



## Newsletter - Autumn 2 2022

Welcome back to Autumn 2 Term. I hope the children enjoyed their Autumn break and made the most of the mild weather we were lucky enough to have. Children all looked fantastic in their Halloween costumes just before the break and enjoyed their discos/parties.

Autumn 1 was very successful with children settling quickly into new year groups and adjusting to their new curriculums. There continues to be a calm, respectful atmosphere around school with all

children enthusiastically engaged in their learning. We have also introduced our new school values and children have been working hard to demonstrate these in many areas of school life.

We try to keep parents informed of all the fantastic things happening in school and what our children are learning via Class Dojo, our school Facebook and individual class pages on our school website. Please ensure you check these regularly.

Thank you to those who could attend our information coffee mornings and parent's evenings last term, parent/teacher partnerships are extremely important in supporting children's learning.

We are very excited to get started this half-term with lots of fun things planned in the lead up to Christmas - it is set to be a very busy one. Please familiarise yourself with some reminders below and also some important dates in the attached calendar.

Thank you

## Attendance and Punctuality

School starts for all children at 8.45am, classroom doors close at 8.50am with registers closing at 8.50am, by this point children are already 5 minutes late. If your child arrives after this time, this means the class register has already closed and for safeguarding reasons, children must enter school through the main reception door to ensure they are signed in and they are marked onto their register in case of any emergencies.

If your child is absent, as per school policy, you must inform the school office either by telephone, voicemail or via email by 9.30am on each day of absence.

## PE Days

Class PE days may have changed this half-term, please ensure you keep up to date via Class Dojo. Children should come to school on their PE day in PE uniform. As per our School Uniform Policy<sup>1</sup>, this must be a **plain** white t-shirt, black shorts, leggings or jogging bottoms and plain black trainers. Children can also wear a black hoody (optional) or their school jumper/cardigan.

## Parking - Local Residents and Yellow Lines

Last year, we received a large amount of concerns from our local residents about the parking outside of school and along Ringway. This included blocking full and part driveways, double parking and parents being rude when challenged about this.

Despite numerous communications and reminders from school, it is disappointing that that these issues are still ongoing.

EVERY DAY there continues to be parents parking on the yellow lines outside of school that are there for the safety of our children arriving to and leaving school. **The yellow lines should not be parked on at any time before, after or during the school day.**

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<sup>1</sup><http://www.ringwayprimaryschool.co.uk/website/uniform/205842>

**Just before the half-term break, there was an accident on these lines - had a child have been crossing between these cars, this would have resulted in a very serious injury.**

Our school curriculum teaches children about the importance of following rules and laws and about being mindful, respectful citizens. We would like our parents/carers to also support us in doing this.

We will continue to work with the local highways department at Northumberland County Council and our Community Police who have assured us that they will be having a more regular presence outside of school and on-the-spot fines will be issued to anyone who stops on the yellow lines.

## School Dinners

Please remember to order your child's dinners on ParentPay before Thursday for the following week (text message will be sent each week to remind you). If you do not order, your child will be given the main hot option each day.

## Christmas Trips



We have booked our annual pantomime visits to Whitley Bay Playhouse for Year 1 - 6. Each class have also organised a Christmas visit. Our fundraising fund has been used to subsidise some of the transport costs for these visits but there is still some costs we need to rely on parents to cover.

We are aware the current cost of living crisis is causing financial implications for many families and therefore we have set up ParentPay payment plans to allow parents to make payments from as little as £1 towards the balance and ask that you aim for the full balance be paid by the end of the half-term.

Please contact school if there any issues with this and we can arrange for the payment plan to be extended.

## Forest School Sessions

Forest school sessions will continue this half-term for each class - please see calendar below for individual class dates. The sessions go ahead in all weathers, and as the weather will get colder over the term, please ensure children have appropriate warm, waterproof clothing and shoes. This half-term we suggest children have:

- A warm, waterproof coat.
- Wellies - we have a supply of these in school if your child does not have their own.
- A hat, scarf and gloves.
- Thick socks.
- A spare pair of socks.
- A spare set of clothes to change into after the session if needed.

