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February 2016 Newsletter

Staff News - Mrs Henderson had her baby in January – she visited school this week with Imogen. We pass our congratulations to her and her family. Congratulations also to Miss Bowron on the news of her recent engagement!

Parent Governor Vacancy - We have a vacancy on the Governing Body for a Parent Governor. If you are interested in becoming a Governor and would like to know a little more about the role, please feel free to contact me. If you would like to apply, please collect an application form from the school office. In the event of more than one parent applying for the role of Governor, parents would then be asked to vote for applicants. Application forms will need to be returned by Monday 22nd February 2016.

Travel Plan Surveys – please return these to school to help us in reviewing arrangements for travel and transport. Thank you to those who have already responded.

Parent Questionnaires – these will be available outside parent interview rooms, we would appreciate you completing these at Parent's Meetings, after you have seen your child's class teacher. If you cannot attend an appointment for any reason, the class teacher will send a copy home with your child. Your feedback is really useful for staff and Governors in developing the future plans for the school.

Building work: Plans have been submitted to add three classrooms to the school, a new play area and to extend the hall with internal work. This is an exciting time for the school and it is anticipated pupil numbers will increase in the coming years. We will keep you up to date with any changes that may affect the day to day running of the school in the coming months. Building work is anticipated to begin in the Spring, through until September, at present.

School Website: This has undergone some changes – I hope you agree it looks good, and more importantly that you find the information on it useful.

What's been happening in school?

- Year 5 and 6 pupils attended a basketball festival.
- Adam Bushnell came into school and worked with all the classes on exciting storytelling and story writing work.
- Year 4 delivered a fantastic family assembly all about being a Roman! Well done!
- Year 3 visited St Andrews Church
- Some pupils from the School Council attended Aykley Heads as part of their Youth Council work
- Year 3 have attended a Multi-Skills Festival at the Leisure Centre

Reminders:

Attendance: A reminder that the Government has now changed the level at which children are deemed to be 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. If you have any concerns about attendance please contact school or the EWO Jen Quigley on 03000 261113 (Ferryhill One Point)

Breakfast Club: Free to all families wishing to attend from 8am. Please let school know if you wish to send your child along.

After School Care - Jack in the Box Daycare – available for after school care from 3.15 – 5.45pm each night. Contact school for registration forms and cost information.

Mrs P Monk
4.2.16



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Diary Dates

February

- 8-12 Multi-Cultural Week
- 8 Chef in School – Year 2 and Year 5
- 8 FOS Valentine Disco
- 9 Safer Internet Day
- 9 Key Steps Gymnastics Festival
- 10 Year 5 pupils presentation at Educate and Celebrate Event
- 11 Chef in School – Years 1, 3, 4 and 6
- 11 Year 5 – Chinese Artist – Lip Lee
- 15-19 **HALF TERM – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- 22 School re-opens
- 22-25 – Parent Meeting Week**
- 22 Morning session – Year 2 and Year 5
- 23 Morning session – Year 1 and Year 4
- 23 Afternoon session – Reception
- 23 After school – whole school
- 24 Morning Session – Year 3 and Year 6

March

- 3 World Book Day and Fair Trade Coffee Morning
- 4 EYFS Mother's Day Celebration
- 9 Year 2 Football Tournament
- 14 Year 5 visit to Methodist Church for an Easter Journey
- 15 Taekwondo taster session – Year 1 and 2
- 16 Year 3 Family Assembly – 10.10am
- 21 Year 5 visit to Bede's World
- 22 Dance Festival
- 24 Easter Service – St Andrew's Church – 2pm – to be confirmed

