



FISHBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL

PARENT / CARER NEWSLETTER



March 2020

Important Dates for your Diary

From 10th January up until Easter 2020	Fridays (PM)	Year 4/5	Swimming Lessons
4th March 2020	Wednesday	Nursery	Dental Checks for those Nursery children who have provided written consent.
5th March 2020	Thursday	All	Word Book Day (please see below for further detail)
18th March 2020	Wednesday	Year 3/4	Sport Skills Event at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre
22nd April 2020	Wednesday	All	School Nurse Drop-in Session (9.00 am)

Easter 2020	Thursday 2nd April 2020	Monday 20th April 2020
VE Day Anniversary	Thursday 7th May 2020	Monday 11th May 2020
Summer Half Term 2020	Friday 22nd May 2020	Monday 1st June 2020
Summer 2020	Friday 17th July 2020	Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Teacher Training Days— Friday 3rd April 2020. Monday 20th July 2020.

If you would like to receive a copy of this newsletter electronically and have not already done so, please email us with your name and email address. Emails should be sent to: fishburn@durhamlearning.net. Thank you

Heads Up— Word Book Day Thursday 5th March 2020

As part of our drive to maintain, promote and engage children's interest in reading, our school will be participating in the World Book Day on Thursday 5th March 2020. During this day, we are planning on children undertaking the following activities:

- * listening to teachers reading their favourite book
- * Whole school shared story
- * Each class jointly writing their own story, which they will share with the rest of the school

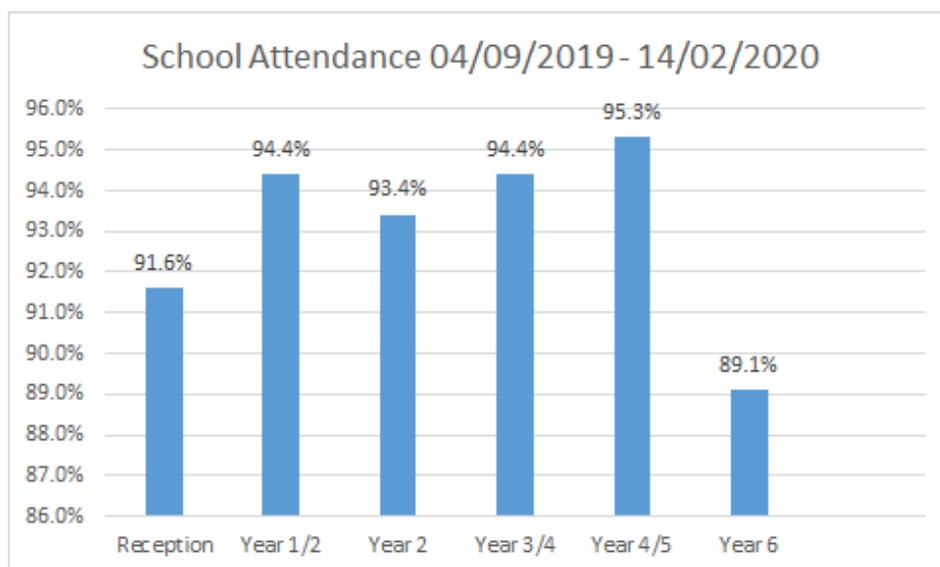
Children can wear their pyjamas to school on this day.

Attached to this newsletter is a £1 book token, which can be exchanged at all participating bookshops.

As per our Attendance Policy parents / carers are asked to explain their children's absence before 9.00 am on that school day by phoning 01740 620 162. If no reason for absence is provided you will be sent a letter asking for a reason. In cases where no reason is provided your child will receive an unauthorised mark.

This year attendance has been very disappointing. We know there have been a lot of bugs and viruses but we need to have a massive push in the summer to meet our target of 96 %.

As you will be aware last term our attendance was as low as 93 % and we can not let this continue. So we are asking you to support us in our mission to have every child in school, on time, every day.



For a child to reach their full educational achievement a high level of school attendance is essential. Get Up, Get In, Get On, Every School Day Counts!

We currently only have 11 children with 100 % attendance and 14 children with 99 % attendance.

Lateness Reminder—Every Minute Counts!

It is also so important your child gets to school every day on time. Learning starts straight away in the classroom and even a few minutes late could make a big difference. If children are not on time it will affect not only their own learning but also the learning of others. Children should be in school by 8.55 am at the latest. Class registers are taken at 9.00 am.

LATENESS = LOST LEARNING

5 minutes late each day	3 days lost
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost

Contact Details

We kindly ask that if you are changing your phone number or address you let us know as soon as possible, we usually find these have changed when we need to call you to let you know your child is unwell or to arrange a parent meeting. **Please ensure we have your up to date details at all times.**

If we cannot get in contact with you we will work our way through the contact list you have provided the school with especially when your child is unwell. This also applies to any medical information too. It is important that key information held on file is accurate to safeguard our children. If you are in doubt of anything, please contact the school office. Thank you.

Parents Evenings

There will be a Year 6 Parents Evening organised in the coming weeks to discuss SATS. Parents evenings for other Year groups will be arranged soon.

Early Years Apps Approved to Help Kick Start Learning at Home

Families encouraged to support children's literacy and language skills from the home. For further detail, please see following link: https://www.gov.uk/government/news/early-years-apps-approved-to-help-families-kick-start-learning-at-home?utm_source=bf0e9d29-7d74-4839-8d32-9a5018b2cfbb&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_content=immediate