## Christmas Raffle Donations



On Friday 11th November, children are invited to wear non-uniform and we ask for a donation towards our Christmas raffle. This could be sweets, chocolates, alcohol, toys, toiletries, gift sets, books etc. We also welcome voucher donations from local businesses if you have any links to any businesses.

We will be having a Christmas Fayre/ Christmas shopping Evening on Wednesday 30th November from 5pm-6.30pm. There will be stalls from different sellers as well as a raffle/ tombola and refreshments. If anyone is interest in having a stall, for a small donation to school, please contact our school office.

## Christmas Jumper Swap



Following the success of our Halloween costume swap, we would like repeat this for Christmas Jumper day. If you have any jumpers/ festive clothing you can donate, please can these be brought into school by Monday 28th November.

The swap dates will be Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd December in the school hall from 3pm -3.30pm.

The official Christmas Jumper day is Thursday 8th December.

## Children In Need



We will be supporting Children in Need on Friday 18th November. Children are welcome to come into school wearing something bright, wearing pyjamas or something Pudsey/Blush. Donations will be able to be made via ParentPay from Monday 14th November.

## Class Dojo Points Tuck Shop

This half-term, our School Council will be re-introducing their school tuck shop. Children will have the opportunity to visit the tuck shop once every half-term to spend the Class Dojo points they have earned the previous term. The tuck shop will consist of:

- Science activities.
- Small toys.
- Sweets.
- A selection of fruit
- Juice cups

New stock will be added each term. Children will be limited to purchasing one item of sweets or chocolate and one carton of juice per visit - please inform your child's class teacher if you wish for your child not to use any of their points on any sweets.



## School Home Reading Tracker Reminder



## Online Safety Guides for Parents

We all have a part to play in keeping children safe online, please follow this <sup>2</sup>link for online safety guides from the NSPCC.

## School Calendar for Autumn 2 Term 2022

Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Children return to school
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	House winners Non-uniform
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Forest School
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Non-uniform - Raffle donation
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Forest School
WB Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week
WB Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Maths Week
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Forest School
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Forest School
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 and Year 2 visit to Rising Sun
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Deadline for Christmas Jumper donations.
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Fayre Evening 5pm-6.30pm
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Swap - School Hall 3pm-3.30pm
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Swap - School Hall 3pm-3.30pm
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Nursery visit to the Rising Sun
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 1 Forest School
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and Year 6 Pizza and Slatting
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3/4 Polar Express Night 3.15pm-5pm
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception trip to Ambleside Castle Marina
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Xmas Jumper Day
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Xmas Dinner Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Forest School
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1 and 2 Performances (pm) (TBC)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery/Reception Performances (am) (TBC)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3 and 4 trip to Pantomime (pm)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 1, 5 and 6 trip to Pantomime (am)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 trip to Pantomime (am)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 5 and 6 Performances (pm) (TBC)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3 and 4 Performances (am) (TBC)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 and 6 Film afternoon (pm)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Forest School
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Party (pm)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Nursery/Reception Christmas Party (am)
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Party (pm)
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	School finishes for Christmas break at 1.30pm

- Year 3 and 4 Christmas Visit date still to be confirmed.

<sup>2</sup><https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

## TERM DATES 2022/2023

HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	MONDAY 5 SEPTEMBER 2022	
Summer 2022	Thursday 21 July 2022	Tuesday 6 September 2022
October Mid Term 2022	Friday 21 October 2022	Monday 31 October 2022
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	Monday 9 JANUARY 2023	
Christmas/New Year 22/23	Friday 23 December 2022	Tuesday 10 January 2023
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	FRIDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2023	
Spring Mid Term 2023	Friday 17 February 2023	Monday 27 February 2023
	Monday 17 APRIL 2023	
Easter 2023	Friday 31 March 2023	Tuesday 18 April 2023
MAY DAY	MONDAY 1 MAY 2023	
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	FRIDAY 26 MAY 2023	
Summer Mid Term 2023	Thursday 25 May 2023	Monday 5 June 2023
Summer 2023	Friday 21 July 2023	Monday 4 September 2023