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SPRING TERM DIARY DATES

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Tuesday 7th February: Safer Internet Day
 Monday 13th February: Year 3 Stone Age Day
 Thursday 16th February: Year 5 visit – Oriental Museum
Friday 17th February: SCHOOL CLOSES: Half Term Break
Monday 27th February: SCHOOL OPENS:
 Tuesday 28th February: Proposed STRIKE ACTION
Monday 13th March: SCHOOL CLOSED: Professional Development Day
Tuesday 14th March: SCHOOL OPEN
 Wednesday 15th March: Proposed STRIKE ACTION
Thursday 16th March: 2.30pm: Internet Safety session for Parents
 Thursday 16th March: Proposed STRIKE ACTION
 Friday 31st March: **SCHOOL CLOSES end of term**
 Monday 17th April: **SCHOOL OPENS for Summer Term**

Swimming

Well done to all our Y4 Pupils in 2HH who have completed their 2 week swimming block. The children have tried hard, developing their water safety and swimming skills. Our swimming superstars 😊

RECEPTION MEETING:

Thank you for your attendance and support at this week's 'Next Steps in Learning' meeting for Reception class. We hope you found the meeting informative,

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy week in school. We completed our pupil questionnaire with our Year 1- Year 6 children, gathering their thoughts and opinions about school. Our Reception class went for a lovely local walk, observing the buildings and materials used to build around school. On Wednesday, Strike Action resulted in partial closure and our KS2 TA team prepared activities for our key worker pupils – the children had a lovely activity day in school. Our thanks to you for your support this week 😊

Tuesday 7th February is National 'Safer Internet Day' and there are activities planned across school, to support online safety.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: FINISHING TIMES

Please could you collect from After School Clubs at the following times. Thank you 😊

4.00pm	4.10pm	4.15pm	4.30pm
Tuesday - Y6 Homework	Monday – Basketball	Monday – Bible Explorers	Friday - Archery
Thursday - Y5 Homework	Tuesday – Mighty Warriors	Thursday – Thursday Club	
Thursday – Book Club	Tuesday – Dance Fusion		

PARENTS QUESTIONNAIRE

Thank you so much for your thoughts and opinions about school. Your comments are appreciated and will be considered by the Governing Body and school staff. Please see the returns attached at the end of the newsletter.

YEAR 3: STONE AGE DAY

Our Year 3 will be having a 'Stone Age Day' full of super activities on Monday 13th February to support their Tribal Tales topic work. A letter has been sent out, as the Year 3 children have been invited to dress up ready for the day (optional)

YEAR 5: MUSEUM VISIT

Our Year 5 pupils are off to the Oriental Museum in Durham, to look at Egyptian artefacts, on Thursday 16th February to support their 'Tomb Raiders' topic. All voluntary contributions to be made via the gateway app. Thank you!

YEAR 6 BREAKFAST BOOSTER CLUBS (Invitation Only)

Our Year 6 team have started Breakfast Booster clubs to support groups of children with aspects of learning and building confidence, as they prepare for their Statutory assessments (May 2023). Staff have invited a number of children to attend from 8am with breakfast provided. Booster classes continue as normal next week: Tuesday and Wednesday.

SPRING TERM 1 PE DAYS: PE sessions have changed and we ask that the Year 1 – Year 6 children **come to school in their kit** (white t-shirt, black shorts, joggers and a red sweatshirt, plimsolls or trainers). The children's new PE days are:

PE TIMETABLE : SPRING TERM		
M	Year 6 (2DJ/ 2KT)	Year 3 (2NS /2ZH)
T	Reception (1LP/1HL) Year 5 (2CR/ 2BV)	Year 6 (2DJ/ 2KT)
W	Years 1 and 2 (1ES, 1TS, 1MG)	Year 5 (2CR/ 2BV)
Th	Year 3 (2NS /2ZH)	Years 1 and 2 (1ES, 1TS, 1MG)
F	Year 4 (2SB/2HH)	Reception (1LP/1HL)

PARKING

Again, we have received a number of complaints from Parents and Residents (Cayton Drive/Glendale Road) regarding irresponsible driving and parking - putting pedestrians, particularly our children, at risk. Please park and drive responsibly!

Have a lovely weekend!

B Hewitt-Best



QUESTIONNAIRE RETURNS - 96

Strongly agree

Agree

Disagree

Strongly disagree

Don't know

Not all questions received a response.

