

Ferryhill Station Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

First of all I would like to thank everyone who donated to our MacMillan Coffee Morning last week. We raised £43.00 for the cause and the children enjoyed a lovely selection of cakes and juice in their classrooms which was a nice treat for them.

I'd like to take the opportunity to remind you that children should not come onto the school grounds until it is time for them to go into school. This reduces congestion and helps with social distancing. Also, if your child is in key Stage 1 (Reception, Y1 and Y2) then they should be escorted to school with a parent or carer and stay with their adult until the staff take them into school.

Once again, I would like to reiterate how well the children are managing under our 'new normal' arrangements and it has been an absolute pleasure having them back in the class rooms again.

Mrs. Sones (Temporary Head Teacher)

Flu Vaccination

We would like to take the opportunity to remind you that the School Nurses will be visiting school on 21st October 2020 to provide children with their flu vaccinations for this year. This is a simple nasal spray and will be carried out under current guidelines to keep everyone safe.

It is very important that we vaccinate as many people as possible, especially under current circumstances, as the flu season draws upon us.

This will help keep your children, you and your families safe this winter. If your child has not sent their consent form back to the school office, we will assume that you do not wish your child to be vaccinated.

ParentPay

If you pay for your child's school meals, please remember to look at your ParentPay account regularly. This is updated every Friday with new balances for payment.

At the moment, only school meal money is taken via ParentPay, however, as we move forward, all payment items will move onto ParentPay as we work to become a cashless school and all parents/carers will need to set up an account at some stage.

Illness and Medical Appointments

We would like to remind you that if your child becomes unwell and

In-School Dates to Remember

Children in Need

Friday 13th November 2020

**Children to come in non-uniform or fancy dress.
Suggested donation £1 per child**

Term Dates

October Half-Term begins

Saturday 24th October 2020

School re-opens

Monday 2nd November 2020

Christmas Holidays 2020

Saturday 19th December 2020

Spring Half-term

Saturday 13th February 2021

cannot attend school, you must ring the school office before 9.00am and leave a message on the Pupil Absence voicemail. This will avoid the need for your child to be marked with an unauthorized absence, and will help us to adhere to our Safeguarding policies. We are aware that things are difficult at the moment, however we do wish to maintain good contact with parents and carers.

If your child needs to attend a medical appointment, please make these appointments after 2pm where possible and please ensure you provide some evidence of this appointment for our records.

Back to School Support Fund

We understand that a lot of people in the County will have fallen into financial difficulty over recent months due to the coronavirus outbreak and Durham County Council have provided us with a small fund which allows us to provide essential items of uniform to those children in need. This includes school jumpers, trousers/skirts and shoes. We have taken the decision to provide these items in a size larger than what the child currently wears.

If you feel you would benefit from accessing this fund, we would appreciate it if you could email ferryhillstation@durhamlearning.net informing us of your wish to apply, with some basic details of your requirements. This is **not** a means tested application, and therefore anyone is eligible to apply and all information will be treated in the strictest confidence. Applications should be received in school no later than 23rd October 2020 for consideration.

We must remind you that the funding available to us is extremely limited, and when applications are received we will look at each application on their own circumstances.

Nursery Changes

We have already sent a letter and a text message to those of you who have children who attend our Nursery, but as a reminder to you; Nursery will run four days a week as of 5th October 2020 from 8.30am until 12.15pm Monday to Thursday. Children will be provided with a drink and a snack during that time.