



Ferryhill Station Primary School News

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A Message from Mrs J Sones - School Headteacher

Half-term is inching ever nearer and I wanted to take the opportunity to once again thank all parents and carers for your support during the first half term of this school year. We have enjoyed a busy and varied start to this academic year. The children have enjoyed a colour run and our Macmillan coffee morning, both were a huge success.

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.

Please keep reading for our latest news and updates.

Thank you for your continued support.

Latest News and Updates

MacMillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone that came along to our coffee morning, it was lovely to see you all enjoying a cup of tea or coffee with a cake or biscuit. We would also like to thank all of our parents/carers and children who visited our cake stall at the end of the school day. We are delighted to tell you, we raised an amazing **£124.92** for this worthy cause. Thank you.

PRELOVED School Uniform and SWAP SHOP

We have a good selection of PRELOVED uniform in school. We have various sizes available.

We would like to thank you all for your donations so far. We are happy to continue taking donations in school. If you have any unworn uniform that your child no longer wears and it is still in good condition, please drop it in to the school office.

Please contact Mrs Pinkowski in our school office if you would like to arrange to come into school to have a look at what we have available. Alternatively, Mrs Pinkowski will also be more than happy to have a look for your chosen size and arrange for you to collect if this is easier for you.

Attendance

Good school attendance is crucial to academic success. We monitor and analyse our school attendance and the attendance of each child weekly and as soon as attendance dips below 95%, this could result in a phone call or a request for an attendance meeting in school.

This year, we will be sharing the attendance of each year regularly. It is important that our parents and carers are aware of the attendance across school.

Attendance
Week ending – 14/10/2022

Reception	78.02%
Year 1	95.47%
Year 2	95.34%
Year 3	85.04%
Year 4	77.53%
Year 5	94.66%
Year 6	91.88%

If your child is absent from school, please **REMEMBER** to contact the school office on their first day of absence.



Colour Run

Last week, we had our first colour run in school and what a memorable event it was. The children had great fun running around the course while being showered in colour. From head to toe, the children looked like rainbows and they made lifelong memories with their peers. We would like to thank the staff from SSP for delivering the event and helping make the event lots of fun for our children.

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe from harm is our number one priority in school. We will always act upon any concern's individuals have, or any disclosures from children. However, if you have any concerns outside of school, or if you have a concern about a child or young person's welfare, it is essential that you call First Contact on: 03000 267979.

Parking

Please can we remind all parents and carers to be considerate when parking around school at the beginning and end of the school day. Please be mindful of the children and pedestrians that will be around at these times.

Cauliflower Christmas Card Project

This year, we are taking part in the Cauliflower Cards Christmas Project. Your child will create a Christmas card design in school. They will bring their designs home for you to order their personalised design on cards, mugs, gift tags etc. online. Once the designs come home with your child and an order is placed, please return the design to school by **Thursday 3rd November**. All designs will be collected by Cauliflower Cards on Monday 7th November for processing.

Class 4 (Year 4 and 5) Visit

On **Thursday 20th October** children in Class 4, Year 5/6 are going to a Tag Rugby Event at Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club, Sports Club.

Please can you ensure your child has their PE trainers in school for this event. Your child will get changed in school into their PE kit to attend the event. To ensure your child is warm to travel to and from the event, they can bring in some jogging trousers to wear over their PE shorts.

Your child will need a packed lunch for the visit. If your child is entitled to free school meals, they can be provided with a free packed lunch prepared by our school kitchen. Your child can also bring their own packed lunch from home if they wish. Please let Mrs Pinkowski know your child's option (school packed lunch or home packed lunch) by the end of the school day on **Monday 17th October**.

Class 1 (Nursery and Reception) Visit

There is a trip to Hardwick Park for children in Reception Class, Nursery (3-Year-Olds) and the 2-Year-Old Nursery on **Thursday 20th October**.

Reception Class

Children in Reception Class should wear their school uniform, a warm coat and suitable footwear.

Children in Reception Class can be provided with a school packed lunch or bring a packed lunch in from home. Please let Mrs Pinkowski know your child's lunch option (school packed lunch or home packed lunch) by the end of the school day on **Monday 17th October**.

Nursery 3-Year-Olds (morning sessions)

Children in our 3-year-old nursery should wear either their school uniform (if they have one) or warm suitable clothing, a warm coat and suitable footwear.

Our 3-year-old nursery children will need to bring a packed lunch from home for this trip. They will eat it at Hardwick Park before returning to school at around 1.30pm after the trip. The children will go home on their return, please collect your child from school at 1.30pm.

Nursery 2-Year-Olds (afternoon sessions)

Children in our 2-year-old nursery **will need** to attend for the morning session instead of the normal afternoon session to be included in this trip.

Our 2-year-old children will need to bring a packed lunch from home which they will eat at Hardwick Park before returning to school at around 1.30pm after this trip. The children will go home on their return.

Please note: Children in our 2-year-old nursery will need to be accompanied by an adult on this trip to ensure we are covered with staff ratios. If parents/carers do not wish to attend this trip with their child, please let Mrs Pinkowski know as soon as possible so she can update attendance and numbers. If your child does not attend, there will be no nursery session available as we have moved the afternoon session to the morning to accommodate all of our early year's children.

Applying for a Primary School Place for September 2023

The deadline for applications for applying for Reception in September 2023 is **Sunday 15th January 2023**. To apply, please follow the link below.

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2189/Apply-now-for-a-primary-school-place-deadline-15-January-2023>

Applying for a Secondary School Place for September 2023

All parents and carers of pupils in Year 6 should have received a letter regarding Secondary School place applications. The deadline for applications is **Monday 31st October 2022**. To apply, please follow the link below.

<https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/2192/Apply-now-for-a-secondary-school-place-deadline-31-October-2022>

Parents Evening

Our Parents Evenings will be held week commencing **7th November 2022**. Appointments will be available through Teachers 2 Parents after the October half term break.

Halloween Party

We will be hosting a Halloween Party in school for children in Reception – Year 6 on **Tuesday 1st November**. More information will be sent via email to all parents and carers next week.

Diary Dates

Thursday 20 th October	Class 1 School Trip Hardwick Park (9.15am – 1.30pm)
	Class 4 (Year 5/6) Tag Rugby Event at Newton Aycliffe Rugby Club
Tuesday 1 st November	Halloween Party
Thursday 3 rd November	Cauliflower Card Designs – please return to school by today
Week commencing 7 th November	Parents Evening Appointments available on Teachers 2 Parents after half term
14 th November – 18 th November	Anti-bullying Week
18 th November	Children in Need More information to follow via email
9 th December	Christmas Jumper Day More information to follow via email
13 th December	Panto More information to follow via email
12 th and 14 th December	Early Years and KS1 Nativity Performance More information to follow via email
14 th December and 15 th December	KS2 Carols Around the Christmas Tree More information to follow via email
16 th December	Class 1 and Class 2 Christmas Party More information to follow via email
19 th December	Class 3 and Class 4 Christmas Party More information to follow via email