1	My child feels safe at this school.	68	26			2
2	My child is happy at this school.	65	23	2		
3	Communication from the school is clear. (Gateway app/newsletter, website, telephone, letters)	47	39	7		
4	I feel happy about the care my child receives. This school ensures my child is well looked after.	60	31	2		2
5	My child is taught well and is encouraged to achieve at this school.	62	31	2		
6	The school has high expectations for my child.	50	40	2		4
7	This school helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics.	59	32			
8	There is a good standard of behaviour at this school.	36	41	4		3
9	Good behaviour and conduct are encouraged at this school.	57	31	1		5
1	This school deals with any cases of bullying effectively. (Bullying includes persistent name-calling, cyber, racist and homophobic bullying).	37	29	4		22
11	The school supports my child's wider personal development.	49	39	4		2
12	I feel I can discuss queries and concerns with the school.	59	33	2		
13	This school responds well to my queries and concerns.	54	36	3		
14	This school helps me to support my child's learning.	60	33	1		
15	My family access homework via the school website: https://newhambridge.co.uk ;	52	30	3	2	5
16	Homework set, supports my child's learning in school. (Times tables Rock Stars: TTRS, Spellings etc)	58	32	1		2
17	I feel informed about my child's progress (Aut: Consultation, Spr: Annual report, Sum: Monitor report)	42	41	7		2
18	The school is well led and managed.	55	34	1		4
19	The school Governing Body is effective	35	35	2		19
20	I would recommend this school to another parent.	58	32	2		2

Comments made:

- * The language of some of the parents in the playground is disappointing. Some of the cars dropping off on Cayton Drive have no regard for the safety of any of the children crossing or on the pavements.
- * Vaping/smoking at the gates is getting ridiculous
- * Dogs at the gates are a bit much especially as many children are not fans. Some dogs are left on long leads.
- * There have on occasions been incidents which have caused me concern, so much so that I have emailed the school. I did not receive a response.
- * Don't know who is in the school governing body to know if they are effective or not.
- * I feel the school has gone down the last few years. No school fairs, disco's, panto's. Nothing done to celebrate the world cup. Other schools do allsorts and I feel this school does nothing.
- * (Qu 10) Thankfully my children have not experienced any bullying
- * (Qu 19) Do not have any information either way
- * I asked my child if he felt safe at school- he said sometimes as a child keeps hitting him.
- * Thank you so much!
- * I wish the school all the best. Well done to the HT and all the staff. Extra support for my child is welcomed.
- * Really happy with the support given to help learning.
- * School could benefit from more breakfast and after school clubs. Could keep a record of what children have at dinnertimes.
- * Really happy with my child's progress in Reception. Staff are approachable if there are any issues.

- * Excellent communication and support with friendly approachable staff.
- * The time/ notice for special days is very short eg 'Bright and Colourful' would like more notice than a weekend/week.
- * No school fairs, discos, celebrations. We see other schools doing alot of things and I feel this school is letting the children down. No play area open, no hula-hoops etc. Nothing in the playground it is boring for them at break.
- * On a morning when waiting for my child to go into school there are many big children playing and running around. A few are very rough. Some children even bump into adults.
- * The school gateway app is good but it would be nice to have an app that shares daily achievements – reward points, good work in class etc. Also more social media please!
- * Parent consultation time longer please. Homework clubs are a great idea! My child feels less stressed about completing homework when attending these.
- * I would prefer parent consultations at the school – not virtual. I would like more feedback regarding my child's progress.
- * If I have any problems I ring up or speak to the teacher and they are resolved straight away.
- * (Qu 15) I decided disagree for the school website and sadly there are often technical glitches and no information on class pages.
It would be amazing if lesson plans can be available as it would help to support with the topics taught in the week.
- * The school website needs updating on a regular basis.
- * Poor communication for special days – dress up days etc Not enough notice given.
- * (Qu 3) Gateway newsletters not shared across families. Unaware of homework on the website.
- * (Qu 10) Have not experienced bullying so can't comment on this.
- * Communication poor from school – late at advising. School does not participate in events – world cup. Not many school trips. Parents would be happy to fund rather than no trips at all. Sent email suggesting breakfast club and email wasn't responded to.
- * A larger social media presence. Daily photos/updates would be nice. Very sporadic at the moment.
Subscribe to an app where pupil's reward points/comments/updates/photos are recorded and parents can pick it up via phones.
- * (Qu10) I've put don't know as my child has not faced bullying yet. The only improvement I could suggest is that the website is not always updated for the current week. If our children are not divulging much, it is where we would go to find updates.
- * Needs to be more for children to do at playtime: equipment, games etc. Maybe volunteers to play/coach the children.
- * I don't think people should be allowed to smoke at the school gates and children have to walk through it.
- * My only complaint is people smoking at the school gates and having to walk through smoke as I enter/leave. As a non-smoker second hand smoke is not good for my children
- * Thank you very much
- * Thank you, this is a great school.