

Ferryhill Station News

April/May 2022

A Message from Mrs J Sones - School Headteacher

We have had a great first half term of the Summer term and we still have lots of fun and exciting things planned for the children.

This academic year seems to be flying by and it is hard to believe that it is May half term already! This term, our children and staff starting to enjoy the warmer weather and we are always happy to see the sun shining, let's hope the lovely spring weather continues so we can make the most of it.

This term is an important one in terms of the academic progress of all of our children. Our Year 2 and Year 6 children have now completed their statutory assessments and I would like to take this opportunity to personally say well done to them all, they all worked extremely hard and we are all very proud of them.

Our Year 1 and Year 4 children will be having their Phonics screening and Multiplication Check after the half term holiday. All of our children have worked very hard this year and we are all very proud of their achievements.

As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Pinkowski in the school office, she is here to help you all and will liaise with myself to resolve any queries or concerns that you may have.

Thank you for your continued support and very best wishes.

Enjoy the half term holiday, have fun and we all look forward to seeing you all back in school to enjoy the last half term of the year.

Our Latest School News and Information

OUR SCHOOL OFFICE

Following on from the email sent by Mrs Sones, we would like to remind parents and carers of the communication systems in school. We are a very small, busy school and we only have one person in our school office; Mrs Pinkowski. She has a very wide range of jobs and responsibilities within our school and we appreciate that in larger schools there are several people to do all the jobs that she does. As we only have one person, we know that it is impossible for our telephone to be answered every single time it rings. Mrs Pinkowski does her very best, however, when her work takes her away from her desk, she obviously can't always answer the phone. This is why we have ensured there are several ways parents can contact and communicate with school:



Our telephone system has an answer machine, with the option to leave a general message or an absence message.



You can contact us by email – our school email address is ferryhillstation@durhamlearning.net



You can contact us through Class Dojo where messages will be picked up by your child's class teacher and passed to Mrs Pinkowski if necessary.

If you call and we do not answer the telephone, please leave a message and Mrs Pinkowski will get back to you as soon as possible.

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL

As we are all aware, we have been having some issues with our school crossing patrol lately. Durham County Council are aware of the issues and would like to thank our parents and carers for their help. Please can we ask that you report any issues, concerns and the times when the crossing is unmanned to Mrs Pinkowski in the school office who will then pass on the information to Durham County Council. We appreciate your help and support with this.

TEACHER TRAINING DAYS

We have to teaching training days coming up in June; **Thursday 16th June** and **Friday 17th June**. School will close at the end of the school day on Wednesday 15th June and will reopen Monday 20th June.

HEALTHIER LUNCHES FOR CHILDREN

We recently sent out an email to all parents/carers in relation to providing healthier lunches for children. We have noticed recently that children are bringing in some of the items listed below or more than one chocolate biscuit in their packed lunches. To ensure consistency and to keep packed lunches in line with food standards for school meals, packed lunches should not contain the following:

- Fizzy / sugary drinks in cartons, bottles or cans
- Chocolate bars / sweets / confectionary
- High sugar cereal bars and fruit bars
- Chocolate spread as a filling for sandwiches (this can contain nuts)
- Chewing gum
- Sugared / toffee and salted popcorn
- Nuts or any products containing nuts

Please can we ask if you are putting a sweet biscuit (a Kit Kat or a penguin biscuit etc) in your child's packed lunch, that you only put one alongside some fruit, a yogurt or jelly etc.

HEAD LICE

We have had a few cases of head lice in school recently, please check your child/children's hair regularly and treat accordingly.

UNIFORM DONATIONS

In order to help our families and for our families to help each other, we are going to introduce a pre-loved uniform rail in school. If anyone has any uniform (including shoes and trainers) that no longer fits their child but is still in good condition for other children to wear, please drop it in to the school office. The rail will be put out in the reception area on a Friday afternoon for parents to help themselves, please feel free to take what you want/need.

Our Upcoming Events

SCHOOL TRIPS

Hardwick Park – Wednesday 15th June 2022

This trip is for our Year 3 and Year 4 children a part of their Geography topic. They will take part in a map reading workshop and do some orienteering around the park. A letter with more information will be sent home soon.

Careers Event at the Beacon of Light, Sunderland – Monday 20th June 2022

This trip is for our Year 6 children, it is a full day careers event and the aim of this is to introduce the children to a wide variety of careers and they will work around different workshops throughout the day based on different career paths. A letter with more information will be sent home soon.

CHILDREN'S CANCER RUN AT SCHOOL – Tuesday 21st June 2022

We are very excited to be holding our very own Children's Cancer Run at school this summer!

All of the funds we raise from this event will improve the lives of children with cancer. Anything you donate will help Children's Cancer North invest in life-saving research into new treatments and on-ward activities for children going through treatment right now.

We have an online fundraising page all set up and ready to go – you can view the page and donate at <https://childrenscancernorth.enthuse.com/pf/ferryhill-station-primary-chilton-lane-dl17-0db>

We would like to thank you in advance for your donations and for helping make a difference.

BRAKE'S KIDS WALK ROAD SAFETY CAMPAIGN – Wednesday 22nd June

Brake, the road safety charity, is delighted to announce the return of its road safety campaign Brake's Kids Walk.

On Wednesday 22 June 2022, thousands of schoolchildren across the UK will take part in a short, supervised walk to share important road safety messages and speak up for their right to be able to walk in their community without fear or threat from traffic or pollution.

Brake's Kids Walk is a great way to inspire and engage children about the dangers they face and raise awareness among parents, carers and the wider community about the need to protect children on our roads.

Our Recent Updates

This section provides updates and information from all the latest activities and events in school.

QUIDDITCH DAY

All of our children enjoyed this, they all had lots of fun playing Quidditch on our school field. The children were split into the four houses and played games against each other. They played once without broomsticks and once with broomsticks. At the end of their game, everyone took part in a flying picture to celebrate the day.

QUEEN'S JUBILEE EVENT IN SCHOOL

Thank you to everyone who came along to this event in school to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. It was lovely to see lots of our parents/carers in school again enjoying time with their children and having fun taking part in the games and activities. The event was a great success and we raised a total of **£275.55**, this is an amazing amount of money that will go into our defibrillator fund. We have received some lovely feedback from parents/carers and we look forward to our next event in school, whenever that may be.

Dates for your Diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
Friday 27 th May 2022	School CLOSES for half term The half term break is 1 week
Monday 6 th June 2022	School REOPENS today
Wednesday 15 th June	Year 2 and Year 4 Trip Hardwick Park
Thursday 16 th June 2022	School is CLOSED – Staff Training (PD days) in school
Friday 17 th June 2022	
Monday 20 th June	Year 6 Trip Careers Event at the Beacon of Light, Sunderland
Tuesday 21 st June 2022	Children's Cancer Run in School