

# Ferryhill Station Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

All the children brought home their first Marking Period Report Card on Friday. Please check that you have yours. Teachers are looking forward to discussing these with parents at meetings on Monday and Wednesday. Y6 pupils were also inducted into their new roles as Mini-Police last week and they will go on to learn more about how they can support and protect the community. You may have seen Miss. Jayne floating around in the past weeks. She will be returning from maternity at the beginning of December to provide cover in classes and some interventions.

Mr. Jackson (Head Teacher)

## PE kits

We would like to remind everyone that PE and Sport is part of the National Curriculum. This means that all pupils must participate fully and come to school with appropriate kit. This has always been an expectation in primary schools. Responsibilities are summarised as follows:

- School must ensure that all pupils take part in the PE curriculum.
- Parents must ensure that pupils are provided with a clean, named PE kit in line with the school's policy.
- Pupils must ensure that they keep their kit safe and respect others'.

## School Funding

You will have heard a lot about school funding in the news in recent years. Generally speaking, you will not have heard much from the school about it and we have carried on providing a good education. However, we feel that you ought to know how challenging school funding is (and has been for a while). The school is currently handling a shortfall in funding equivalent to over 12% of its income. We are working hard to be as efficient as we can moving forward but this can only get us so far. It is a huge help where parents are able to contribute towards school trips and activities. Please do help out if you can.

## Children In Need

We are having a non-uniform day on Friday (16<sup>th</sup>) to raise money for BBC Children In Need. Children are welcome to school in costume or in casual clothes. We recommend a contribution of £1 but it is most important that all children are in school as normal. Due to some special Golden Time activities on that day, you may want to consider the suitability of clothing.

## Parents' Meetings

Don't forget to book a parent meeting to discuss your child's first report card if you haven't done so already. Appointments available from 2:00-3:45 on Monday and 3:20-5:00 on Wednesday.

## Events this half-term

**Mondays** – KS1 Games

**Wednesdays** – KS2 Singing

**Thursdays** – Y5/6 Robotics Club

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Golden Time afternoon

**\*\*Panto visit coming soon\*\***

## Term Dates

Last Day

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Staff Training Day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

Spring Term begins

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Spring Half-Term

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February

School re-opens

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February

## \*\*\*HOUSE CHALLENGE\*\*\*

correct to 12<sup>th</sup> November

FORBES – 13

JAGO – 19

WARD – 10