



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Our Rights Respecting thought for this newsletter is Article 29 - 'Education should develop each child's personality and talents to the full.'



## MacMillan Cancer Support Coffee Day - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October

Just a reminder that we are holding our coffee morning/day next Friday and the tickets for this event are still available to buy through the school gateway. You have until Monday 27<sup>th</sup> you buy your ticket and we will then issue tickets to grown-ups with your allocated time on. As we continue to keep everybody safe, it is really important that we know how many people are coming into school so you will need to bring your ticket with you on the day. If you have more than one child with us at school then we will bring them into the same time slot.

As you know, this is a charity very close to our hearts and it is held this year in memory of Mr Marshall. There will be a Fairtrade raffle and a collection box if anyone wishes to contribute to our memorial fund for Mr Marshall.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you here next Friday and thank you for your support.

## Phonics and Reading guidance meeting - Year 1 and Year 2 Parents

Look out for invitations early next week, through the app, to Reading and Phonics Parent Information Sessions.

It is so important to share with you our renewed approach, built firmly on existing practice and updated national research, to ensure our children become fluent readers and have a love of books.

We are looking to hold sessions both virtually and in-person, at the end of a school day and later on an afternoon, to make sure we reach as many of you as we possibly can.

Please try your best to join us. Thank you.

## Morrisons - 'It's good to grow' scheme

Our growing area is a very important part of our school curriculum and all of our children enjoy growing things and investigating where our food comes from. Morrisons have started their voucher scheme once again which would enable us to receive gardening equipment for the school. They have also developed a schools programme to help inspire children to get outdoors, grow, learn and enjoy fresh produce.

If you shop at Morrisons, or know of anyone who does, could you please ask them to collect the vouchers on our behalf. For every £10 that is spent in store or online, they will receive 1 Grow Token that we can redeem for a wide range of gardening and growing equipment.



## Caretaker Vacancy - do you fit the bill?

We are seeking to appoint a reliable, hard-working caretaker/handyperson who is committed to the life of our school, can keep high standards of maintenance and cleanliness and be a key member of our school team. If you know of anyone who might be interested, the post is advertised on the North-East jobs website and on our own website. The closing date for applications is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October.

## Scamps Holiday Childcare - October Half Term (Mon-Fri)

Our childcare provision is going to be available again this coming October. Knowing our numbers well in advance will help us plan best for staffing and activities - so booking is open from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. Childcare runs from 8.30am until 4pm. Children will need a packed lunch and each day will have themed activities to entertain the children.

The cost of the childcare is £12.50 per day or £50 if you book all 5 days in advance. There will also be a 50% discount for a sibling attending the same days. 5 days childcare for 2 siblings for only £75 - or one day childcare for 2 siblings for only £18.75! If you are interested, and your child already attends Scamps, then please book and pay via the school gateway. If you are not registered with Scamps and you would like your child to attend one or more of the holiday club days, then please contact the school office to request details of how to register and pay online.

## Friendly Reminder - outstanding money due to school

I am sure that you will understand that we have a duty to ensure we collect and use school income as effectively as possible for the benefit of our children. We run our Scamps wraparound care club as close to 'break-even' point as we can, to ensure we keep costs as low as possible for parents. To do this we rely on everyone paying any bills in full and paying in advance when booking sessions. We are regularly audited and our annual external audit is coming in a few weeks. Please ensure that you settle any outstanding debt as a matter of urgency. The expectation is that we pursue any outstanding debts due to school and we would very much appreciate your support with this.

## Book Fair

Reading and developing a love of reading is so important. Not only does it enable children to access the wider curriculum but losing ourselves in the world of reading is great for our well-being. It has been lovely to see so many children choose and buy a book from the book fair this week. There was a huge range of quality texts for the children and I know that the children will love sharing their new books with you. If the book your child wasn't available, we will order it for you and they should arrive next week.



## Sports Update

**Football** - Well done to the Y5/6 football team who represented our school so well at the football league last night. Although they didn't win either of their matches, they performed well and showed great sportsmanship. After school football will be on as normal next week and Mr Blood and Mr Donohue will lead this. We had over 40 children attend this week which was great to see!

**Go Well Heart Project** - Lots of the children in Y3 - Y6 have now been given their GoWell rucksack of equipment and Heart Project booklet. This is full of activities for children to be taking part in and, after each task is complete, there is a small page to fill out. Thank you to those children who have been sending their photos into the class accounts and teams. We should have completed Week 1 and Week 2 challenges by this weekend so we can launch Week 3's tasks next week.

**National Fitness Day** - It was National Fitness Day on Wednesday and each class made a special effort to get as many active minutes as possible. We love using things like Gonoodle and Supermovers in school to have brain breaks and Y6 even had a Fit For Life session too.

**Athletics Coach** - Thank you to Nicola from GoWell who has been working with Year 3 and 5 in their PE sessions. Year 4 and 6 have been attending their afterschool club too.

## Upcoming Events

*September 29th* - Ebony and Paul from GoWell will be visiting us to see how we are getting on with our Heart Project

*September 30th* - Our Y5/6 Football team will have some more fixtures @ Greenfield Secondary School

*October 14th* - Year 5 children will be taking part in a Hoopstarz session where they can learn games to show the rest of the school at playtimes.

