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Letter to Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new starters into school. In our Early Years Foundation Stage, we have 21 pupils in Mrs. Johnson's class. The pupils are all settling in well.

Now that we are in the Autumn Term, can we please remind all parents that children must wear appropriate clothing for school? Even on fine days children should always have a waterproof jacket just in case of a heavy shower.

Please also ensure that all clothing is clearly labelled.

Your child should also have a PE kit in school at all times, this should include a pair of plimsolls or trainers as most lessons will take place outdoors if the weather permits.

If your child wears earrings, these **must** be removed for PE lessons. If a child cannot remove the earring independently, they will not be allowed to do PE. For parents with young children unable to remove earrings independently, please remove earrings on the day of the PE lesson before your child comes in to school.

School Dates

In order to help with forward planning, we have tried to put as many dates into the diary as possible. Please see the accompanying list for details.

Harvest Festival

We will be holding the Harvest Festival assembly at 9.30am at St Andrews Church, Aycliffe Village on Thursday 13th October. Rather than children bringing in donations of fruit or vegetables, we are requesting a donation of £1 per child. All proceeds will go towards the St Andrew's Church, Farm Africa Appeal. Unfortunately, due to the limited space in the church, we will only be inviting the parents of Key Stage Two pupils to this performance.

Staff Changes

Miss Bradley will shortly be returning to work after her Maternity Leave. She will work alongside Mrs Johnson in the Early Years Class.

Smoking in the School Grounds

It has been brought to our attention that a number of parents are using e- cigarettes in the school grounds. There has also been a report that the grand parent of a child was actually smoking in the playground as they came to collect their grand-children. I would like to remind everyone that the school grounds are designated as 'smoke free areas' and that smoking of any kind is prohibited on the premises.

Community Links

As usual, if anyone would like to discuss any of the issues raised here, with me or any member of staff, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J.P. Gargan.
Head teacher

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time	Place
October			
Tuesday 4 th	Y2 Gymnastics carousel*	9.30-11.30	SD Gym
Tuesday 4 th	PTA Annual General Meeting	6.30pm	School Hall
Tuesday 11 th	Y6 Multiskills*	9.30-11.30	FBEC
Thursday 13 th	Harvest Festival	09.30	St Andrews
Friday 21 st	School Closes for Half Term		
Monday 31 st	School Re-opens		
November			
Thursday 9 th	Tempest school photographs	Morning	Hall
Friday 4 th	Y1/2/3 Flu vaccinations	Morning	Hall
Monday 7 th	Parents Afternoon		
Tuesday 8 th	Y5/6 Sportshall Athletics*	9.30-12.00	NALC
Tuesday 22 nd	Y2 Multiskills*	9.30-11.30	SCC
Thursday 24 th	School Closes		
Friday 25 th	School Closed - Staff Training		
Monday 28 th	School Re-opens		
Tuesday 29 th	Y2 Gym Festival	10.00-12.00	SD Gym
December			
Thursday 1 st	Reception & KS1 Pantomime	10.00	Gala Theatre
Thursday 1 st	PTA Christmas Fayre	6pm - 8pm	Hall
Tuesday 6 th	KS1 Christmas Play (1 st performance for parents/carers of children in Year R)	09.30	Hall
Wednesday 7 th	KS1 Christmas Play (2 nd performance for parents/carers of children in Year 1)	13.30	Hall
Thursday 8 th	KS1 Christmas Play (3 rd performance for parents/carers of children in Year 2)	09.30	Hall
Tuesday 13 th	KS1 Christmas Party	13.30pm	Hall
Tuesday 13 th	Rotary Club Carol Concert*	13.00-14.30	NALC
Wednesday 14 th	Christmas Lunch	12.00 -13.00	Hall
Wednesday 14 th	Y5/6 Christmas Party	13.30	Hall
Thursday 15 th	Y3/4 Christmas Party	13.30	Hall
Thursday 15 th	Christmas Carol Concert - parents & carers warmly invited (Rec & KS1)	09.30	St. Andrew's Church
Thursday 15 th	PTA Christmas Disco	6.30pm	Hall
Friday 16 th	Christmas Carol Concert - parents & carers warmly invited (KS2)	09.30	St. Andrew's Church
Friday 16 th	School Closes - Christmas Holidays		
January 2017			
Tuesday 3 rd	School Closed - Staff Training		

Wednesday 4th	School Re-opens		
February			
Friday 17 th	School Closes - Half Term		
Monday 27 th	School Re-opens		
March			
Thursday 23 rd	School Closes		
Friday 24 th	School Closed - Staff Training		
Monday 27 th	School Re-opens		
April			
Friday 7 th	School Closes- Easter Holidays		
Monday 24 th April	School Re-opens		
May			
Monday 1 st	School Closed - Bank Holiday		
Tuesday 2 nd	School Re-opens		
Monday 8th	SATs week	All Week	
Friday 26 th	School Closes - Half Term		
June			
Monday 5 th	School Re-opens		
Wednesday 28th	Sports Day KS1 am, KS2 pm		
July			
Thursday 20 th	Leavers' Play	13.30	
Friday 21 st	School Closes for Summer Break		

*** More details to follow**