



AUTUMN 1 TERM 2023

Head's Message

A huge warm welcome back to school to our existing families and pupils and a very warm welcome to our new starters and their families too. I hope you all had a fantastic summer, despite the weather.



Part of the Green Hills First federation

We are so pleased to see our children back in school and settling well. School had such a lovely feeling last week with all the children buzzing and enthusiastic about their learning, classroom spaces and seeing many old and new friends.

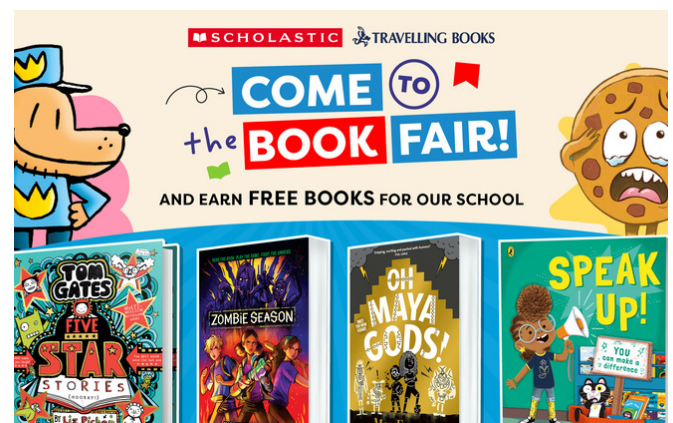
There is much to look forward to in the year ahead and many things for children and parents to get involved with, we would love to see you at our planned events over the coming year.

If you need to have an informal chat about anything, the door is always open. If I am in school, I will be on the door as frequently as possible but if I am not visible in school, I can be contacted via the school office and will get back to you as soon as possible. Here's to a great start to the new school year.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR <<<

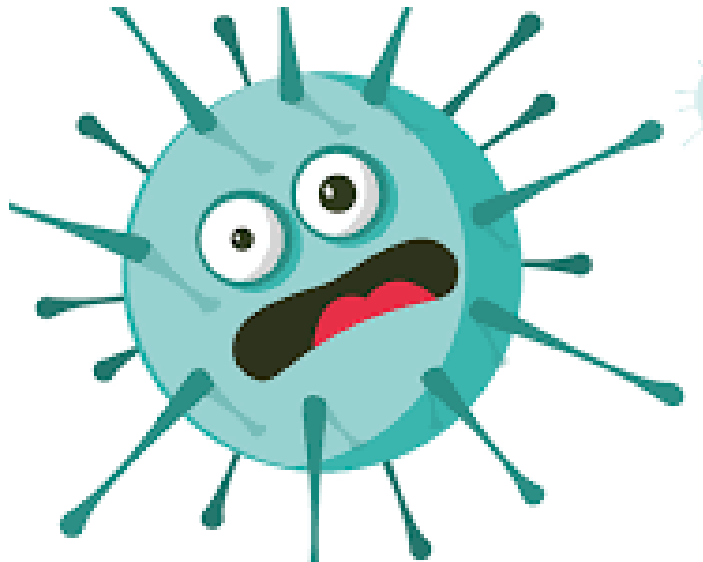
FODS have arranged for a Scholastic Book Fair to take place in school. The children will have the opportunity to browse the books during school time, and we will open the doors for parents to purchase books Tuesday 12th - Friday 15th September, 3.20pm - 3.35pm.

*As we are a cashless school payment for the books will be via an online link available at the fair.



SEASONAL FLU OFFER <<<

This autumn school term, your child is being offered a flu vaccination through a nasal spray or injection. This year the vaccination is being offered in school to all children from Reception to Year 11 as part of a national health campaign to protect vulnerable people, including young children, from flu this autumn and winter.



Please click on the link below and use the code listed to complete the form as soon as possible.

<https://www.locala.org.uk/services/immunisation-service/flu-vaccination-south-kirklees>

You will need the following code 107742

If you **do not** wish for your child to receive either vaccines but do not want to complete the electronic consent, please email us on LCP.localachildhealth@locala.org.uk with your child's name and date of birth and confirm that you wish to decline consent.

>>> OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB



Denby Out of School Club provides wrap around care every school day in term time only for the following sessions:

Breakfast Club 7.30am - 8.50am (Monday - Friday)

After School Club 3.20pm - **5.30pm*** (Monday - Thursday)

We have spaces available. Please contact the office if you like a booking form.

*Please note the new closing time as per previous correspondence which came into effect from September 2023.

