



Monthly newsletter

This Week's Events

Every morning – Breakfast club in the Hall 08.25am – 08.45 am.

Cost 40p per child.

Wednesday 01 October – After School Club: Choir 3.15pm-4.15pm

Friday 03 October – After school Club: Water Polo at Education Village 4.15pm – 5.15pm – Confident Swimmers only

Next Week's Events

Monday 06 October - School Closed staff training day.

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Tuesday 07 October - Breakfast club in the Hall 08.25am – 08.45 am. Cost 40p per child.

Wednesday 08 October – After School Club: Choir 3.15pm-4.15pm

Thursday 09 October – After School Club: Year 5 and 6 Recorder 3.15pm-4.15pm

Friday 10 October - After school Club: Water Polo at Education Village 4.15pm – 5.15pm – Confident Swimmers only

Family Swimming

The free family swimming sessions at The Education Village are proving to be very popular.

Our next sessions are:

Tuesday 07 October

4.30pm – 5.30pm

Tuesday 02 December

5.30pm – 6.30pm

Tuesday 09 December

4.30pm – 5.30pm

Places must be booked at the school office as only those with names on the list will be able to swim.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Could we please remind parents to let the school office know as soon as possible if your child is absent from school for any reason. You can either telephone us on 254770 or call in. If possible please follow up the call with a note when your child returns to school.

Please try not to catch teachers on the yard but pop into the school office instead, where Mrs Butt or Mrs Brannan will make a note for the register.

Could we please remind you that SCHOOL IS CLOSED for Staff Training on MONDAY 06TH OCTOBER.

Events Diary:

Monday 8th September – The children returned to school after the summer break. We would like to welcome all of our new children in Nursery, Reception and other classes who have joined us, and we are pleased that they have all settled into their new environments well.

Friday 12th September – Cycling Tour of Britain. The whole school walked to the new bridge across the A66, and watched as the cyclists passed through on the Tour of Britain. We waved banners and clackers and really were a spectacle to be seen!



Monday 15th September – A number of children from Year 6 commenced their cycling training.

Wednesday 24th September - A 10 week parents numeracy course began in school. The course will help parents to help their children with maths at home. We would like to thank the parents who are attending for their support.

Monday 22nd September – Christian Aid Tea Time. We would like to thank all parents who supported our Christian Aid Tea Time, we managed to raise £40!! Rev Bruce kindly came into school to offer her support and would like to give her thanks to the school

Wednesday 24th September – Mad Science came into school and ran a ‘Super Structures’ after school workshop for children from Years 5 and 6.

Monday 29th September – ‘Assertive Mentoring Parent’s Presentation’. The school recently introduced into Key Stage 2, a new method of tracking your child’s progress and setting targets for improvement called Assertive Mentoring.

Assertive Mentoring will be the main vehicle for ensuring that children reach their potential. Your child will have already had the first of many one-to-one mentoring sessions with their teacher and targets have been set for this term. We held a parent’s meeting to explain the new system and what it will mean for you and your child on 29th September. We appreciate that not all parents could attend this meeting, and would like to give you another opportunity to attend a further meeting on **Monday 13th October at 2.45pm**, it is very important that we have your support. Could you please inform your child’s class teacher if you are able to attend this presentation.



Eco Club have been busy recycling, gardening and keeping the school grounds tidy. We would appreciate your support and ask you not to drop litter in the school grounds. We are collecting Morrisons ‘Lets Grow’ vouchers. A collection box is in our reception area, any vouchers will be greatly received.



MUSIC NEWS.....



- We are able to offer the children in Class 4 free violin lessons though the wider opportunities scheme which is ran by Durham music Services. The children have been split into 2 groups, the first are receiving lessons this half term, the second group will receive lessons next half term. Those that show interest and promise will be able to continue with their lessons in the summer term.
- The school has joined vocal union, which is ran by The Sage, Gateshead. The Sage staff are coming to work with our pupils, staff and hopefully parents on 13th October. If you would like to be part of our 'singing community', please contact Mrs Webb.

Healthy Schools

We would like parents to support us and encourage children to eat a healthy packed lunch. To help you, a healthy packed lunch should include:

- ✓ At least one portion of fresh fruit.
- ✓ At least one portion of vegetable
- ✓ A starchy food such as bread, pasta, wraps, pitta bread
- ✓ A portion of dairy, such as milk, yoghurt, cheese

It has been noted that some children are bringing confectionary as part of their packed lunch. Please do not send your child with sweets or chocolate bars.

** School dinner menus for the next two weeks are printed below**

Lunch Menu for Week Beginning 06 October 08

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School Closed Training Day	Main Meal Roast Chicken Fillet with Sage & Onion Stuffing Baked Cheese & Tomato Macaroni	Main Meal Shepherds Pie Red Lentil & Vegetable Soup with: Cheese Savoury or Egg Mayo Sandwich	Main Meal Italian Pasta Chicken Bake Jacket Potato with Beans and Cheese	Main Meal Roast Pork & Apple Sauce Homemade Tomato Soup with: Roast Pork or Cheese Savoury Sandwich
	Vegetables Broccoli	Vegetables Carrots Mixed Salad	Vegetables Mixed Salad Sweetcorn	Vegetables Carrot & Turnip Mixed Salad
	Potatoes Mashed Potato		Flat Garlic Bread	Potatoes Parsley Potatoes
	Desert Jelly Delight	Desert Hot Chocolate Fudge Cake Custard	Desert Apple Crumble Muffin Milk	Desert Peach Melba Sponge Custard

Available daily: a selection of freshly cut fruit platter, low fat yoghurt.

Lunch Menu for Week Beginning 13 October 08

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meal Margarita Pizza Jacket Potato with Beans and Cheese	Main Meal Roast Gammon and Pineapple Carrot & Coriander Soup with: Cheese Savoury or Ham Sandwich	Main Meal Spaghetti Bolognaise Salmon Fishcakes	Main Meal Chicken & Vegetable Hot Pot Red Lentil & Vegetable Soup with: Cheese Savoury or Egg Mayo Sandwich	Main Meal Oven Baked Crumb Fish Cheese & Onion Flan
Vegetables Fruity Pasta Salad Mixed Salad Sweetcorn	Vegetables Vegetable Medley	Vegetables Mixed Salad Baked Beans	Vegetables Broccoli Mixed Salad	Vegetables Peas & Sweetcorn
	Potatoes Roast Potatoes			Potatoes Mashed Potato
Deserts Orange & Carrot Cake Milk	Deserts Apple Sponge Custard	Deserts Jelly Delight	Deserts Blackcurrant & Apple Oat Crunch Custard	Deserts Rice Pudding & Peach Sauce

Available daily: a selection of freshly cut fruit platter, low fat yoghurt, cheese and biscuits