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Newsletter no. 8

20th January 2023

Upcoming events

Monday 23rd January

Y4 swimming pm

After school Football 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday 24th January

Y3 Multiskills Festival am

Chinese New Year themed lunch

RE Ambassadors lunchtime

Digital maths/homework club

lunchtime

Little Movers after school club

3.15-4.15pm

Y6 SATS Booster 3.15-4.15pm

First Holy Communion Parents

Meeting 7.00pm

Wednesday 25th January

Y2 Open Morning 9.00am

Guitar Club lunchtime

Family Learning (Church Hall)

Building your child's confidence

and self esteem 1.00pm

Y6 Dental Survey pm

KS2 Tag Rugby 3.15-4.15pm

Thursday 26th January

Y4 Open Morning 9.00pm

Choir lunchtime

School Council lunchtime

KS2 Gymnastics 3.15-4.15pm

Friday 27th January

Y5 visit to Jarrow Hall all day

Girls Football 3.15-4.15pm

Monday 30th January

Y4 swimming pm

After school Football 3.15-4.15pm

Tuesday 31st January

Y6 Open Morning 9.00am

Digital maths/homework club

lunchtime

Little Movers after school club

3.15-4.15pm

Y6 SATS Booster 3.15-4.15pm

Wednesday 1st February

Reception Open Morning 9.00am

Family Learning (Church Hall)

Healthy Cooking on a budget

1.00pm

NSPCC - Speak out Stay safe

assemblies KS1 & KS2 pm

Dear Parents and Carers

(Belated) welcome back! I hope that you all had a restful fortnight away during Christmas, though it does sound as though many families were affected by the Winter bug that seems to have been doing the rounds.

Family Learning

Our Family Learning sessions begin next week. The sessions that are available are:

- *Confidence and self esteem (25th January)*
- *Cooking on a budget (1st February)*
- *Story time: Encouraging learning through reading (8th February)*

These sessions are for one-week only, with parents accessing the session from 1.00-2.00pm, and children joining from 2.00pm onwards.

We also have an 8 week programme on *mental wellbeing for children* starting on 15th February.

Unfortunately, we have had a very low take up on the Story Time and Mental wellbeing for children sessions. We can leave the booking form open for all the sessions for the next couple of weeks, but if there are not many more parents, **these sessions may need to be postponed**. Remember, these sessions are to support both you and your child and have been extremely well received by parents in the past.

To book yourself on these, click on this link [Family Learning Booking Form](#)

Lost Property

We have a number of items in our lost property box. This includes a car key! If you recognise any of the items and would like them back, please pop into the school office.

We also have a bag of gloves (many odd!), hats, scarves etc.

Next Friday, we will put these out on a table outside the office. Please come along and see if you recognise any of them. Any that are not collected will be placed in the clothing bin outside the school gates. We will do this at the end of every month.



Industrial Action

You may be aware from media coverage that teaching members of the National Education Union (NEU) have declared strike action. The strikes will take place on 1 and 28 February, 15 and 16 March 2023. The strike is happening in result of a national dispute between the union and the government over pay and funding, and not because of any issues in our school.

At this stage, the potential disruption is unknown. We are in the process of considering several options. Not all of our staff are members of this union, but depending on the staff participation in the strike action, we are considering plans for potential school closure for some classes.

We intend to minimise any disruption for parents and pupils, and will endeavour to avoid school closure or partial closure wherever possible.

I will inform you of the final arrangements as soon as possible.

We recognise and respect the right of our staff to take part in industrial action and ask that all members of our community continue to treat each other with respect. I

KS2 Tag Rugby 3.15-4.15pm
First Holy Communion session for pupils 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 2nd February
Y4 Class Mass in Church 9.15am
 Choir lunchtime
 School Council lunchtime
 KS2 Gymnastics 3.15-4.15pm
Friday 3rd February
NSPCC Number Day
 Girls Football 3.15-4.15pm
Sunday 5th February
First Holy Communion Special Liturgy 11.00am

understand that this situation may be frustrating and apologise for any potential disruption caused. Thank you for your support and understanding.

Poppy Appeal

Thank you for the donations to the poppy appeal last term. We were able to raise £95 for the Royal British Legion.