Children need to be on the school premises promptly each morning so that lessons can begin promptly. Children who arrive late are greatly disadvantaged as they miss starting the school day with their peers and the beginning of lessons. The start of the school day is also important for children developing friendships and building social skills. It also gives parents a chance to meet other families who will form their support network as their children transition through school together.

For Reception pupils, their first year in school is crucial in forming early foundations for learning and play which they can build on in future years. Good attendance means your children will not go into future years with gaps in their early number work and phonics for example.

We understand there are occasions when you are unavoidably late due to unforeseen circumstances or when your child is too poorly for school. You, as parents, are the best of judge of that but please be assured that when children are unwell at school, we would inform you as the day progresses and send them home if necessary. Most children 'perk up' around their friends and often come round once they are here. On an occasion when your child is too unwell to attend or will be late, please always inform the school office as soon as possible.

In line with our attendance policy, it is only in exceptional circumstances that pupils would be granted leaves of absence for a family holiday. Our attendance policy can be found on our school website.

Many thanks
Mrs Wagstaff

>>> DEADLINES

Throughout the year we send out many letters and emails that require a response. Often we give deadlines on these, and we would like to take the opportunity to ask you to please respond within the timeframe given. Often we are following deadlines set by organisers and also need to ensure the office have enough time to complete all the relevant paperwork that goes with any event and activity. Thank you for your support and co-operation.



>>> TESCO IN-STORE VOTE



We are delighted to let you know that our application to the Tesco Stronger Starts has been successful and our project will be put forward to a customer vote in Tesco stores. Voting will commence in store from the first week of October 2023 until Mid January 2024.

Our project is for outdoor play area improvements to provide a wooded quiet area and new equipment for our pupils and the community.

The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £1,500 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), the second placed project £1,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), and the third placed project £500.

Stores where you can vote on our project are:

Chapeltown Express, S35 1SA and Penistone, S36 6TS

ADMISSIONS FOR RECEPTION 2024 & YEAR 6 SCHOOL APPLICATIONS <<<

Applications have now opened for you to apply online for Reception 2023 and for children moving to Middle School next September. Leaflets have come home with Year 5 pupils.

If you require any further information please visit:

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/admissions>



>>> TISSUES

As we approach the season of coughs and colds we provide tissues in school for children to use but donations are gratefully received!

SCHOOL MILK <<<

Unfortunately, we were notified on the last day of term that Fresh Pastures would no longer be able to provide us with milk in school.

We are liaising with another company who have taken over a number of Fresh Pastures contracts and hope to be able to offer milk once again very soon.



Upcoming Diary Dates		
Dates	Event	Who is it for?
Tuesday 12 th September	Scholastic Book Fair, 3.25pm – 3.45pm – <i>every day this week</i>	Whole School inc. Parents
Friday 15 th	Library	Class 3
Tuesday 19 th	Cross Country @ Shelley College, 4.00pm – 5.00pm	Years 3, 4 and 5
Friday 22 nd	Bikeability Library	Class 3 Class 2
Monday 25 th	Bikeability	Year 5
Tuesday 26 th	Cross Country @ Shelley College, 4.00pm – 5.00pm	Reception, Years 1 & 2
Friday 29 th	Library	Class 1
Wednesday 4 th October	Open Morning, 9.00am – 10.30am	Whole School inc. Parents
Friday 6 th	Library	Class 3
Monday 9 th	Cauliflower Cards Deadline – <i>info to follow</i>	Whole School
Tuesday 10 th	Girls Football Tournament @ 5score, 4.00pm – 5.00pm – <i>info to follow</i>	KS1
Friday 13 th	Library	Class 2
Tuesday 17 th	Multi-Skills – <i>Info to follow</i>	Year 2
Friday 20 th	Library	Class 1
Tuesday 24 th	Harvest Festival, 9.00am – 9.45am	Whole School inc. Parents
Wednesday 25 th	Library	Class 3
Thursday 26 th	School Closes, 3.20pm (5.30pm for DOSC)	Whole School
Friday 27 th	Inset Day	Whole School
Monday 6 th November	School Re-opens at 8.50am	Whole School

FANCY A NIGHT OUT? THEN JOIN US FOR CHOCOLATE, FOOD AND LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!



**CHOCOLATE MAKING
DEMONSTRATION**

**22.09.2023,
7.15PM @
BURTON
VILLAGE HALL**



**PIE & PEA
SUPPER**

**TICKETS
£22PP
EARLY BIRD
£20***

For further information & to purchase
your tickets visit Eventbrite & search for
'Burton Chocolate, Pies & Laughter'