

# NEWSLETTER

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### Lateness Matters!



It is a parent's responsibility to ensure their children arrive at school on time. Lateness can disrupt the learning of others and can result in a pupil feeling greater stress and achieving poorer outcomes. Research shows a close link between attendance at school and a child's achievement. Being late adds up to a loss of learning. All time out of school affects learning and achievement for pupils. **Please make sure your child arrives at school on time.** If a pupil arrives after registration has closed the absence will be recorded as unauthorised for that session. If this persists legal action, in the form of a Penalty Notice or Prosecution under Section 444(1) of the Education Act 1996 may follow.

Minutes late per day	Equivalent of missing
5 minutes	3.4 school days a year
10 minutes	6.9 school days a year
15 minutes	10.3 school days a year
20 minutes	13.8 school days a year
30 minutes	20.7 school days a year

**Please remember that children are allowed into school from 8.45 a.m. or, if they attend Breakfast Club, between 8.15 and 8.30**

### Uniform Orders



● **On-Line orders**

Don't forget that Emblematic now offer parents/carers the opportunity of ordering school uniforms on-line. Using the site is easy; go to [www.emblematic.co.uk](http://www.emblematic.co.uk) then click on to the tab 'online only schools'. Scroll down and click on Percy Main Primary; you will find all our uniform items there. You can order and pay for your items on the site. On-line orders will be delivered to school.

● **Uniform Order forms** - Of course you can still order in the normal way by completing a uniform order form available from the school office. However please remember that orders placed this way must be accompanied by full cash payment.



There will be an **important meeting on Monday 29 January** at

**3.30** for the parents of pupils who are planning to join us for the Robin Wood Residential visit from 9 to 11 March. Mrs Walls has recently issued a letter giving full details of this visit. If you have not already returned the forms enclosed with that letter please remember to bring them with you to the meeting on Monday. **Also, don't forget that the full amount of £160 must be paid by 9 February.**

### Year 6 Visit



The Spring Term's topic for our Year 6 pupils is 'We'll Meet Again', so to help them understand how people adapted to living in Britain during World War 2 the pupils will be 'evacuated' to the countryside (Beamish) on **Wednesday 31 January**. Once on site the children will get on a special bus and be met by an angry farmer who will consider whether or not the children are smart, strong or pleasant enough to be allocated a billet on his farm. The pupils are really looking forward to this visit but please bear in mind that the museum is spread across a large site and the children be outdoors for a significant amount of the day. Please ensure that they wear appropriate clothing including a warm coat and sensible comfortable shoes.

### Photograph Day

SAY CHEESE!



**WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY** - Don't forget to hand your form in to the school office if you want a family group photograph. We do not require the slip if you want a single photo as every child will get an individual photograph taken. Packs start from £7.00 and proofs will be available on the day. Unfortunately, for safeguarding reasons, we cannot take photographs of groups of friends.

Dates for the Diary:

On **Monday 22 May** the **Year 6 group photograph** will be taken at 9.00 a.m. Please pop this on your calendar as we really want all the students to be included in this 'moving on' photo.

## Choir Sang for Dignitaries



Last Friday morning at 9.30 our amazing school choir sang for some very important overseas dignitaries at the Old Low Lights in North Shields. Susie Jones, our musical director, had prepared a stunning programme of songs for the event. Our choir sang a new song called 'Wonder' which they had been rehearsing especially for this occasion. They also performed 'Sky' from the Disney Pixar cartoon 'Brave' and complemented these numbers with their interpretation of 'A Winter's Carol'. The children also wanted to give the visitors a gift from our school to help them remember their visit to North Shields, so as the visitors were from the orient, they had the wonderful idea of making Oriental lanterns and dragons to present to them. We are pleased to say that the visitors were absolutely delighted with these gifts.

As a special thank you for our choir the staff of the Low Lights had prepared some delicious bacon sandwiches which the pupils enjoyed before returning to school. This was a super event and we were delighted, and very proud, that our school had been chosen to represent the area at such a prestigious occasion. *Our choir will be singing for another high profile civil event on 21 March (we will let you more details nearer the date)*

## Go Smarter

### TRAFFIC SURVEY

After school tomorrow you may notice some people observing the traffic outside of our school. This is a North Tyneside Council survey which they are conducting at many schools across our borough. The 'GoSmarter in North Tyneside' project looks at safer routes to schools and have identified our school as being one that has a very busy school run. As you are aware this creates serious issues not only for the transport network but more importantly for the health and wellbeing of local residents, parents, pupils and staff. The focus of the project will be on trying to resolve parking, congestion, health and air quality issues. We will let you know the results of the survey as soon as we receive them.

## Website Update

Some of our readers may have noticed that our Website is not currently available. Our Website was becoming very 'cluttered' making it difficult to navigate around and it was no longer fully compliant with the latest Ofsted requirements. Therefore we felt it was necessary to carry out a complete update of the site. Hopefully our fully updated site will be live early next week.



## DANCE FESTIVAL



Our dance club members are now starting to work on the expressive choreography for their dances which they will perform at the North Shields Dance Festival.

The festival will take place on the evening of **Wednesday 28 February starting at 6.30 p.m.** (the estimated finishing time is 8.00 p.m.) at The Parks Sports Centre. To complement the theme of this year's festival which is 'The Living World' our teams have decided that their dances should represent 'Sunshine' (Years 4 & 6) and 'Rivers' (Years 3 & 5)

**Don't forget that there will be a full dress rehearsal on Monday 26 Feb** – all children who are in the dance groups should attend this dress rehearsal.

## COSTA - SPECIAL INVITATION TONIGHT!



The manager and staff at COSTA on the Royal Quays have extended an invitation to **ALL OF OUR PARENTS/CARERS TO JOIN THEM TONIGHT** for the second of their three special evenings promoting 'Reading for Pleasure' between 3.30 and 4.30. This is a lovely opportunity for parents/carers to spend some quality time relaxing with their children. Don't forget that children should **TAKE A BOOK** to this event. They can then enjoy a **FREE Babycino** while parents can enjoy 10% off their purchases. The final 'Reading for Pleasure' evening will be next Thursday. Please remember that parents will need to take their children to COSTA, remain with them on site and take them home. A member of our staff will attend to ensure all runs smoothly, but will not be responsible for supervising the children.



## Mr Osfield

Last week we mentioned that Mr McQueen would be leaving us to start his 'dream job' as Manager of Northumberland Park in North Shields. On Friday afternoon last week we interviewed the shortlisted candidates to fill his position and we are delighted to let you know that **Mr Adam Osfield** was appointed. Mr Osfield is currently a Service Support Assistant dealing with site maintenance at the Customer First Centre in Wallsend and has also worked at the White Swan Centre in Killingworth. Mr Osfield will start his duties with us on Monday 5 February. We are confident that Mr Osfield will be an excellent replacement for Mr McQueen and wish to congratulate him on his appointment.

Handouts issued this week;

- Get your skates on leaflet (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 only).