Weekend Football Match

Good luck to Middlesbrough in their big match against their weaker opponents Sunderland on Sunday. Up the Boro!



Take care,
 Mr P Craig
 Headteacher

Dates for the rest of term

Tuesday 24th January	Y3 Multiskills, Temple Park 9.30-11.30am
	First Holy Communion Parents Meeting 7.00pm
Wednesday 25th January	Y2 Open Morning 9.00-10.00am
	Family Learning in Church Hall 1.00-3.00pm
	Community Dental Survey Y6 pm in school
Thursday 26th January	Y4 Open Morning 9.00-10.00am
Friday 27th January	Y5 Jarrow Hall all day
Tuesday 31st January	Y6 Open Morning 9.00-10.00am
Wednesday 1st February	Reception Open Morning 9.00-10.00am
	NSPCC - Speak Out Stay Safe assemblies KS1 & KS2 pm in school
	Family Learning in Church Hall 1.00-3.00pm
	First Holy Communion Session 3 in Church 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 2nd February	Year 4 Class Mass in Church 9.15am
Friday 3rd February	NSPCC - Number Day (Details to follow)
Sunday 5th February	First Holy Communion Special Liturgy
Monday 6th February	Girls Football CV League pm, Hebburn Comp
Tuesday 7th February	Open Morning Y5 9.00-10.00am
	NSPCC - Stay Safe Speak Out Y5/6 workshops pm in school
Wednesday 8th February	Family Learning in Church Hall 1.00-3.00pm
Thursday 9th February	Y3 Open Morning 9.00-10.00am

	Y5 Openzone all day (children to arrive in school by 8.40am)
Sunday 12th February	First Holy Communion Special Liturgy
Tuesday 14th February	Y1 Open Morning 9.00-10.100am
Wednesday 15th February	Y2 Great Fire of London Theme Day
	Y5 Groundworks session pm in school
	Family Learning in Church Hall 1.00-3.00pm
	First Holy Communion Session 4 in Church 3.30-4.30pm
Friday 17th February	Break the Rules Day (Details to follow)
	EYFS/KS1 Gold Book Assembly 9.15am
Monday 20th - Friday 24th February Half Term	
Monday 27th February	Mindful/Art Club Y5/Y6 (lunch every Monday)
	Y3 Swimming until 27th March
	First Holy Communion Parents Meeting 7.00pm
Wednesday 1st March	Family Learning in Church Hall 1.00-3.00pm
	First Holy Communion Session 5 in Church 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 1st March	Parents' Evening A
Thursday 2nd March	World Book Day (Details to follow)
Sunday 5th March	First Holy Communion Special Liturgy
Monday 6th March	Photographer in school
Tuesday 7th March	Reception Class Liturgy in school 9.00am
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Wednesday 8th March	Family Learning in Church Hall 1.00-3.00pm
Thursday 9th March	Reception Multisport Festival am, Temple Park
Friday 10th March	Girls Football CV league pm, Hebburn Compl
Sunday 5th March	First Holy Communion Special Liturgy
Monday 13th March	'Kindness Matters' Week (Details to follow)
Tuesday 14th March	Rock Kidz in school (Details to follow)
Wednesday 15th March	Family Learning in Church Hall 1.00-3.00pm
	First Holy Communion Session 6 in Church 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 16th March	Year 5 Class Mass in Church 9.15am
	First Holy Communion Parents Meeting 7.00pm
Friday 17th March	'Kindness Matters' Super Learning Day (Details to follow)

Tuesday 21st March	Football Gidney League 3.30pm
	Y4 Music Festival Performance 6.30pm (Details to follow)
Wednesday 22nd March	Family Learning in Church Hall 1.00-3.00pm
	Y1 Music Festival Performance 6.30pm (Details to follow)
Friday 24th March	Movie Night
Tuesday 28th March	Easter Egg Competition
Wednesday 29th March	Girls Football CV League pm at Temple Park
	Family Learning in Church Hall 1.00-3.00pm
	First Holy Communion Session 6 in Church 3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 30th March	Y5/Y6 Tag Rugby League am
	KS2 Gold Book Assembly 2.15pm
Friday 31st March	Stations of the Cross service in Church 9.15am

Monday 3rd - Friday 14th April Easter break
Pupils return on Monday 17th April