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Letter to Parents/Carers
29th March 2017

Staffing

Due to budget constraints, Miss Gray's contract will not be able to be renewed in the coming Financial Year. Unfortunately, Miss Gray will leave the school at the end of this term. We are all very disappointed that we will not be able to keep her on here as she has been an absolute asset to the school. She has obtained another post and will start there shortly after leaving here. We all wish her the very best for the future. Good Luck, Miss Gray we will miss you!

Class Photographs

If you would like to order a class photograph, please return your order with payment to the school office by no later than Monday 3rd April.

Easter Service

We will be holding our Easter Service in St Andrew's Church again this year. Parents/Carers of pupils in Reception/KS1 are invited to attend on Wednesday 5th April at 1.30pm & Parents/Carers of pupils in KS2 are invited to attend on Thursday 6th April at 9.30am.



Parking

When attending any school events can we please remind parents to park with consideration away from the junction of Atkinson Gardens, and not to obstruct any driveways opposite the school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Swimming

The Year 3 swimming lesson will be cancelled Wednesday 5th April due to the Easter Service.

Pupils in Year 5 will start swimming lessons on Wednesday April 26th until May 24th and the Year 6 Pupils will swim from Wednesday 7th June until July 19th



Dance Class

Sedgefield School Sports Partnership is offering coaching for an After School Dance class starting on Tuesday 25th April until Tuesday 25th May for pupils in KS2.

The club will start at 3.15 and finish at 4.15pm, and will cost £3.00 per week.

(This is a total of £15 per pupil, to be paid in advance.)

If your child is interested in taking part, please complete and return the attached pro-forma by Monday 3rd April. (Places are limited to 20 children).

Ballet/Tap Class

Louise Turnbull of Step by Step Dance School will be starting a Ballet/Tap class (following The Royal Academy of Dance syllabus) on Thursday 27th April for pupils in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2. The club will start at 3.15pm and finish at 4.15pm, and will cost £3.00 per week. (This is a total of £15 per pupil, to be paid in advance.)

If your child is interested in taking part please complete and return the attached pro-forma by Monday 3rd April. (Places are limited 20 children).

You will be informed by text message if your child has been allocated a place, you will then be able to pay via ParentPay.

Fundraising

Well Done to Molly Foster in Year 3 for her hard work in helping the homeless. Molly is helping local charities by donating some of 'life's little luxuries'. If you would like to help, please donate any toiletries to the drop off point at the Newton Aycliffe Youth Centre on a Monday evening between 5pm & 8pm. Thank you.



We would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy Easter and remind you that school closes on Friday 7th April and Re -opens on Monday 24th April.

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.

Dance Class (KS2) - Tuesday 25th April - Tuesday 23rd May

Name of child: _____ would like to part in the After School Dance class. I will arrange to pay £15 via ParentPay when the place is confirmed.

He/she will be collected from school at 4.15pm.

Signed _____ Parent/Carer.

Ballet/Tap Class (Rec Y1&Y2) - Thursday 27th April - Thursday 25th May

Name of child: _____ would like to part in the After School Ballet/Tap class. I will arrange to pay £15 via ParentPay when the place is confirmed.

He/she will be collected from school at 4.15pm.

Signed _____ Parent/Carer.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time	Place
April			
Tuesday 3 rd	Bike-it skills Y3/4	All day	Playground
Tuesday 4 th	Y1 Dance Festival	10am-12pm	NALC
Wednesday 5 th	Easter Service (Rec/KS1)	1.30pm	St Andrew's
Wednesday 5 th	PTA Meeting (All Welcome)	7pm-8pm	School
Thursday 6 th	Easter Service (KS2)	9.30am	St Andrew's
Friday 7 th	School Closes- Easter Holidays		
Monday 24 th	School Re-opens		
Monday 24 th	Y3/4 Residential Visit	All week	Ford Castle
May			
Monday 1 st	School Closed - Bank Holiday		
Tuesday 2 nd	School Re-opens		
Tuesday 2 nd	Y3/4 Production (Y3 Parents)	1.30pm	Hall
Wednesday 3 rd	Y3/4 Production (Y4 Parents)	9.30am	Hall
Friday 5 th	Bike-it Road Riding Y3/4	All day	Village
Monday 8 th	SATs week	All week	
Friday 12 th	Y5 Visit to The Botanic Gardens*	All day	Durham
Friday 26 th	School Closes - Half Term		
June			
Monday 5 th	School Re-opens		
Monday 5 th	Bike-it Skills Y5/6	All day	Playground
Monday 12 th	Bike-it Skills Competition Y1/2	All day	Playground
Wednesday 14 th	Y5 Visit to Woodham*	All day	WTC
Monday 19 th	Bike-it Skills Competition Y3/4	All day	Playground
Tuesday 27 th	Y6 Bike ride	All day	Aycliffe Route
Wednesday 28 th	Sports Day Rec & KS1 (Morning) KS2 (Afternoon)	All day	School Field
Wednesday 28 th	PTA Summer Fair	3.30pm 6pm	School
Thursday 29 th	Y6 Transition Day*	All day	Woodham/Greenfield
July			
Wednesday 5 th	Bike-it skills competition Y5	All day	Playground
Monday 10 th	Y5/6 Residential Visit	All week	Germany
Thursday 20 th	Leavers' Play	1.30pm - 3pm	Hall
Friday 21 st	School Closes for Summer Break		

*More information to follow