

North Park Primary School

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October Newsletter

Latest news

- **Crossing Patrol** – Durham County Council (who employ the Crossing Patrol Officer) have informed me that we will not have a crossing patrol officer at present this term. Please be especially careful when crossing the road – I have also asked the local police to undertake speeding checks when they can as an added precaution. They are hoping to recruit a temporary replacement – if anyone is interested please contact County Hall.
- **Friends of the School** – our hardworking band of loyal friends are always looking for interested people to join and lend a hand – their first meeting this term will be on Wednesday 9th October at 2.30pm. Please come along if you feel you would like to lend a hand at the social and fund-raising activities they undertake – meetings are very informal!
- **Harvest Service** – we are collecting donations for the Durham Foodbank as part of our Harvest festival this year. Please could you send any donations in on Friday 4th October and we will transport them to the church. Thank you for your support.
- Please return **data sheets** to the school office, and any **menus**. Mrs Harris holds extra uniform – please ensure you **put your child's name in their school clothes** – we already have a collection of new uniform without names in!

Children have enjoyed lots of activities already this term!

- Lots of amazing work undertaken in PSHCE week – children found out about cleanliness, healthy eating, good choices, first aid, rules and the law and democracy! A fabulous presentation assembly to showcase their work was enjoyed by everyone!
- Buddies and Mini-buds have undertaken training – children in Year 2 and Year 6 enjoyed being trained and are there ready to help!
- Year 1 children enjoyed a brilliant visit from the Tooth Magician! Clean teeth all round we hope!
- Chef Sarah has begun a project in school and was also in to visit Year 2 to cook some delicious healthy recipes!
- Father John has visited school to deliver an assembly.
- Children in Year 3 enjoyed learning all about First Aid!
- Pupils in Year 6 had a talk from staff from Ferryhill Business College and also enjoyed a visit to Whitworth Park.
- Year 6 visited the town hall to sharpen their debating skills in the council chambers!
- Year 4 pupils enjoyed their work with the PCSO Sam Stephenson.
- Pupils in Year 5 and 6 have been enjoying coaching in Tag Rugby, including an after school club.
- Our lunchtime clubs in Yoga, Dance and Fitness have started!
- Year 3 did an amazing job raising money for their chosen community charity - £105 for Macmillan was raised at the Coffee Morning – well done and thank you for your support!
- Our SSOC pupils have been trained and will start organising games in KS1 soon!

Polite Reminders

- Your support with **attendance and punctuality** is vital – lessons start straight away so please ensure you are in school for 8.55am when the bell goes. Please let us know if your child is absent from school. A reminder too about **Holiday requests** - 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 (this includes ALL unauthorised absence – holidays and any unauthorised sessions, including late after registration).



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- **2019-2020 School Holidays** - This year (2019-2020) some of our professional development days are blocked together so families can benefit from a slightly extended closure and use this as an opportunity to book holidays at a cheaper rate. The planned dates when school will be closed for PD days in 2019-2020 are:
 - **2nd September 2019**
 - **1st, 2nd, 3rd June 2020** – these three days follow the May half term week (thus giving a slightly longer block)
 - **Monday 20th July 2020**
- A reminder that we have a child in school with a nut **allergy**. I would be grateful if parents can bear this in mind when organising packed lunches for children (particularly those pupils in Year 3). Please avoid putting nut based products and nuts (e.g. Nutella etc) into packed lunches. School will take precautions to avoid possible cross-contamination and contact, and your support with this would be very much appreciated. For those pupils on packed lunch we do not allow sweets of any kind, fizzy drinks or pop – the packed lunch policy is available on the school website.
- Any child wishing to join the **school bank** and start saving each week, please see Mrs Harris in September – we collect and bank monies every week and it is a wonderful way for children to save up.
- A reminder that we ask that parents **do not drive into school to drop off or pick up, including for breakfast club – especially into the staff car parking area** - unless by prior agreement with the headteacher. The speed limit for those with permission is **5mph**.
- **Breakfast club** begins at 8am – staff are not in school to supervise before this time – please avoid arriving earlier, unless supervised.
- Remember we offer parents **After School Care** via **Jack in the Box Day-care** – this runs from 3.15 – 5.45pm each night. Contact school for registration forms and cost information.

Mrs P Monk
1.10.19



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Autumn Term dates – 2019

October

- 3 National Poetry Day
- 4 Y1-6 Harvest assembly and foodbank collection – St Andrew's Church 2pm – families welcome
- 9 Year 1 Stay and Read – 2.30pm
- 10 Year 3 Multiskills festival
- 11 Reception class Harvest Table – 10.30am – families welcome – CHANGE OF DATE
- 11 NSPCC assemblies – Speak out, Stay Safe Campaign
- 16 Zoo Lab – Year 1
- 17 Year 3 Stone Age Cooking Day
- 18 Year 2 visit to Durham Cathedral
- 21 & 22 Judo taster sessions
- 22 NSPCC workshops – Year 5 and 6
- 22 KS1 Gym and Dance session
- 23 Year 5 and 6 Theatre Show - Macbeth
- 23 Whole school flu immunisation
- 24 Year 6 Family Assembly
- 24 FOS Halloween Disco
- 25 Year 1 theatre show – Jabberbabble
- 25 School closes for half term**

November

- 4 Schools re-opens**
- 4 Mad Alice Theatre Show – Key Stage 2 – Rose and Robin
- 4 Poetry week
- 7 Year 3 and 4 Invasion Games coaching
- 8 Year 4 Bikeability
- 8 DLI workshop for Year 6 pupils
- 11 Anti-bullying week
- 11-14 Parent Meetings week (appointment letters to follow)
 - 11 – afternoon session – Year 1, Year 3
 - 12 – afternoon session – Year 2, Year 6
 - 12 – Whole School Parent evening
 - 13 – afternoon session – Reception, Year 5
 - 14 – afternoon session – Year 4
- Nursery appointments can be made across the afternoons or on the parent evening
- 12 Skipping day
- 21 Year 5 Family Assembly
- 22 Year 2 Multi-skills

December

- 3 Year 3, 4 and 5 Theatre Visit – Snow Queen
- 3 Year 6 Gym Festival
- 10 Nursery to Year 4 visit to Town Hall – Santa's Grotto
- 12 Reception Performance – Nativity Show
- 13 Christmas Jumper day and Christmas Lunch Day
- 16 Year 5 and 6 Craft, Carols and Coffee morning
- 16 Year 1, 2, 3 Christmas Party
- 17 EYFS Party - am
- 18 Year 2 Christingle Show, Year 1 Christmas Music Show
- 18 Year 4, 5, 6 Christmas Party
- 19 EYFS – theatre performance at Northern Stage
- 19 Year 3 and 4 Craft, Carols and Coffee morning
- 19 Carol Service – St Andrew's Church – 2pm – families welcome
- 20 School closes for the break and re-opens January 6th 2020.**

