



# FISHBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL

## PARENT / CARER NEWSLETTER



January 2018

**Welcome back** to school after the Christmas break. We are looking forward to an exciting term ahead of us and are pleased that children have come back to school ready to listen and learn.

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

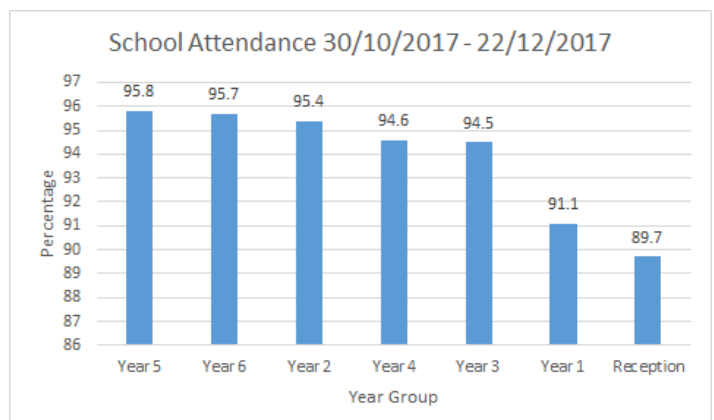
Date	Day	Class / Year	Event
9th February 2018	Friday	All	(Spring Half Term) - Children finish from School
19th February 2018	Monday	All	Children return to School
26th & 27th February 2018	Monday & Tuesday	All	Parent's Evening
28th February 2018	Wednesday	Rec / KS1 & KS2	Speak Out. Stay Safe Assembly
1st March 2018	Thursday	All	World Book Day
6th March 2018	Tuesday	Years 5 & 6	Speak Out. Stay Safe Workshop
28th March 2018	Wednesday	EYFS	Easter Family Day
29th March 2018	Thursday	All	(Easter) - Children finish from School
16th April 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.

### Attendance

We are working hard to improve our attendance rates. Our current attendance percentage by year group is shown opposite. The minimum target is 96 %.

**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.**



A big thank you to all those parents / carers who have registered and are paying for their child's dinners and / or breakfast club via ParentPay. We will now be moving to use ParentPay for the payment of school trips and after school activities.

If you have any queries, regarding ParentPay, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.



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](mailto:fishburn@durhamlearning.net). For a change in meal pattern, we require one weeks notice.

Thank you.

#### **NSPCC's Speak Out. Stay Safe Programme**

The NSPCC's Speak Out. Stay Safe Programme is visiting our school in February 2018 / March 2018 to make sure our pupils have the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse. They will be talking to pupils during assembly and will be doing a workshop with children in Years 5 & 6. Letters will be sent out to parents / carers with further information on this programme closer to the time.

#### **PE**

The football league will resume in February 2018, letters will be sent out to the team.

We won the inclusion award at the Gymnastics Festival and the after school club was a huge success.

This half term we will be running a free activity club after school on Wednesdays (commencing Wednesday 10th Jan 2018).

The Basketball Festival will take place on 25th January 2018, letters will be sent out to those chosen.

#### **Christmas School Fair**

Thank you to those who supported our Christmas Fair on Friday 8th December 2017. A particular mention to those parents who helped to plan the Fair and who gave their time to help out before and on the day—without your support the Fair would not have taken place. Also thank you to those who made donations too. As a result of this and our other Christmas fundraising activities we raised a massive £414.85.

#### **Prescribed Medication**

The school will only administer prescribed medicines in which the dosage is required **4 times a day**, 3 times a day doses can be administered before and after school and late in the evening.

We are only permitted to give children prescribed medication in its original container with the prescription label and a parental consent form completed by the parent / carer.

Any non-prescription medication shall not be administered to any child by school staff. If your child requires non-prescription medication during the school day, parents / carers can arrange with the office a time when they can come and administer the medication to their child themselves.

#### **School Uniform**

We are proud of our school and we wear our uniform with pride! Thank you to all our parents who help ensure that full school uniform is worn. It is important that the children are all dressed in uniform at all times (apart from special events like World Book Day, Christmas jumper day, etc). Finally, can you please check that your child / children has their name written clearly on their uniform so if anything goes missing or gets lost in school it can be safely returned to them.