Could you please ensure that pupils have both an indoor and outdoor kit – this is especially important for KS2 pupils as in the summer term, almost all of our PE/ games activities take place on the school field. This should include plimsolls, school shorts and school t-shirt, which can be bought from JD Fashions in Seaham Harbour, as well as trainers for outdoor PE because plimsolls can be slippery on the field. Please note that children need to have a change of footwear and top – they will not be able to wear the shoes and polo shirt they wear during the school day. You might also wish to include a hoodie and tracksuit bottoms for cold weather.

Jewellery

I know that many schools have banned the wearing of earrings due to health and safety concerns. Our policy has been to allow children to wear studs only for school **BUT they must remove earrings to take part in PE.** I have already noticed that some children are not keeping to this policy and I would ask for your support in this. We must take every precaution to minimise the risk of injury to the children.

We do lots of exciting things in school. Please don't forget to check our school website for information and photographs of these events.

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Can we remind parents that scooters and bikes are not allowed to be used in the school yard? When children arrive in school, please dismount the bike or scooter and walk with it through the school gates. The same applies for leaving school. I am grateful to the children who do adhere to this school rule.

Also, we would be grateful if parents/grandparents could keep their children off walls, trees and plants in the school and treat the school environment with respect. Many thanks.

BIKEABILITY training for Years 5 and 6 will be in the summer term. More information on this and the dates, are to follow.



SAY CHEESE!



School

Photographer

School photographs are on the morning of **Wednesday 24th May**. All children will

have a single (and family photograph taken if they have siblings in school). Reception and Year 6 will have a group photograph taken. If you would like a preschool child to be included on the family photo, please come to the school hall at **8.40am**.

Parents are invited to come along.

George House Group Assembly	Friday 28th April 9.10am
Year 4 Assembly	Friday 19th May 9.10am
Year 2 Assembly	Friday 16th June 9.10am
Year 3 Assembly	Friday 30th June 9.10am
Year 5 Assembly	Friday 7th July 9.10am
Aiden House Group Assembly	Friday 14th July 9.10am
Reception Class Assembly	Thurs 13th July (1.45pm)
Year 1 Liturgy	To be confirmed
Year 6 Leaving Assembly	To be confirmed



MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Thank you to those parents who try and keep medical appointments outside of school time. We know at times appointments in school time can't be helped, but please keep appointments to as close to 9am or 3pm as possible. If an appointment is in the middle of the day, children should be in school before/after the appointment. Evidence of a medical appointment should be taken to the office.



As of **Friday 5th May 2017**, the school office will be unable to accept any old paper £5 notes.

Please do not send them in as money for dinners/breakfast club etc.

Thank you.

Attendance

The government has set a target of at least 96% attendance. If a child has less than 90% attendance then they are considered to be persistently absent. The Local Authority has brought out a new attendance management procedure to try and improve attendance and punctuality. Part of this is to ensure that parents are informed of any concerns regarding attendance. Letters were sent just after Christmas to those children who fell below 95% and further letters will be sent this week to anybody that the County may be concerned about.

Absence

The school has a messaging service on our school telephone number (5813090) for parents to record their child's absence. This should be done as soon as possible at the start of the school day on the first day of absence. Any absence that is not notified by 9.30am will be deemed absent without permission.

Thank you to all who attend regularly and on time. If you have any questions please contact me.

Lateness

Lateness can cause serious disruption to the learning of all children in school. There can be NO excuse for children being late on a regular basis. The new Durham County guidelines state that lateness will be recorded on your child's school details throughout their school life. Children arriving after the close of registration (9.15am) will be deemed absent without permission. County guidelines state that penalty notices can now be applied to persistent late comers.