



The Drive Community Primary School

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Friday 29th September 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 Friday Letter 29th September 2023**

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

WOW Walk to School Re-launch!

We have relaunched Living Streets – WOW Walk to school this week. The children enjoyed an assembly delivered by Don, our school advocate, and thoroughly enjoyed a visit from the Living Streets mascot Strider on Tuesday.

Just a reminder of how WOW works. Each day, your children will record how they travel to school on the Wow Travel Tracker and there are new badges coming to school that can be earned each month. Badges are awarded by travelling actively and sustainably at least once a week, every week, with the view to reduce car journeys, improve fitness and help to lower our carbon footprint. Types of travel include walking/wheeling, cycling, scooting, or doing Park and Stride. Our WOW Ambassadors have calculated that if parents/carers park at the short stay car park at Heworth Metro, children can be awarded a badge – all they must do is click Park and Stride on the tracker.

If you would like to learn more, please use this link to watch a short video.

<https://youtu.be/op0zWJw1Hs0>



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Growing Healthy Gateshead

The Growing Healthy Gateshead 0-19 service is an integrated service for families, expectant mothers, children, and young people that offers interventions from the pre-natal stage up to the age of 19. A School Nurse is available Monday to Friday 8.30am-5pm and you can find the local Gateshead Team page on Facebook, where they share information and general health advice.

www.facebook.com/GrowingHealthyGateshead

Attendance – The League

Not a great week this week, so I hope next week will bring a better outlook. Can I remind everyone that if your child is late after registration, then this goes down as a 'U' and they do not get their mark, meaning their overall percentage is lowered. Like I have said previously, this doesn't just affect their individual attendance percentage, but the whole class percentage too. Please make sure that you are on time: morning sessions are very important and if missed, can have an impact on progress.

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%

Teams	Total Points	Overall Weekly Attendance
Nursery	0	76.69% -
Reception	3	94.71% -
Year 1	2	95.65% -
Year 2	0	92.17% -
Year 3	1	89.17% -
Year 4	0	89.04% -
Year 5	0	90% -
Year 6	1	89.11% -

Have a super 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

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 3 rd October	School Photographs Letter sent 26.09.23
Wednesday 4 th October	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning 9:00 – 10:00 in the Hall Cancelled due to Mrs Cuthbertson and Mrs Farren being out – text was sent 28.09.23
	Primary Cross-Country Competition C Cancelled Event
	Year 3 - Nissan – Lesson in a Box (no consent needed, in school event)
Thursday 5 th October	Year 6 – Science Beach Trip C Letter sent 26.09.23
	Year 4 Trip – Live Tales C Letter sent 26.09.23
Tuesday 10 th October	Living Streets Little Feet Workshop – Nursery and Reception (no consent needed, in school event)
	World Mental Health Day
Wednesday 11 th October	Nursery Trip – Hancock Museum C Letter sent 28.09.23
	Year 2 and Year 4 Trip – Washington Wetland C Letter sent 26.09.23
Thursday 12 th October	KS1 Indoor Athletics Festival C Letter sent 28.09.23
Monday 16 th October	Starlight Project Assembly Decorating bunting for hospitals to hang over the Christmas period (this may take place across the week)
Tuesday 24 th October	Intra- Sport School Competition C More details to follow
	Reception Autumn Walk to Felling Park C More details to follow
Thursday 26 th October	Year 5/6 Sports hall Athletics C More details to follow
Friday 27 th October	Nursery Stay and Play More details to follow
	Break up for half term



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