

Dear Parents and Carers,

Website Updates – what has been uploaded this week?

All Friday letters and updates (not linked to specific areas: Safeguarding, Online Safety etc.), will be published in either: **Parents – Friday Letters – Spring Term 1 2024 OR Parents – Letters and Flyers**

Friday Letter 2nd February 2024

<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/friday-letters/>

Year 3 and 4 Mini Basketball Competition

A selection of Year 3 and 4 children went to Cardinal Hume this week for a Basketball Competition. They did very well, winning 2 games out of 3 and coming overall 3rd out of the schools who took part – another medal, WOW! The children were amazing and did themselves and us very proud, they also thoroughly enjoyed themselves which is always a bonus - well done again. The Drive are very much on the map in Gateshead now for our determination, drive, hard work, and medal winning! Bring on the next competition!

Bike 4 Health

Bike for Health were in this week, working with the Year 5 and 6 children. They had an assembly on bike safety and how to be safe on the roads, ALWAYS wearing a helmet. Then they took groups of children out on the bikes, teaching them cycling skills that are essential for riding on the roads and in the community. Our children were described as 'amazing', and they even commented on how lovely the atmosphere was in our school – it was a proud day! Looking forward to the next event! #bike4health.

Lockdown Policy and Plans

In this term, we will be doing a lockdown drill with the children. This is a policy we are required to implement and practice in order to be prepared if there was a situation where we needed to keep our children safe and out of site inside school. An example of this might be if a member of the public gain entry to our grounds or something/someone causes a risk to our Drive family. For this to be as panic free and as calm as possible, we will be introducing elements of the plans in stages and being transparent with yourselves as to how this will be managed. The plan, as it stands, is to do an assembly with the children, making it child friendly and easy to understand; sending letters and reminders to yourselves as to our plans and when we will be doing the drill and most importantly, giving you all opportunities to ask us any questions you may have. We will continue to keep you updated! Many thanks for your ongoing support!

Attendance – The League and attendance update

0 points if attendance is below 96%

1 point awarded for weekly attendance figures between 96% - 97.5%

2 points awarded for weekly attendance figures between 97.6% - 98.9%

3 points awarded for weekly attendance figures between 99% - 100%

Well done Nursery, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 6 – you all got points this week. Year 3 are still in the lead with 7 points in total, but this is all to play for, as for some classes, attendance has improved and are at or above the expected percentage (97% or more) – well done Year 2 and Year 3.

As always, if you need to speak to school about your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to contact us: we are happy to help!



Teams	Total Points	Overall Weekly Attendance
Nursery	2	97.11% +
Reception	0	83.52% -
Year 1	2	93.57% +
Year 2	2	98.26% +
Year 3	7	98% -
Year 4	0	94.14% -
Year 5	0	88% -
Year 6	1	96.54% +

Have a great weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs R Farren
Head Teacher

Dates for the Diary – dates will be added to and possibly changes made. Keep an eye on our website calendar also.
Just a reminder, a 'C' will feature next to an event that requires parent/carer consent. PLEASE NOTE, CONSENT IS NOW GIVEN ON PARENT PAY www.parentpay.com. All letters can be found in Letters and Flyer on our school website.
<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/letter-and-flyers/>

Spring Term 1 2024 – 6 week half term

Wednesday 7 th February	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning 9 – 10am in the hall Rescheduled to the following Wednesday due to staff being out.
	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 8 th February	Year 6 SATS Meeting Separate Letter issued 31.02.24
Week beginning Monday 12 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
Monday 12 th February	Year 2 Stormbreak Parent/Carer Event – all welcome. 9am in the hall.
	TOP Sportability: Netball Festival 2024 C Selection of children will be attending this event and will receive letters.
Tuesday 13 th February	Book Event – 13 th and 14 th 8:30am in the hall – all are welcome. Separate flyer will follow with more details.
Wednesday 14 th February	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning 9 – 10am in the hall
	Nursery Stay and Play
Friday 16 th February	Cake Friday School Council will be issuing a letter.
Friday 16 th February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 26 th February	Return to school after Half Term Spring 2 - 5 week half term
Tuesday 27 th February	Year 5 Trip – Victoria Tunnels C Further details to follow.



Thursday 29th February	KS1 Multi-sports C Further details to follow.
Friday 1st March	Girls Football (Year 4 and 5) - a selection of children will receive letters C Further details to follow.
Monday 4th March	Year 5 Stormbreak Parent/Carer Event – all welcome. 9am in the hall.
	Sustrans – Active Travel Assembly
Wednesday 6th March	Year 3 Trip – Arbeia Roman Fort C Letter issued 23.01.24.
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day Further details to follow.
Friday 8th March	Year 6 STEM Workshop NUFC C Rescheduled
Monday 11th March – 22nd March	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel Challenge (2 weeks) Further details to follow.
Wednesday 13th March	Year 1 Parents/Carers Phonics Meeting 9 – 9:30am in the hall Further details will follow
	Proposed Nursery Trip C Further details to follow.
Thursday 14th March	Year 4 Quicksticks Hockey C Selection of children will be attending this event and will receive letters.
Friday 15th March	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day Further details to follow.
Tuesday 19th March	Dance Festival C Further details to follow.
Tuesday 26th March	Whole School Competition (in school) – Active Future Further details to follow.
Thursday 28th March	Early Years Sport Festival C Further details to follow.
	Break up for Easter
Friday 29th March	Bank Holiday – Good Friday
Monday 15th April	Return to school after Easter – Summer 1 6 week half term

