

NEWSLETTER

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We are a school

Our school is extremely enthusiastic and excited to be launching our brand new phonics program **Read Write Inc.** This is a fun and in-depth way of supporting all our children commencing with Nursery and working throughout KS1 which will help them to become confident independent readers and writers. The children have already commented on how much they are enjoying this new way of learning! At the heart of Literacy and Language is the enjoyment of and engagement with a variety of texts. Pupils are encouraged to take their own meaning from each text, becoming independent and critical thinkers. Comprehension activities are designed to help children to infer, summarise, question, clarify, predict and argue a point of view. The children also make connections between texts and their own experiences.

We will be offering a **Parent Workshop** later in the term to demonstrate the benefits of this method of learning and provide parents with strategies to support their children at home.

PLEASE NOTE
THAT SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED

May Day

ON MONDAY 7 MAY FOR THE MAY DAY
BANK HOLIDAY. Children will return to school
on Tuesday 8 May.

SATS DATES!

Please remember that the **Y6 KS2 SATs** will commence on Monday **14 MAY 2018**.

These tests take place over the full week so please do not book holidays during this time. Children must sit these tests on the date and time specified; they cannot sit them at a later date. **The KS1 SATs** assessments take place during the summer term and Mrs Walls will keep all Y2 students and their parents informed about the arrangements in due course.



Y4 SKIPPING SCHOOL Workshop

Tomorrow afternoon we will welcome a professional sports coach to our school to deliver a skipping workshop to our Year 4 pupils. Skipping is an excellent and fun way of keeping fit. This workshop will also help the pupils prepare for taking part in a **Skipping Festival** which will be held at The Parks Sports Centre later in the year.

Medication forms

This week summer term medication permission forms have been issued to all children currently prescribed long term medication. If you think your child will still require medication during this term please sign the consent form and return it to school as soon as possible.



We are very proud of our Healthy School Status so to build on all the brilliant work that has taken place



across our school over recent years we have decided to take part in the 'Daily Mile'. Forty other North Tyneside schools have signed up to this health initiative. Our event took place this afternoon in glorious sunshine. The aim of The Daily Mile is to improve the physical, social, emotional and mental health and wellbeing of our children – regardless of age, ability or personal circumstances. We are not sure if we will make this a permanent part of our Healthy School programme in the future, this was simply a trail; we will wait until we get feedback from both staff and pupils. However the event will serve to demonstrate to the pupils the important part that exercise plays in developing healthy lifestyles. You can find out more about The Daily Mile by following this link <https://thedailymile.co.uk/about/>



We will be holding a special Robin Wood Assembly on **FRIDAY 27 APRIL AT 2.00 P.M.** This

assembly will give parents/carers the opportunity to see what an amazing time our young adventurers had during this recent fun packed week-end.

Yr 6 - transferring to Norham



Norham have notified us of a change to their usual transition programme. Instead of the children transferring to Norham two weeks before the end of the summer term, this year they will offer a one week programme starting Monday 9 July until Friday 13 July (pupils will make their way directly to Norham on Monday 9 July). Norham prepare an extensive programme of transition events for the pupils to enjoy and it is important that students attend every day during this transition period. **The pupils will return to Percy Main for the last week of the summer term.**

The YEAR 6 'MOVING ON' ASSEMBLY will now be held on the afternoon of Friday 20 July

FOUNDATION STAGE NEWS

2018 RECEPTION PLACE

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2018 you should have received notification of which school they have been allocated on Monday this week (National Offer Day). **Please remember that the last date for accepting these places is 27 April 2018**



NURSERY DOORS – OPENING TIMES

In newsletter 598 we published the door opening times for our Nursery. Unfortunately there has been an amendment to this information. The updated times are as follows;

Morning session - Doors open at 8.45 and close at 8.50. Doors re-open at 11.40 to 11.45.

Afternoon session - Doors open at 12.15 and close at 12.20. Doors re-open at 3.10 to 3.15.

Please ensure that all children are dropped off and collected promptly; prompt collection of morning children is of particular importance as staff only have 30 minutes to have lunch and prepare the Nursery for the afternoon session.

If children are late please report to the school office – Nursery gates will be locked once the session starts to maintain security of the site and safety of the pupils and staff.

CLOAKROOM - In order to minimise congestion in the Nursery Cloakroom we are now recommending that when children arrive they simply hang up their coats and come straight into Nursery. There is **no need to change their footwear into sandals**, appropriate footwear is fine; **but please NO LACES.**

30 Hour Nursery places?

As we have mentioned previously we are considering the viability of offering self-funding 30 hour places within our Nursery (*i.e. 15 hours would be free but the additional 15 hours parents would pay for*). However before we can offer 30 hour places we need to assess the demand for these additional PAID hours. Prior to the Easter holidays Mrs Godfrey issued a survey to the parents/carers of our 2-3 year old pupils. This survey is open to everyone, including parents who do not currently have children in our school. If you are interested in 30 hours or know of anyone who is, please complete the survey. We will only start offering 30 hours if there is a demand for this service. If you have mislaid your survey and would like a copy please pop into the school office.



Handouts issued this week were:-
- Medication Forms
- Leaflet – Wildcats Girls Football



Are you ready to have fun, play games, meet new friends, go on a pack holiday or camp, make things, go on a day trips and loads, loads more? Well if you are then why not go along to Percy Main Parish Centre on a Thursday evening to join in the adventure! Two groups are available and **both boys & girls** are welcome to join;

Beavers - Age 6 – 8 years (6.00 to 7.00 pm)

Cubs - Age 8 - 10½ years (6.00 to 7.30 pm)

Scouts – Age 10½ - 14 years (7.30 to 9.00 pm)

FREE Healthy4Life Clubs

If you are worried about your child's weight The Parks Sports Centre offer fun, friendly physical activity and lifestyle sessions for you and your child. These FREE clubs run for 10 weeks on the following dates;

➤ Tuesday 8 May – Tuesday 17 July
4.00-5.30 p.m. (Ages 4 – 7 years)

➤ Wednesday 9 May – Wednesday 18 July
4.15 – 6.15 p.m. (8+ years)

There are limited free places so find out more by contacting Healthy4life telephone 0191 643 7454 or email: chat@northtyneside.gov.uk



We were delighted to welcome three students to our school this week. These student teachers are all final placement PGCE students studying at Newcastle University and they will be with us until July. We are fully committed to supporting all teacher training programmes and are delighted to be recognised by the universities as one of their preferred placement schools. The students will predominately be working in the following year groups;

Alexcia Sophocleous – Year 2

Laura Wilson – Year 4

Richard Smith – Year 1

We do hope that they enjoy their time with us and find it beneficial to the development of their future career.

