



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Right of the Fortnight

As the half-term is almost upon us, the article choice for this newsletter is **Article 31: children have the right to rest and play**. The children and staff have worked so hard this term and I want to thank you for all of your support. It is important that the children spend time at half-term with their families and have the opportunity to relax and play. With Halloween and Bonfire Night just around the corner, it is really important that the children stay safe as well. We look forward to seeing them when we return on **Tuesday 5th November**.

There are lots of things happening across school and we will endeavour to keep you fully informed of our upcoming events through the newsletter, our website and social media pages.

****Just a reminder that we break up for half-term on Friday 25th October and children return to school on Tuesday 5th November.****

Scamps Holiday Child-care - Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November

Just a reminder that our childcare provision is going to be available again this coming October for 3-11 year olds. Knowing our numbers well in advance will help us plan best for staffing and activities - booking is still open. Childcare runs from 8.30am until 4pm. Children will need a packed lunch and each day will enjoy Halloween themed activities such as apple bobbing, pumpkin carving competition, monster den building, mummy wrapping and lots more!

****Booking will close this Monday so please ensure that if you want your child to attend the holiday club, that you have booked them in.****



'Bright Rainbow' Discos - Wednesday 23rd October

Like last year, we will be holding 2 discos, one for Key Stage 1 children and one for Key Stage 2. We have decided this year to use a rainbow theme for our discos to help support our work on kindness and happiness. We will have 2 discos - Reception class, Year 1 and Year 2 will be 3.30pm-4.45pm and then KS2 will be 5pm-6.30pm. Entrance to the disco will be £1 and there will be refreshments available.



Parent Discussions - week beginning 11th November

After half-term, we will be holding our parent discussion meetings to share successes and targets for your child and the year ahead.

Monday 11th - each class teacher will be available for discussion from 3.20pm - 5.50pm. Each class will then have one full afternoon slot throughout the week -

between 1.15pm and 5.50pm to allocate appointments for parents. From Monday, you will be able to book your appointment time. We do put siblings close together, if you have chosen the same day. It is



really important that you attend to celebrate your children's successes so far and know their targets. Appointment slots will be for 10 minutes per child and it will be key that these are kept to so that all parents have their opportunity for discussion.

Harvest Celebration - Friday 25th October

We are looking forward to inviting parents into school to celebrate our annual Harvest Festival. For those parents who requested tickets on the app, a further message should have come to you to inform you that you have been allocated them. These can be picked up from the office for £1 per ticket.



SEND Parent Coffee Morning - Change of Date [Wednesday 4th December]

We will be hosting a SEND parent coffee morning on Wednesday 4th December here at school at 9am.

This is a great chance to come along, get some advice and catch up with other parents of children with SEND. At this coffee morning, we will be joined by our Educational Psychologist who will be around to answer any questions and share some further resources. We hope to see lots of you there.



Rights Respecting Day - Tuesday 5th November

On the first day back, we will be holding our first Rights Respecting day. We will spend the morning in our team groups and will be focussing on the 'Right to be safe'. Children can come to school in their team coloured top and usual bottoms. Please don't worry if they don't have their coloured top - we will provide them with a coloured wristband. Please note - football shirts are not allowed for this day.

Y6 Ferryhill Library Visit - Monday 21st October

Year 6 will be visiting the library on Monday morning. Visiting the library allows our children to explore alternative books written by their favourite author as well as explore other genres which may be of interest. Please could you ensure your child has a warm coat and sensible shoes as the weather is a bit unpredictable at the moment.

Parent Story Times

We are looking forward to inviting lots of parents into school next week to take part in our parent story times. These will be held in our school library and are a perfect opportunity to share a section of your child's current class book and then explore some of the books in our library. The following classes have their story times this week and they will all be from 2:45pm:

Tuesday 22nd October - Year 5

Wednesday 23rd October - Year 6

Thursday 24th October - Year 2

We hope to see lots of you there enjoying our shared love of reading.



Reception and Nursery Classes 'Stay and Play' sessions

Monday 21st October - Nursery would love you to join them for their 'Stay and Play' where they will show what they have been learning about this half-term as well as having a Harvest theme for activities. This will be followed by their story time. We look forward to seeing lots of you there.

Wednesday 23rd October - Reception Class are having their Harvest inspired 'Stay and Play' on Wednesday and can't wait to show you how well they have started school. I heard them singing the Harvest Song this morning - you will definitely be impressed. See you there!

Parking

Just a reminder once again that parking (or dropping off) is not permitted outside of school. It is a clearway and no stopping or parking is allowed. This includes on the grassed areas. Please be respectful of us and our neighbours. We have noticed an increase in people stopping outside school and would really appreciate your support with this.



Dates to remember:

Monday 21st October - Y6 Visit to Ferryhill Library

Monday 21st October - Nursery 'Stay and Play' and Parent Story time

Tuesday 22nd - 23rd October - Y3 Stone Age Residential

Tuesday 22nd October - Y5 Parent Story Time (our library) 2.45pm

Wednesday 23rd October - Reception Class 'Stay and Play' 1.30pm - 3pm

Wednesday 23rd October - Y6 Parent Story Time (our library) 2.45pm

Wednesday 23rd October - Discos. KS1 - 3.30 - 4.45pm KS2 - 5 - 6.30pm

Thursday 24th October - Y2 Parent Story Time (our library) 2.45pm

Thursday 24th October - Firefighter Visit (Whole School)

Friday 25th October - Harvest Festival

Friday 25th October - Break up for half-term

Half-term: Friday 25th October - Tuesday 5th November

Tuesday 5th November - Children return to school. Rights Respecting morning

Thursday 7th November - Y4 Ferryhill Library Visit and Y3 Ferryhill Library Visit

Monday 11th November - Y1 Ferryhill Library Visit

Monday 11th - Friday 15th November - Parents Evening Week

Tuesday 12th November - POP 'Protecting Our Planet' Day

Thursday 14th November - Y5 Ferryhill Library Visit and Y2 Ferryhill Library Visit

Friday 15th November - Children in Need

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd November - Y6 Grinton Residential

Monday 18th November - Reception Class Ferryhill Library Visit

Wednesday 4th December - SEND Parent Coffee Morning

Thursday 5th December - Reception Class and Key Stage 1 Panto - Bishop Auckland

Friday 6th December - KS2 Panto at Bishop Auckland



I know that lots of you like to know well in advance about our Christmas events - we are finalising the dates this weekend and will be sent out to you next week. For ease, they will be set out in classes .

