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Internet Safety - Instagram and Twitter

Following an incident in a primary school in the county, where children received obscene messages and images, the Local Authority have asked schools to remind parents about online safety issues.

Both Instagram and Twitter have a minimum age policy of 13. Whilst many parents allow younger children to use these services we cannot recommend this. To keep children safe on social media parents should ensure that the correct privacy settings are enabled, and that appropriate adult supervision is provided.

You can find further information at the NSPCC site Net Aware - <http://www.net-aware.org.uk/> and you can find a free copy of the Vodafone Digital Parenting Guide at <http://www.theparentzone.co.uk/>

What's been happening in school?

- Year 3 have completed their Pedestrian Training
- Year 6 pupils have attended training to become Sport's Leaders – they do a great job each week organising games for the KS1 children
- Friends of the School organised the fantastic Halloween Disco
- We held a Book Fair in school
- EYFS, Year 1 and Year 5 pupils enjoyed their Share a Story Coffee Morning – thank you to parents who attended this event
- We had our celebration assembly for our 'Send a Cow' appeal, having raised the amount needed
- Year 6 delivered a fantastic family assembly all about the Second World War
- Year 2 had a super trip to Hardwick Park, searching for signs of the Gruffalo
- The whole school have had a focus on poetry this week and will perform their poems in Friday's assembly
- Our Family Groups have been meeting this week to talk and think about Democracy and British Values.
- Parents have had the opportunity to meet with class teachers this week. Please contact teachers if there was a problem keeping your appointment to arrange another.

We look forward to seeing families at the following events this month:

Year 5 Family Assembly on Thursday 26th November at 10.15am

Year 1 Stay and Read Coffee Morning and Drum Show on Friday 27th November

Reminders:

Cars dropping children off in morning: Please ensure children who are dropped off at school walk along and use the crossing patrol to cross the road. A number of children have been running across the road and this is clearly dangerous. Thank you for your support in keeping all of our children safe.

Free taster sessions at Jack in the Box After School Club – these can be booked by calling school.

Children in Need – fundraising day on 13th November; all proceeds to Children in Need; £1 to dress up as favourite character, 50p for colouring competition, 10p mix ups available on the day.

Attendance: A reminder that the Government has now changed the level at which children are deemed as a persistent absentee from 85% to 90%. In accordance with the changes the Local Authority has also changed the threshold at which they intervene via statutory enforcement. As you already 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 more than **seven days** of unauthorised absence in a term.

Fruit: children in KS1 have fruit each day and fruit is available for children in KS2 at a charge of 20p each day.

Mrs P Monk
6.11.15



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Diary Dates

November

- 2-6 Poetry Week
- 9 Year 4 Trip to Arbeia Roman Fort, South Shields
- 11 Y5 and 6 – Sportshall Athletics Festival – Newton Aycliffe
- 13 Children-in-Need fundraising day
- 16 & 17 Destination Judo Taster sessions
- 16-20 Anti-Bullying week
- 17 Year 2 to visit a Christmas Journey – Methodist Chapel
- 20 Anti-Bullying Roadshow
- 20 Youth Forum event
- 23 Year 5 visit to Stadium of Light
- 23 Year 6 Safety Carousel
- 25 Year 5 visit to Centre for Life
- 25 Year 3 Stay and Read Coffee Morning
- 26 Year 5 Family Assembly – 10.15am
- 27 Year 1 Stay and Read Coffee Morning and Drum Show
- 30 EYFS visit to Beamish

December

- 1 Father John Assembly
- 1 KS1 Gymnastics Festival
- 2 Nursery to Year 4 visits to Town Hall – Santa's Grotto
- 3 Year 2 Stay and Read Coffee Morning
- 4 Singing Group perform at DurhamGate Christmas Event – 4pm
- 4 EYFS Christmas Craft Morning and Stay and Read
- 4 Year 6 Stay and Read Coffee Morning
- 8 Change for Life Celebration event
- 10 Year 3 visit to Bowes Museum
- 10 Year 4 Stay and Read Coffee Morning
- 11 Year 1 and 2 Christmas Show – 1.50pm
- 14 Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carol, Craft and Coffee Morning
- 14 Year 1, 2 and 3 Christmas Party
- 15 Year 3 and 4 Christmas Carol, Craft and Coffee Morning
- 16 EYFS Nativity Show – St Andrew's Church
- 16 Year 4, 5 and 6 Christmas Party
- 17 EYFS Christmas Party Morning
- 17 Carol Service – St Andrew's Church – 2pm
- 18 Christmas Jumper Day – proceeds to charity
- 18 Christmas Dinner Day
- 18 School closes for end of term. Re-opens 5th January 2016.

