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Dear Parents / Carers

Attendance

Our attendance since September is as follows:

Class	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 3/4	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
% Attendance Since September	93.2%	94.7%	95.2%	96.5%	96%	95.2%	96.9%	91.4%

Our overall attendance since September is **97.1%**. This is a fantastic start to the year and attendance is currently above our target of 95%. With your continued support I am sure this will continue. Thank you.

Sickness Bug

Unfortunately, a number of children were sent home from school last week as a result of a vomiting bug. Whilst we would encourage all children to be attending school full-time, if your child is unwell and suffering from diarrhoea or vomiting please keep them at home and notify the school. They should not return to school until 48 hours post symptoms.

Half Term Holidays

Please note that the school will close on **Thursday 23rd October 2014** for the half term holidays

Evening Chronicle Wish Campaign

We are collecting Wish tokens from the Evening Chronicle's Wish Campaign again this year. Four Wish tokens will be printed in the Newcastle Evening Chronicle every day from Monday 13th October. Bonus tokens will also be printed on various days. All you have to do is cut them out and send them to school. We would be extremely grateful for your support with this collection.



Starting School – Reception Class Admissions 2015/16

The online application system for children starting in Reception Class in September 2015 is now open. Parents should apply at www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. **Please note that all parents must apply for a place in Reception class in September, regardless of whether they attend our Nursery or not.** For more information contact the School Admissions and Transport Team on 03000 265 897.



Harvest Festival

May I take this opportunity to thank all parents who attended our Harvest Festival celebrations or donated food for the People's Kitchen. The hall was packed for both the infant and junior assemblies and we were delighted with your generous gifts. As always, your support is greatly appreciated.



School Security / Car Parking

I would like to remind everyone of our parking and security procedures. The gate from the car park to the school yard will be locked each morning at 8.40am. It will not reopen until after 3.40pm, when the children have gone home. Parents will be unable to gain access to the yard from the car park and must not use the car park when dropping children off at the start of the school day or picking them up at home time. All parents should park across from the school or in King Edward VIII Terrace, use Mrs Powell to cross the road safely and then walk along our school path to the building.

School Football Team

The 7-a-side team are at the half way point of their season and are sitting comfortably in mid table. They have been very unlucky in several games and I am sure they will move closer to the top when we resume the league after Christmas. The children have represented the school very well and their behaviour and attitude has been superb.



SCHOOL	P	W	D	L	POINTS
Catchgate	8	7	0	1	21
Greenland	8	6	2	0	20
Annfield Plain	8	6	1	1	19
Dipton St. P.	8	4	1	3	13
Shield Row	8	3	3	2	12
Lanchester EP	8	2	1	5	7
St. Joseph's	8	1	2	5	5
East Stanley	8	0	2	6	2
S. Stanley	8	0	2	6	2

Dates for your diaries

Thursday 23 rd October	School closes for half term
Monday 10 th November	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 12 th November	School Photographer Informal Shots
Friday 21 st November	Year 6 Safety Carousel
Tuesday 2 nd December	School Pantomime trip to the Gala Theatre
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Craft Fair
Monday 15 th December	Foundation Stage Christmas Party
Tuesday 16 th December	Year 1 & 2 Party
Wednesday 17 th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas party
Thursday 18 th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Party
Friday 19 th December	School closes for the Christmas Holidays
Monday 11 th May 2014	Year 6 SATs week
Monday 11 th May 2014	Year 5 Visit to Robin Hood's Bay

If you have any questions, please feel free to pop into school or give me a ring.

Thank you for your support.
Andrew Knighton
(Headteacher)