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Bikeability - Year 5

After half term Year 5 will be participating in the Bikeability Programme. Please ensure that if your child has a bike that it is in working order and safe to ride by 4th November. Children will be required to wear a helmet when doing their training. Bikes can be kept in school during this week.

- 4th October - Operation Encompass to visit Year 5
- 4th October - Nissan to visit school - Year 3
- 7th October - Parent/Carer Consultations 3pm - 6pm
- 8th October - Parent/Carer Consultations 3pm - 5.30pm
- 14th October - Maths workshop for Nursery and Reception parents
- 17th October - Harvest Festival
- 23rd October - School Disco
- 25th October - Inset Day (School closed to children)
- 28th October - 1st November - Half term holiday
- 4th November - Bike-ability Year 5
- 11th November - Anti Bullying Week
- 13th November - Year 6 class assembly 9.15am
- 20th November - Year 5 class assembly 9.15am
- 27th - 29th November - Robinwood residential
- 2nd December - Nursery / Reception Nativity Play 9.15am
- 3rd December - Nursery / Reception Nativity Play 9.15am
- 4th December - Nasal Vaccination - Reception - Year 6
- 5th December - Year 1 / Year 2 Nativity Play 2.15pm
- 6th December - Year 1 / Year 2 Nativity Play 9.15am
- 9th December - Christmas Community Afternoon 1.30pm
- 10th December - Year 3/Year 4 Oxclose Church - Christmas Carols (pm)
- 11th December - Year 5/Year 6 Oxclose Church - Christmas Carols (pm)
- 13th December - Christmas Lunch/Christmas Jumper Day
- 16th December - Nursery /Reception Christmas Party (am)
- 16th December - Year 1,2,3,4 Christmas Party (pm)
- 17th December - Year 5,6 Christmas Party (pm)
- 20th December - Last day of term, Christmas jumpers can be worn
- 6th January - School reopens Spring term

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Headteacher's Update

What a fantastic start we have had to this academic year. All children are very settled and enjoying all aspects of school life.

Mrs Reynolds and I attended Reverend Gavin Rushton's licensing as Priest at Oxclose Church last Sunday evening. Alongside the Bishop of Durham, Canon Hopper and the church community we welcomed Gavin and his family who have relocated from Kendal. Talitha, his daughter, has joined our Year 6 class and we look forward to developing further links with the church.

It was a pleasure to interview and appoint our Year 6 children to numerous roles of responsibility across school. They impressed me with their letters of application and comprehensive answers to questions during the interview process. They have all made an excellent start to their new roles that include playtime paramedic, ICT technician, librarian, cloakroom monitor and buddy to name a few!

Our new house team challenge 'Reading Stars' is proving a real incentive for our children to work with their class to earn points for the termly challenge. The challenge will continue throughout the term to encourage all children to practise reading at home. At the moment Year 4 are in the lead to be rewarded with a prize at the end of the term.

Further to my correspondence last week about Mr Atchison's impending retirement, I would like to invite all parent and carers to call in for coffee and cake on Thursday 24th October from 2.30pm to bid him a fond farewell. Doors will open from 2.30pm prior to collecting the children at the end of the day. Please note that this is the final day this term. We all hope that you can join us to wish him a happy and healthy retirement and he will be at the gate at the end of the school day to wave goodbye.

Enjoy the half term holiday when it comes.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins



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Year 6

Year 6 visited the Stadium of Light, to take part in a 'Show Racism The Red Card' workshop. They learnt about different types of racism and how this behaviour can escalate. They found out what to do if we ever witness racism or hate crime and listened to stories from professional footballers about their stories of racism. We also enjoyed a grounds tour and had the opportunity to collect a signed photograph. Look out in the Sunderland Echo to see a member of the class win a signed t-shirt from our day.



Harvest Festival

Canon Hopper will be leading our Harvest Festival in school on Thursday 17th October. Donations of non perishable food items eg tins, cereals, dried pasta etc can be sent into school from Monday 14th October. Any donations will be given to the Washington Food Bank after the assembly. Thank you for your continued support as we know how much they appreciate all the donations!

School Disco - 23rd October

Disco tickets will be on sale from Monday 7th October from the school office priced at £2. Nursery, Reception Year 1 and Year 2 will start at 3.15pm and finish at 4.20pm. For the earlier disco children can bring clothes into school and will be supported to get changed. Please collect Nursery and Reception children from their own classroom doors. Year 1 and Year 2 will be supervised outside of our main entrance. KS2 children should enter through the community door from 4.30pm. No child will be allowed to walk home unaccompanied.

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Anti-Bullying Week 11th November - 15th November 2019

The focus for this year's Anti-Bullying Week is 'Change starts with us'. We have already begun highlighting the importance of Anti-Bullying with our Year 6 attending the Stadium of Light, Show Racism the Red Card Conference. Throughout Anti-bullying week, the whole school will take part in a range of super engaging activities highlighting the importance of our Anti-Bullying campaign. During Anti-bullying week, some of our children from the school council will join Mrs Hutchinson in attending the annual Anti-bullying conference at Washington Academy. At the conference, the children will work alongside other children from local cluster schools and will take part in a range of workshops which will focus on a range of interactive anti-bullying activities.

Any information regarding our Anti-bullying policy and procedures can be found on our school website by following the policies link. Any parent/carer who would like to become part of our Anti-bullying team please contact Mrs. Hutchinson the Anti-bullying lead for further information.



Children in Reception enjoyed a visit from Claire Davison who is employed by the Esh Construction Company. Claire's role is to help deliver Esh Group's 'Get into STEM programme', which supports schools in the area to improve their career provision and prepare the children for their future. Claire brought along some super resources which she shared with the children such as clothing, building materials and story books. Claire talked about the different job roles that are available within their company and encouraged the children to take on some of these roles. Claire very kindly left some resources with the children in order for them to gain further experiences of working in different roles within a construction site. The children thoroughly enjoyed Claire's visit and have had great fun using the resources.

