

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 26th January 2024

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

Year 1 Trip

Year 1 had a lovely visit to Bill Quay Farm this week. They took part in the Gruffalo trail, finding the animals from the book, and saw lots of different farm animals: pigs, sheep, goats, alpacas, and chickens. They also enjoyed feeding and stroking the small pets too! Well done Year 1, I hear you were all fabulous and had a super time.

Year 6 Trip

Year 6 had a great time exploring the Ancient Greece exhibition. They played eye spy, wrote their own myth, and created a diagram of the armour an Ancient Greek soldier would have worn. We then explored all the other exhibitions including the class favourite: Egyptian underworld!

SEND Swimming Sessions

These sessions are intended to be a quieter session aimed at families who have children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Although SEND swimmers are welcome at all swimming sessions, this dedicated session will give an opportunity for the whole family to swim in a more relaxed environment.

Proof of disability status is not required to access these sessions. SEND family swimming sessions take place across our three swimming pools on a weekly basis:

- Heworth Leisure Centre - Sunday 3.00pm -4.00pm
- Dunston Leisure Centre - Saturday 6.00pm -7.00pm.
- Blaydon leisure Centre - Sunday 8.00am -9.00am (main pool only)

You can use this link for contract details of the swimming pools [Contact us - GO Gateshead](#)

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 and Year 3 – you both got points this week. Year 3 managed a maximum of 3 points and are in the lead with 5 points in total. A better week overall, but remember, our target is 97%! 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	1	96.32% +
Reception	0	84.44% +
Year 1	2	92.86% -
Year 2	0	94.78% +
Year 3	5	99.20% +
Year 4	0	94.62% +
Year 5	0	90.50% -
Year 6	0	95.38% +



Have a super 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 2023 – 6 week half term	
Monday 29 th January	Year 1 Stormbreak Parent/Carer Event – all welcome. 9am in the hall.
Tuesday 30 th January	Year 3 and 4 Basketball Competition – a selection of children will receive letters C . Letters issued 25.01.24
Wednesday 31 st January	Bike 4 Life - Year 5 and 6 C Separate letter issued week beginning 08.01.24 – this is a rescheduled event
Wednesday 7 th February	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning 9 – 10am in the hall
	Safer Internet Day
	Year 6 STEM Workshop NUFC Further details to follow as this event is yet to be confirmed by the event organisers.
Thursday 8 th – Thursday 15 th February	Book Event Days and times of events to be confirmed nearer the time.
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.
Wednesday 14 th February	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 5 week half term
Tuesday 27 th February	Year 5 Trip – Victoria Tunnels C Further details to follow.
Thursday 29 th February	KS1 Multi-sports C Further details to follow.
Friday 1 st March	Girls Football (Year 4 and 5) - a selection of children will receive letters C Further details to follow.
Monday 4 th March	Year 5 Stormbreak Parent/Carer Event – all welcome. 9am in the hall.
Wednesday 6 th March	Year 3 Trip – Arbeia Roman Fort C Letter issued 23.01.24.
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day Further details to follow.

