



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Friday 17th October

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.

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 24th October and children return to school on Monday 3rd November.****



Harvest Celebration - Friday 24th October

We are looking forward to inviting parents into school to celebrate our annual Harvest Festival assemblies. There has been a huge demand for tickets this year so we have had to limit them to one ticket per family per assembly. Children will be bringing home your tickets early next week. Tinned and packeted produce can be brought into school from Monday 20th and fresh produce can be brought on the morning of the assemblies. Thank you in advance for your support.

'Bright Rainbow' Discos - Wednesday 22nd 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.



Reception and Nursery Classes 'Stay and Play' sessions

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our stay and play mornings next week. Nursery is on Thursday at 9.30-11am and Reception is on Wednesday 1.30-3pm. The children will be performing their harvest song for you at the beginning of the stay and play. Both stay and plays will have an Autumn/spooky theme. If your child would like to they can dress up in 'spooky' themed outfits. Please ensure their outfits are age appropriate, no weapons or film characters etc please. If you have any questions, please see Mrs White or Mrs Ferguson.

Rights Respecting Day – Monday 3rd 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 Articles 2, 8 and 23. Article 2: the right to no discrimination. All children have these rights, regardless of their race, religion, language, gender, or abilities. Article 8: the right to an identity and Article 23 states that children with mental or physical disabilities have the right to a full and decent life with dignity, and to participate actively in the community. Children can come to school in their team-coloured top and usual school 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.

Parent discussions – week beginning 3rd November

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

Tuesday 4th – 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 1.30pm and 5.50pm to allocate appointments for parents. You've still got time to choose when you want to attend using the Compass app and then confirmation of this will be given to your child in the week before half-term. **We do give siblings time slots close to each other to make it easier for you.** 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.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

To support the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, we have some merchandise for sale including snap bands, wristbands and reflectors. We will also have poppies available for a small donation too. If your child would like any of the merchandise, please send your donations to the office. Poppies and poppy merchandise will be available on our return to school.



Dates to remember so far:

Monday 20th October – Y4 Parent Storytime session (our library) 2.45pm
Wednesday 22nd October – Reception Stay and Play 1.30pm-3pm
Wednesday 22nd October – Bright Rainbows Discos (see above for timings)
Thursday 23rd October – Nursery Stay and Play 9.30am-11am
Thursday 23rd October – Reception and Year 1 Beamish Trip
Thursday 23rd October – KS2 Escape Room Taster Day
Friday 24th October – Harvest Festival

****Half-term – Monday 27th October – Friday 31st November****

Tuesday 4th November – Whole School Parents Evening
Thursday 6th November – Y2 Durham Cathedral Visit
Thursday 6th November – Y1 Ferryhill Library Visit
Thursday 6th November – Y3 Parent Storytime session (our library) 2.45pm
Monday 10th November – Y2 Ferryhill Library Visit
Friday 14th November – Children in Need
Monday 17th November – Y4 Ferryhill Library Visit
Monday 17th November – Y5/Y6 Lego Engineering Workshop
Thursday 20th November – Flu Vaccinations
Monday 24th November – Blaze Pods Taster Day
Monday 24th November – Reception Class Ferryhill Library Visit
Monday 24th November – Friday 28th November – Y6 Grinton Residential

Monday 1st December - Y3 Ferryhill Library Visit
Wednesday 3rd December - KS1 Pantomime Visit
Thursday 4th December - KS2 Pantomime Visit
Tuesday 9th December - Christmas Performance 2pm & 5:30pm
Wednesday 10th December - Christmas Performance 9:15am & 5:30pm
Friday 12th December - Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day
Monday 15th December - Nursery & Reception Christmas Party
Tuesday 16th December - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Party
Wednesday 17th December - Y3 & Y4 Christmas Party
Thursday 18th December - Y5 & Y6 Christmas Party
Friday 19th December - Celebration Assembly & Toy Day

These dates will be added to the calendar on Compass as soon as possible

