

# NEWSLETTER

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### NORHAM OPEN EVENING

Don't miss out on Norham's really special open evening for future pupils and their parents/carers, which will take place on **Tuesday 19th September**.



**The open evening will start at 6pm prompt.** There's no need to book ahead but please go along by 6pm at the latest to make sure you can fully enjoy the whole experience. As always, they will be pulling out all the stops to make you and your family feel welcome and looked after, ensuring that you will have a great evening as well as finding out all you need to know about our wonderful local high school. The staff and pupils can't wait to see you there. If you have any questions at all about the event, please call Norham on (0191) 200 5062.

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### MARVELLOUS



### Text Messaging Service

As mentioned in last week's newsletter we are going to change our text messaging supplier to Marvellous Me. This service provides additional services to those available on ParentMail. It is a tool which our teachers can also use to update you daily on your child's learning and progress. Children can receive 'badges' which form part of our reward system; this is an electronic badge which is sent home via the App together with an explanation of why they have been awarded this. As staff and parents become familiar with the messaging service our aim is to send all communications home using this App this will include our weekly Newsletter. **Therefore it is extremely important that you download this App.** If you have any difficulty with this please speak to Mrs Leslie.



Our children love to receive messages from parents, relatives and friends so why not send them a Tweet! Tweeting is fun for the children but also provides a valuable messaging media which encourages them to participate in real time communications. If you want to send a **tweet to the whole school** you should use **@PercyMainPS** or, alternatively, you can a tweet to the individual classes as follows;

- @PMPSYear6 @PMPSYear5
- @PMPSYear4 @PMPSYear3
- @PMPSYear2 @PMPSYear1
- @PMPSRec @pmpsursery

Go on; give it a try – our pupils really looking forward to receiving and responding to your messages.

### ROALD DAHL DAY

On Wednesday this week we celebrated Roald Dahl Day. Many of the children and staff came to school dressed as a character from one of Roald Dahl's famous books. We had characters from Willie Wonker's Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach, Matilda, The Twits, The BFG and George's Marvellous Medicine to name but a few of the books that were represented. The children's costumes were *'splendiferous'* and many pupils who did not want to wear fancy dress came to school dressed in Roald Dahl's favourite colour *'Phizz-Whizzing'* Yellow.

Best of all, in addition to all this fun we managed to raise **£60.00** for Roald Dahl's Children's Charity. **VERY WELL DONE** to everyone who made this a very *'Glorumptious'* day.

### Sickness and Diarrhoea

It has been agreed that we will waver the 48 hour rule in regards to keeping children off school following sickness and diarrhoea. This will ensure that children do not miss education unnecessarily. The decision as to whether or not a child is fit to return will be the parents/carers.



### JOB OPPORTUNITY

We currently have a vacancy in the kitchen team at our school. The role will be for 7.5 hours each week throughout the term. Catering experience is preferred but not necessary. Please contact Catering Services on 0191 6438355 for further information on how to apply for this position.

## LOCAL EDUCATION VISITS

Today we have issued a **local** education visits permission form which we hope you will sign and return. This form gives us permission to take your child on local visits (*i.e. somewhere they can walk too such as Norham or Percy St John's church*) without completing the specific educational visits form. We will still use the specific form for visits where transport is required. We hope that this will reduce paperwork and streamline the process for arranging educational visits. These new forms will be issued termly to ensure that we have the most up-to-date details.



## Please Return the Forms

Last week we issued the following forms;  
- Data Checking Sheets  
- Internet Agreements (Rec & Year 3 only)



**These forms are very important. Please return them to the school office by MONDAY NEXT WEEK. If you did not receive any of the above please call in to the school office.**

## PE Days

We thought it might be useful for parents/carers to know which days the children are involved in PE lessons.

- Mon. Rec, Years 3 & 4
- Tue. Rec, Years 3, 5 & 6 (swimming)
- Wed. Nursery, Years 1, 4, 5 & 6
- Thurs. Year 2
- Fri. Years 1 & 2



## Foundation Stage News

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RECEPTION PARENTS/CARERS

As from Monday 18 September our Reception children will no longer line up on the playground in the morning, instead they should go straight to the **Reception door which will be opened from 8.50 a.m.** We hope that this will improve communication between parents/carers and staff by providing them with an opportunity to speak to Miss Laidler or Miss Brownrigg at the beginning of the school day.



## UNIFORM

We are delighted with the general smart appearance of our children as they start the new term but please remember the following;

**FOOTWEAR** - Children should wear black, sensible shoes for school (*trainers are acceptable but only if they are completely black*)

**JEWELLERY** - one item of jewellery may be worn, earrings should be stud only and all jewellery must be removed for PE and Swimming sessions.

### Indoor PE kit

Black shorts or skirt  
Bottle green tee-shirt (with logo)  
Sports socks  
Plimsolls

### Outdoor PE kit

Indoor kit plus;  
Black Sweatshirt  
Black Jogging or  
Tracksuit trousers  
Long sports socks

PLEASE REMEMBER TO WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IN ALL THEIR CLOTHING INCLUDING THEIR PE KIT.

**EMBLEMATIC ARE NOW SELLING PRE-PRINTED IRON ON NAME TAGS; PRICE £3.00 FOR 30 TAGS. THESE CAN BE ORDERED ONLINE OR FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**



## Unique Christmas Cards

The children are once again designing their individual Christmas Cards.

The pupils will use many different materials to create their personal card. This technique means that our younger children can produce some wonderful designs. The finished cards are then professionally printed and make unique keepsakes for friends and family. Look out for the order forms and images of your child's work arriving home over the next few weeks. All orders need to be handed in to the school office by **Friday 6 October**. Cards cost £5.50 (pack of 12) and gift tags cost £2.50 Please note that we do not accept cheques, **cash only**. If you would like to look at examples of the cards and tags, please speak to the class teacher. These cards always prove to be very popular with family members so don't miss this unique opportunity to purchase a lasting memento.



## Pupils need your help!

**NURSERY** would be very grateful if anyone could donate the following;

- junk boxes/tubes/plastic pots from margarine or yogurt (not toilet roll tubes)
- rolls of wallpaper (full or part rolls)
- plastic bottle tops of any kind
- any greetings cards but especially those with numbers on

**YEAR 4** would be delighted to receive any old clothes or materials in shades of **orange/browns**. They need them to make 'proggy' mats and lion's faces which they hope to create this term.



Issued with this newsletter;

- Termly Education Visits form