

North Park Primary School



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March Newsletter

Parent Support Advisor

Please remember that if anyone would like any advice, guidance or support, the school has a highly experienced and very friendly Parent Support Advisor. Wendy can be contacted on 07825341214. She has lots of great information for parents and can always help out if there is anything you would like some advice with. She has lots of experience supporting families with behaviour and routines, information on how you can support and help your child, tips for managing a busy home life and can also point you in the direction of other help if needed.

Attendance: Attendance has improved this term to be 94.9% overall. The Government target for schools is 96%. Your support in helping us make sure we meet national targets is vital. It is especially important to make sure your child is punctual – lates beyond register are classified as an unauthorised absence. Please make sure your child is in school at 8.55am. School cannot authorise leave of absence unless in exceptional circumstances and the local authority will intervene if your child accrues **seven days or more** of unauthorised absence in a term.

Attendance for classes is:

Reception -	94.9%	Year 1 -	94.4%	Year 2 -	96.3%
Year 3 -	95.6%	Year 4 -	96.8%	Year 5 -	93.7%
				Year 6 -	95.5%

Next week you will receive your child's attendance certificate – Green certificates are for those children whose attendance is above 95%. Amber is for those between 90-94.9%, and attendance needs to be improved. Red certificates are for those children below 90% and these will be monitored by the Local Authority attendance officer as attendance is falling below acceptable levels. School completely understands that children become ill and does not want to cause any alarm with parents; however most illnesses are short and do not adversely affect attendance. Recurring absence may mean that medical evidence is requested, in order for absence to be authorised. Please also remember that you can leave a message or text school as soon as you know your child will be absent. This helps school to record the reason for absence.

What's been happening in school? – as ever we continue to be busy, with lots going on!

- **Easter activities** - We look forward to seeing you at the Church Service this week. Children can also bring in 10p for a raffle ticket on Friday, for the chance to win an Easter Egg in school. Friends of the School are running an Easter Egg decorating competition – Eggs should be sent in on Tuesday 4th, and Friends of the School will judge and award prizes for each class.
- **Red Nose Day** – thank you for your donations – these, along with the Red Noses sold meant we were able to send **£234.30** to the charity.
- **Dance club** - has been running in school over the last few weeks.
- **Parent Meetings** – these were well attended.
- **Newcastle Falcons** – have been in school working with Year 3 and 4 pupils, improving their Rugby Skills.
- **School Council** – members went along to the Youth Forum, to find out about the importance of saving. We are arranging a visit to the school from Durham Savers in the coming months, and parents will be able to come along and get advice about savings schemes for both children and families. The children are keen to set up a school bank! Look out for more information on this.
- **Easter Journey** – Year 5 visited the Methodist Church and learnt all about Easter – a fantastic visit.
- **Taekwondo** – Reception, Year 1 and 2 all enjoyed a taster session from the coach.
- **Football sessions** – Year 1 went along to Football Coaching and festival
- **Mother's Day Tea** – the EYFS team really enjoyed entertaining families at the tea last week – thank you for your attendance
- **Year 5 Assembly** – wonderful work on Antarctica – maps, diaries, artwork – and all presented with beautiful signing too. Well done Year 5!
- **Year 2 Drumming and Ukulele** – Children in Year 2 showed off their music skills with a great show this week. Well done to our musical stars!
- **Year 6 visits to Comprehensive** – children have started their transition visits to Whitworth Park.



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- **Poetry Assembly** – classes across school have had the chance to perform their beautiful poems before their friends. Great work!

Reminders:

- Please can we ask parents to try and ensure **lunch money** comes in on Mondays, wherever possible? In addition, if your child is changing to packed lunch, please can we ask that you give us at least a week's notice, so that we can ensure the kitchen are informed for ordering purposes – food is ordered in advance and we wish to avoid waste wherever possible. Thank you.
- After School Care via **Jack in the Box Daycare** is available each day in school– 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. Thank you to parents for supporting us in ensuring you **do not drive into the car park** to drop off, to ensure pupil and adult safety.

Mrs P Monk

Diary Dates - 2017

April

- 3 EYFS trip to Hall Hill Farm
5 Year 4 visit to Richmond Castle and Easby Abbey
5 EYFS Easter Craft morning – 9am
5 Year 6 SATs meeting – information for parents – 4.30pm
6 Easter Service – St Andrew's Church – 2pm
7 **School closes for Easter holidays. Re-opens 24th April.**
27 – 28 Adam Bushnell visit to school

May

- 1 School closed – Bank Holiday
SAT Week – 8th – 11th May – KS2
KS1 will be undertaking SATs throughout May.

- 4 Year 3 – OAA – Hardwick Park
12 Year 6 Gangsta Granny theatre trip
15 Book Fair in school
19 Year 5 OAA – Hardwick Park
22 Design and Make Week
23 Athletics Festival
24 Year 1 Family Assembly
29 School closed for half term. Re-opens 5th June.

June

- 12 **Phonics test week – Year 1**
12 Year 5 Multi-skills festival
15 Year 6 photographs
27 NSPCC Assembly for KS1 and 2

July

- 4 NSPCC workshops for Year 5 and 6
7 EYFS Family Assembly
12 Year 2 Family Assembly
13 Year 6 Fun Day
14 Robinwood
19 Year 6 Leaver's Show – 2pm
21 **School closes for summer. Reopens 6th September 2017.**

