

North Park Primary School



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October Newsletter

Staffing news

We would like to congratulate Mrs Staines on her recent successful application for a new post in County Durham – she leaves us in December to teach in the Aclat Nursery. I know many of you will be sad to see her leave and would like to join us in wishing her well in her new role.

We are pleased to welcome a new EYFS leader to North Park – Mrs Wilcock joins us in January. She is an experienced EYFS practitioner and is excited to be joining the school team. She will be visiting the school in the next few months to get to know the children before the new term starts.

Parent Support Sessions

We are delighted to be able to offer these sessions for parents – they were really popular and very useful last time. Wendy and Susan will run these sessions each **Thursday afternoon**, for 5 weeks, starting **10th November 2016**. Please return the slip attached to the letter you received to book a place. The sessions are very informal and based around the areas parents identify as being useful for advice. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reading books

It is especially important that children read regularly at home and remember their reading books. We are investing in new resources this year and we ask that these are cared for when they are sent home. Books must be returned every day as children will be using them in other sessions. Please support your child to develop good habits with reading.

Photography at school events

We have been asked by DCC to pass on this information to families and carers regarding photographs taken at sporting events:

“As some parents and carers have requested that their children are not photographed during inter-school competitions/festivals, we would like to ask that all parents do not photograph their children during the event. Parents will want to ensure that the safety and welfare of all children is protected by this arrangement. If parents and carers ignore this advice and continue to take photographs, organisers will inform the relevant Headteacher, and with regret restrict the attendance of parents/carers at future events as the safeguarding of our young people is of paramount importance.”

Obviously we realise that the same problem now occurs in school at plays and shows. We appreciate parents and carers love to have photographic records of their children, but we also have families who do not wish their child's photograph to be taken. Therefore we ask that families wait until after any performance (assembly or show) is finished and then they can take photos of their own child only. In this way we can ensure all children are safeguarded and all parental wishes and concerns are considered.

What's been happening in school?

- **Roald Dahl Community Event** – what a fantastic time we all had on the parade, after school at the market place and in school doing all the activities. Most importantly we really enjoyed reading all the books together. The children made us very proud on the day. We made £189 on the evening and this will go towards the purchase of books for the children. Thank you to the Friends of the School for all their support.
- **Harvest Festival** – a lovely service at St Andrew's Church. Thank you for your donations for the Durham Food Bank.
- **Reception Class Gymnastics Festival** – Children in Reception class enjoyed a gymnastics festival, displaying their super movement skills.
- **Parent Maths Information Leaflets** – we were sorry that no parents came along to the information briefing for Maths. We will be sending home information leaflets for all families to support with Maths calculation.



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- **Year 5 and 6 Basketball** – children enjoyed a taster session from a skilled coach.
- **Stay and read** – it was lovely to see parents enjoying a book and a cuppa with their children in Nursery, Reception Year 1 and 2 in October. Other sessions follow this term.
- **Year 4 Family Assembly** – well done Year 4 for your fabulous assembly, filled with wonderful mad-science experiments! And well done to Mr Logan for cleaning the floor afterwards!

Polite Reminders:

- **Parking** – thank you for your support in parking outside of the school gates – this has made the car park more accessible and the Breakfast Club arrangements much smoother.
- **Attendance:** As you know, we are not authorised to grant leave of absence in term time except for exceptional circumstances, and the Local Authority will now intervene if your child accrues **seven days or more** of unauthorised absence in a term. If you have any concerns about attendance please contact school or the EWO Jen Quigley on 03000 261113 (Ferryhill One Point)
- Remember we are able to offer parents **After School Care** via **Jack in the Box Daycare** – this runs from 3.15 – 5.45pm each night. Contact school for registration forms and cost information.
- **Breakfast club** continues to run from 8am each day. Please ensure your child is at school before 8.30am, as we clear up after that time.
- **Jungle Gym** – please make sure children are not playing on this first thing in the morning – it is quite slippery, especially on cold mornings!

Mrs P Monk

Diary Dates

November

1-2	Judo workshops
3	Year 3 Stay and Read session
3	Artyfact Theatre – The Reading Room – whole school show and Year 6 Shakespeare workshop
4	Year 4 Stay and Read session
7	Book Fair in School
7	Mathletics Assembly
8	Father John Assembly
9	Flu vaccinations – Year 1, 2 and 3
9	Year 4 Arbeia Roman Fort visit
10	Parent Support Sessions – 5 week course starts
11	Year 5 and 6 Girls Boxing Fitness Taster Sessions
14-18	Anti-Bullying week
15	Year 5 and 6 Diversity Workshops
15	Year 5 Stay and Read session
16	Year 6 Stay and Read session
17	Year 6 Safety Carousel
18	Year 4 – Adam Bushnell Creative Writing workshop
18	Children in Need Fundraising Day
23	Year 6 Family Assembly
25	Year 2 Multi-Skills session
29	Gymnastics festival
29	Year 5 visit to Sunderland Stadium of Light
30	Year 2 visit Methodist Church – A Christmas Journey



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December

- 1 Magical Maths Assembly
- 2 Pantomime – Gala Theatre visit
- 5-7 Christmas Bedtime Stories
- 7 Santa's Grotto visits – Nursery to Year 4 visits
- 8 Christmas Lunch Day
- 9 EYFS Christmas Craft Morning
- 9 Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show
- 12 Year 1, 2 and 3 Party
- 14 Year 4, 5 and 6 Party
- 14 EYFS Christmas Show
- 15 EYFS party
- 15 Carol Service – St Andrew's Church
- 16 Christmas Jumper Day
- 16 **School closes – Re-opens Wed. 4th January**

