

# North Park Primary School



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## September 2015 Newsletter

### Welcome back!

It is lovely to have all the children back in school looking so smart in their new uniform – they have all settled in really well, and our new Reception and Nursery Children are getting used to the new routines too.

You should all have received your curriculum letters detailing the exciting things happening this term – lots planned and as busy as ever! The diary below gives you some important dates.

**Uniform:** anyone wishing to order new uniforms please see Mrs Thompson. We are awaiting delivery for some orders.

**Dinner money:** a reminder that dinner money is due each Monday and costs **£9.75** for the week. All Key stage 1 children are offered free meals. We now have a lovely new salad bar in school, funded partly from the Year 6 Fun day fundraising event.

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

**Wrap around care - Jack in the Box After School Club:** after school provision is now available for children run by Jack in the Box. The club offers snacks and a range of activities for children, running from 3.15pm to 5.45pm every day, at a cost of £7 a session. Registration forms are available in school.

### 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. The table below helps explain the impact of any absence:

TERM		Number of sessions (half days) missed before becoming a persistent absentee
AUTUMN	HALF TERM 1	7 or more (3.5 days)
	HALF TERM 1 and 2	14 or more (7 days)
AUTUMN + SPRING	HALF TERM 1 to 3	20 or more (10 days)
	HALF TERM 1 to 4	25 or more (12.5 days)
AUTUMN + SPRING + SUMMER	HALF TERM 1 to 5	31 or more (15.5 days)
	HALF TERM 1 to 6	38 or more (19 days)

Mrs P Monk  
7.9.15



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## Diary Dates

### September

- 7-11 PSHCE week
- 8 Year 4 Magistrate talk
- 10 Year 4 visit to Police Station
- 10 Chef in Year 5
- 10 Foundation of Light Year 5 enterprise initiative starts
- 25 EYFS Macmillan Coffee Morning

### October

- 6 Harvest Festival – St Andrew's Church (including a collection for Durham Food Bank) – 2pm
- 9 SSOC training for Year 6 pupils
- 12-16 Book Fair in School
- 13 Reception Gymnastics
- 15 Year 5 Share a Story Coffee Morning
- 20 Friends of the School Halloween Disco
- 22 Year 6 Family Assembly – 10.15am
- 22 School closes for Half Term break

### November

- 2 School re-opens
- 2-6 Poetry Week

### 2-6 Parent Meeting week

- 2 Morning session (9am -12 noon) Year 6 and Year 2
- 3 Morning session – Year 1 and Year 4
- 3 Afternoon session - Nursery
- 3 Whole school Parent Evening (3.20pm - 6pm)
- 4 Morning session – Year 3 and Year 5
- 5 Morning session – Reception

- 3-4 Destination Judo – taster sessions
- 11 Y5 and 6 – Sportshall Athletics Festival – Newton Aycliffe
- 16-20 Anti-Bullying week
- 20 Anti-Bullying Roadshow
- 26 Year 5 Family Assembly – 10.15am

### December

- 1 Father John Assembly
- 1 KS1 Gymnastics Festival
- 4 EYFS Christmas Craft Morning
- 8 Change for Life Celebration event
- 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 School closes for end of term. Re-opens 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

