



# FISHBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## PARENT / CARER NEWSLETTER



November 2017

With Christmas just around the corner we have a busy few weeks ahead. Please see below the dates for your diaries. Further details will be shared with you closer to the time of each event / activity.

### Important Dates for your Diary

Date	Day	Class / Year	Event
10th November 2017	Friday	Nursery / Reception / Years 1 & 2	Zoolab—Minibeast Workshop
17th November 2017	Friday	All	Children in Need—Pyjama Day
29th November 2017	Wednesday	Nursery / Reception	Family Day (AM & PM) inc. xmas art
6th December 2017	Wednesday	Years 1 & 2	Christmas Performance
8th December 2017	Friday	Nursery	Xmas Carols at the Co-op (AM)
8th December 2017	Friday	All	Christmas Fayre (PM)
12th December 2017	Tuesday	Nursery / Reception / Years 1 & 2	Christingle
14th December 2017	Thursday	All	Christmas Movies (PM)
15th December 2017	Friday	Nursery / Reception	Christmas Performance
18th December 2017	Monday	Years 3 & 4	Christmas Party
19th December 2017	Tuesday	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Christmas Performance
20th December 2017	Wednesday	Years 5 & 6	Christmas Party
21st December 2017	Thursday	Nursery / Reception / Years 1 & 2	Christmas Party
22nd December 2017	Friday	All	Christmas Jumper Day / Santa
22nd December 2017	Friday	All	Children finish school for xmas break
4th & 5th January 2018	Thursday & Friday	All	Teacher Training Days
8th January 2018	Monday	All	Children return to school

All events are subject to change to respond to business needs of the school. We will keep you informed of changes via text or letter. You will also be informed of additional events which may happen at short notice by letter or text.

### Vacancy for Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a parent governor. Parents play an important role as members of the Governing Body, which is responsible for directing the conduct of the school, school finance and promoting high standards of educational achievement. If you are interested, please contact the school office for further information.

We have recently moved to ParentPay for the collection of our school dinner money and breakfast club money. Can I please remind parents that from Monday 13th November 2017 we will no longer be accepting cash or cheques into the school office. All payment must be through ParentPay.

If you want support in setting up your ParentPay account please contact the school office and they will assist you with this process.

As we are now using ParentPay we no longer use our paper dinner registers in class to determine which children have a school dinner and which children are on packed lunch. If you wish to change your child from Packed Lunch to School Dinners and vice versa, you must inform the school office in writing or via email fishburn@durhamlearning.net. For a change in meal pattern, we require one weeks notice.

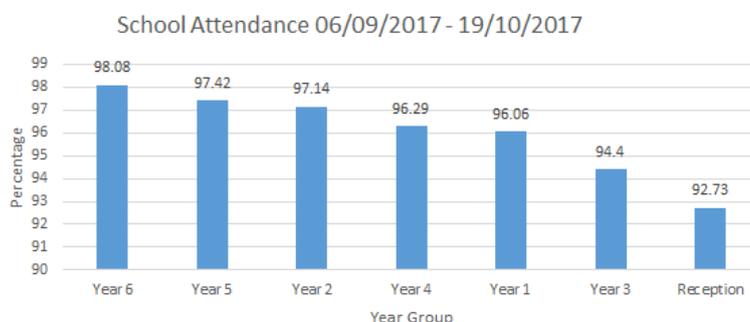
Thank you.



### Attendance

We are working hard to improve our attendance rates. Our current attendance percentage by year group is shown opposite.

**Please try and send your child to school every day and on time. Children who are late will need to report to the school office. If for any reason your child is unable to attend school, can you please ring the school office on 01470 620 162 before 9.00 am. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.**



### School Uniform

Rather than ordering school uniforms through the school office, you can now order them directly through our suppliers (Emblematic). You can access the online order form through our website.

### Parents Evenings

If you were unable to attend one of our parents evenings in October 2017, but would still like to meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress, please contact the school office and they will make you an appointment.

### MacMillan Cancer Support

As part of the Macmillan Coffee morning on Friday 29th September 2017, the school raised in total **£219.94**.



Thank you to Lucy for organising the event and to everyone who made donations, purchased tea, coffee, biscuits and cakes from the school.

It was lovely to see so many parents and families at our coffee morning.

### Severe Weather

In severe weather conditions, you can check our school website and we will contact you via Teachers to Parents to inform you if the school is operating the "Late Start Policy" or is closed. The "Late Start Policy" is where the school will open the gates at 10.00 am for registration with lessons starting at 10.10 am. There are occasions when the school has to be closed in order to ensure the safety of both the children and the staff. In most cases the decision to close is made if snow or ice means a significant number of staff are unable to travel to school because of the severe conditions (some of whom travel a considerable distance). It is, however, our desire and intention to keep the school open wherever possible. Please note: for parents who need to get to work, a skeleton service will operate on such days from 9.00 am.

### Out of Hours Playground Use

Children can only play on the equipment or in the playground if they are directly supervised by the adult who delivers / collects them from school. Children who are not picked up by an adult cannot use the equipment or playground outside normal school hours.