



# The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

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 – Autumn 1 2023 OR Parents – Letters and Flyers**

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

## Food Bank Donations

I know Year 4 posted this on Facebook, but just in case people missed it I want to say again a huge thank you for all your kind food donations! Year 4 were fundamental in the organisation of this event and even helped sort and pack the food in to our store cupboard. Please remember, this bank is available to our whole community so please spread the word! Thanks again for being so supportive and thank you Year 4 for organising the food drive!

## Attendance Update – New 4 Stage Approach

You all received a letter this week in relation to our new attendance system. As you know, attendance and punctuality is so important, and gives your children the best chance in life the more education they access. I won't go too much into the process as you all received an explanation letter but wanted to make parents and carers aware that the stage 1 letters (attendance 96% or below) will be being issued next week. Don't worry too much if you receive one of these: the first letter is more of a reminder and as the year goes on, percentages rise; however, if your child's attendance doesn't increase for whatever reason, stage 2 is heading down a more monitored-based path and could (worst case) lead to legal intervention. If you do receive a letter and wish to speak to a member of the attendance team (Mrs Ellis, Mrs Conroy, Mrs Cuthbertson, or myself) please don't hesitate to contact school: we are more than happy to explain the new system further and clarify our legal obligations. Thank you for your ongoing support.

## Attendance – The League

**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 Year 1, you have received 2 points this week and are now in the lead. I will also say that those + signs are making me happy, so well done everyone for a better week's attendance.

Teams	Total Points	Overall Weekly Attendance
Nursery	0	84.06% +
Reception	3	94.12% -
Year 1	4	98.57% +
Year 2	0	95.65% +
Year 3	1	94.40% +
Year 4	0	93.09% +
Year 5	0	85.26% -
Year 6	1	82.69% -



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Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Yours sincerely,

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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](http://www.parentpay.com)**

**All letters can be found in Letters and Flyer on our school website.**

**<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/letter-and-flyers/>**

Autumn Term 2023 – 8 week half term	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day
	Nursery Trip – Hancock Museum <b>C</b> <b>Letter sent 28.09.23</b>
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 and Year 4 Trip – Washington Wetland <b>C</b> <b>Letter sent 26.09.23</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5/6 Football <b>C</b> <b>Letter sent 4.10.23</b>
	KS1 Indoor Athletics Festival <b>C</b> <b>Letter sent 28.09.23</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	Starlight Project Assembly Decorating bunting for hospitals to hang over the Christmas period (this may take place across the week)
	Year 5 Trip – Planetarium <b>C</b>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Intra- Sport School Competition <b>C</b> <b>More details to follow</b>
	Reception Autumn Walk to Felling Park <b>C</b> <b>More details to follow</b>
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 5/6 Sports hall Athletics <b>C</b> <b>More details to follow</b>
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	Nursery Stay and Play <b>More details to follow</b>
	Break up for half term
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Return to school after half term
	Year 4 Trip – Hancock Museum <b>C</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 1 Trip – Beamish Museum <b>C</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Odd Socks Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Week beginning 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Swedish Teacher's Visit
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 2 Trip - Safety Works <b>C</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning <b>9 – 10am in the hall</b>
	Nursery Theatre Trip <b>C</b>
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Fayre PM



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<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception Nativity (in school) AM
	Nursery Christmas Sing Along PM
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS1 Nativity (in school) PM
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Carol Service (St Mary's Church) PM
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Break up for Christmas
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Staff INSET – <b>Children not in school</b>
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Return to school after Christmas



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