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Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

### A good start!

Thank you to everyone for the fantastic start we have made to this school year! The children continue to look very smart in their school uniforms and the majority of children are in, on time, and ready to learn at the beginning of each school day. This makes a huge difference in settling the children and being able to start reading and phonics sessions.

We have also been encouraging children to wear the correct school PE kit and have been pleased to see many of the children wearing them for their sessions. This helps ensure that children are dressed safely and appropriately for their sports sessions. *Reminders will be sent to the parents of any children who have a low attendance rate, are late or are not in school with the correct uniform or PE kit. We have spare PE kits in school that we will be asking children to wear if their kit is not appropriate or they have not brought one with them to ensure full participation in lessons.*

### Attendance and Punctuality.

Mrs Watson our Pastoral and Welfare Officer has been keeping a close eye on attendance and lateness and has been working with parents and children this half term. We are celebrating good and improved attendance each week in school.

Please could we ask that children are not dropped off early for school or left to wait at the office after school. Whilst we will always try to accommodate in an emergency, we have a breakfast and after school club for any parents who need this facility.

### Thank you!

Thank you to everyone for their huge support already this year in raising money for some very worthy causes. We were delighted to be able to raise £458.59 during our MacMillan coffee afternoon.

Mrs Keogh has set herself the challenge of raising enough money to have a defibrillator in school and have staff trained to use it. She has already organised a Beauty and the Beast sing-a-long night which raised £331.63 and the Bingo night was a particular success in raising another £292.50 Thank you to everyone who supported these events.

We are going to be holding a Halloween event in school on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October in the hope of raising more funds towards this fantastic cause.

### Class Blogs

Please check out our website under the class blog heading to see what your children have been learning about each week!

### School Council

We have selected our school council representatives and our Head boy and girl for this year. They have made a good start, producing their own school action plan and sharing their ideas at an Inspire Trust school council meeting. Their plan and updates about their work will be on the school website for you to see after half term.

### Dates for your Diary.

#### October

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup>**- Children back to school.

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>**- "Wicked Wednesday!" Children can come into school dressed in Halloween costumes where we are going to spend the day taking part in some spooky writing and art/DT sessions. Children can also bring £1 to donate towards the school defibrillator collection to join in with some Halloween games, sweets and activities in the hall at various points throughout the day.

#### November

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>**- Children In Need (school council are going to decide what they would like to do in order to support this!)

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**December**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>**- 10am and 2pm- Nursery and Reception Christmas performance for parents.

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>**- Years 3,4,5 and 6 to visit Gateshead Pantomime

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup>** – Flu Immunisations and National Christmas Jumper Day!

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>**- 10am and 2pm- Year 1 and 2 Christmas performance for parents

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>**- 10am and 2pm- Years 3 and 4 Christmas performance for parents.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**- Pantomime in school for Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**- Christmas Party day! All children can come into school in their party outfits!

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**- 1.40pm, Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carol Service at St Chads Church.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup>**- *Break up for Christmas holidays. As years 5 and 6 will be finished their carol service by 2.15pm we will also allow all children to be collected from 2.15pm, should you wish. Any children who walk home on their own will be dismissed at the normal time of 3.15pm if they are not collected earlier.*

*\*There may be other dates to add, of which we will try our very best to keep you informed in good time!*

Thank you to everyone who came to our parents evening appointments this week to discuss how your child has settled in to their new class. If you did not manage to attend your appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be happy to rearrange.

Have a good half term holiday.