

North Park Primary School



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September Newsletter

Roald Dahl Community Event

You will receive a letter today detailing the exciting **Roald Dahl Spennymoor Community Event** our school is taking part in on **Friday 14th October**.

The children have been doing lots of work this term linked to Roald Dahl stories and we are excited to be taking part in the parade. We hope to see you all lining the streets as we join the parade to the park. As the letter details, after the parade we will then return to school. Please note children should **NOT** be collected en-route or at the park but should be picked up from school as normal. Please make sure your child has a coat as we will be taking part in the parade, whatever the weather!

Children will then be given a golden ticket to exchange for a treat when they go back into town that evening. We hope to see you all at the evening event – our school has partnered up with M&Co and some of the children's work will be displayed in the window. Friends of the School will also have a market stall where you can purchase some of our home-made Dahl's Delights! All proceeds go towards purchasing new books for school. This will be a fantastic event for the whole community!

What's been happening in school?

- **PSHCE week** – children have been learning all about people who help us, Feelings, Recycling, Rules and Laws, Staying Healthy and Democracy. We had a super assembly sharing everything we have learnt.
- **The chef** visited school to work with Year 5 – they learnt all about healthy eating and recipes.
- **Buddies and Mini-Buds** have all been trained to help out of someone is feeling a bit lonely or would like to talk at break time.
- Year 4 pupils had a visit from Mrs Atkinson, a **Magistrate** and the local **PCSO**, Sam Stephenson. Sam also showed them around Spennymoor Police Station (including the cells!).
- Year 3 pupils took part in a **Stone Age Cookery day** – cooking on open fires! Delicious!
- **Jet and Ben** visited Year 1 and EYFS classes – very exciting!
- Year 4 and 5 pupils have started worked with the **FISCH** team, including coming along to an after school fitness club.
- We all worked hard in our **Outdoor Maths Week** – lots of super work going on!
- Year 5 pupils have started an enterprise project with the **Stadium of Light and Samson Shoes**.
- Year 3 pupils attended a **Multi-Skills** event.
- Year 6 were visited by staff and student ambassadors from **Ferryhill Business College**
- Year 6 had a transition visit to **Whitworth Park School**.
- Reception and Nursery pupils have been raising money at their **Macmillan Coffee Morning!** Delicious!
- Year 6 pupils have been undertaking **Sports Crew** Training – they can use their expertise helping KS1 children to play games now!
- **PSA** – our new **PSA** Wendy Clark is available every Wednesday afternoon, for a chat or if you would like any advice or help. No need to book – just pop in. Or you can call her on 07825341214.

Reminders:

- **Parking** – please avoid parking in the school yard unless by prior arrangement. If you are dropping off for breakfast club, please try and park outside of school if the car park is busy – staff arrive early and need access to their parking spaces.
- **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.



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- **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!
- **Personal detail forms** - Please return these to school as soon as possible.

Mrs P Monk

Diary Dates

October

- 4 Harvest Festival – St Andrew's Church 2pm (Year 1 to Year 6 pupils)
- 4 Reception Class – Gym Festival
- 5 Parents' Maths Information Session – 2.45pm
- 6 Dance workshops
- 7 Year 5 and 6 Basketball taster sessions
- 7 Year 2 Stay and Read Session
- 7 Family Learning – Nursery to Year 1 – Let's Play- 1-3pm
- 10 Reception and Nursery Class – Stay and Read session
- 12 Year 4 Family Assembly – 10.10am
- 12 Year 5 and 6 Cross Country Festival
- 13 Year 1 stay and read session
- 14 Roald Dahl Community Event
- 17-20 **Parents' Meeting Week** (appointment letters to follow)
- 17 Whole School parent evening – 3.30-6pm
- Morning sessions** (9am to 12)
- 17 Year 5 and Year 6
- 18 Year 2 and Year 4
- 19 Year 2 and Year 3
- 20 Reception and Year 1
- 18 Friends of the School Halloween Disco – 4-5.30pm
- 21 **School closes for half term.**
- 31 **School re-opens**
- 31 Oct- 4 Nov – Poetry week

November

- 1-2 Judo workshops
- 3 Year 3 Stay and Read session
- 3 Artyfact Theatre – The reading Room – whole school and Year 6 Shakespeare workshop
- 4 Year 4 Stay and Read session
- 7 Book Fair in School
- 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



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December

2	Pantomime – Gala Theatre visit
5-7	Christmas Bedtime Stories
7	Santa's Grotto visits – Nursery to Year 4
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	School closes – Re-opens Wed. 4 th January

