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## NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS & CARERS: SEPTEMBER 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy start to the academic year, September has flown by! We are very impressed with how well children have settled into their classes and school routines and it was lovely to see so many parents/carers at our Welcome to the New School Year meetings. We had lots of positive feedback about how useful these had been for you which is good to hear.

There are a number of further opportunities for parents/carers to join us in school this term and these are listed at the end of the newsletter. One of these will be a celebration event for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our school in December and we will send you more details nearer the time.

In the meantime, please get in touch as usual if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Wishes, Mrs Lavelle

### School Attendance Policy

Our updated policy is attached. Please read through this and let us know if you have any questions.

Regular school attendance plays a vital role in children's wellbeing and their education, ensuring that their current learning needs are being met but also building their future ability to learn. Our policy

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gives information about what we do in school to promote good attendance and the type of support we offer if a child/family need help in this area.

### Class Attendance



For September the overall attendance figure for the school is **96.8%** which is excellent and hopefully this will continue as the year progresses. Attendance in each class for September was as follows:

Reception: 96.9%

Mrs Dadswell's Class: 95.6%

Mrs Wise's Class: 96%

Mrs Baum's Class: 97%

Miss Stebbings Class: 97.2%

Mr Walsh's Class: 95.8%

**Miss Allen's Class: 98.1%**

Mr Storrar's Class: 97.8%

Miss Allen's class are the Ouston Attendance Bear Winners for September and the Attendance Bear will stay in their class during October. Well done Year 5!

### Dexter the Bear



As you will remember we were successful in achieving the Inclusion Quality Mark Centre of Excellence award at the end of last term. We were delighted on our return to school to receive our plaque for this which we will display proudly in the main entrance. We also received Dexter the bear! He will feature in a range of photos around school and in

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newsletters to showcase the range of activities and experiences our children are involved in.

### **Chester View Care Home**

As part of our community links, a group of Year 5 pupils visited Chester View Care Home this week to take part in some Arts and Craft activities with the residents there. This included making cards and paper aeroplanes! The children loved chatting with the residents and their manners and behaviour during the visit were excellent. Other community events this term will include Year 6 involvement in the Remembrance Service at the Community Centre in November and the School Choir singing Christmas carols at Chester View Care Home and at the Community Centre for the Neuro-Active group in December.



### **Dates for the Diary**

**14<sup>th</sup> October:** Harvest Festival week (more details to follow)

**14<sup>th</sup> October:** Year 5 at Lord Lawson of Beamish Academy to see their production of The Wizard of Oz

**18<sup>th</sup> October:** Harvest Assembly for Year 3 parents/carers at 9.10am

**18<sup>th</sup> October:** Harvest Assembly for EYFS and KS1 parents/carers at 2.30pm

**21<sup>st</sup> October:** Flu Vaccination for pupils in Reception – Year 6

**23<sup>rd</sup> October:** Reception parents/carers Reading and Maths workshop from 2pm (more details to follow)

**25<sup>th</sup> October:** Mr Storrar's Class Assembly at 9.10am

**25<sup>th</sup> October:** End of half term

**4<sup>th</sup> November:** Back to School

**11<sup>th</sup> November:** Anti-Bullying Week

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**11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> November:** EYFS and KS1 Parents/Carers Evenings (more details to follow)

**15<sup>th</sup> November:** Friendship Friday and Children in Need Day (children can wear bright colours instead of school uniform and/or Children in Need merchandise)

**18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> November:** KS2 Parents/Carers Evenings (more details to follow)

**10<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Performance for Year 3/4 parents/carers 2.15pm

**11<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Performance for Year 5/6 parents/carers 2.15pm

**12<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Performance for Reception parents/carers 9.15am

**13<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Performance for Year 1/2 parents/carers 9.15am

**16<sup>th</sup> December:** Nursery Christmas Performance for parents/carers, 2pm

**20<sup>th</sup> December:** End of Term



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