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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are well. It has been a busy term so far, and we are looking forward to the Easter holidays. Here is some valuable information for you:

### Attendance

**Attendance:** for February 2026

| Class             | Attendance % | Class                 | Attendance % |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Mrs McQuillan YR  | 95.2%        | Mr Maguire Y1         | 91.9%        |
| Mrs Hudspith Y1/2 | 93.8%        | Mrs Hawthorn Y2       | 97.1%        |
| Mr Thompson Y3    | 94.8%        | Mrs Byrne/Connon Y3/4 | 96%          |
| Mr O'Doherty Y4   | 97.8%        | Miss Austin Y5        | 96.3%        |
| Mr Hall Y5        | 94.3%        | Mrs Taylor Y6         | 94.6%        |
| Mrs Hodgkins Y6   | 94.2%        |                       |              |



This month's winner for the best attendance is **MR O'DOHERTY'S class!** Well done everyone.

Please remember to leave a reason for your child's absence on our answerphone or on the Arbor app. Thank you.

### E Scooters

This is just a reminder about E Scooters. If an E Scooter is ridden on the pavement, the *'person riding the scooter is committing an offence and could face a fixed penalty notice, the seizure of the e-scooter and its' disposal.'* This quote is taken from Police.uk. Thank you.

### Parking and Safety

Please be patient, drive, and park safely, and considerately around school. We continue to receive reports of rudeness and upset between parents while using our school car park. We do not want any unpleasantness in or around school. Thank you.

## **Safeguarding**

We have a child friendly Safeguarding policy which is shared with our children and can be found on our website and in every classroom. It is an excellent way of creating conversations about how we keep ourselves safe.

## **Change to our telephone system and telephone number**

This should be happening around the 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> March. Please bear with us during this period. Our telephone number will be changing too, and we will inform you of this as soon as possible.

## **North Tyneside Dance Festival**

Date: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Our pupils are preparing for this exciting event with Harriet from Decote Dance. We wish them the best of luck with their performance at the festival at Whitley Bay playhouse.

## **Neurodiversity Week**

Dates: 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> March

Classes will discuss neurodiversity and celebrate how our brains are unique, to foster a community of acceptance and inclusion.

## **Comic Relief/Red Nose Day**

Date: Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> March

Children can wear their own clothes and are invited to bring a donation into school to support Comic Relief.

## **National Down Syndrome Awareness Day**

Date: Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March

We encourage everyone to wear mismatched, colourful, or crazy socks to raise awareness of Down syndrome. When people ask about the socks, children can explain, "I'm wearing them to raise awareness of Down syndrome."

## **Shakespeare Week: 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March**

We will explore various Shakespeare stories this week. We are delighted we continue to be an RSC Associate school, and a group of children will be performing part of a Shakespeare play at the Northern Stage next term.

### **Parent/Teacher Consultations**

Dates: Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Time: 3.30pm – 6.00pm

You can book appointments from today Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March. To access these, select 'Guardian Consultations' from the main page. Please remember, you can always arrange a meeting with staff if you have concerns about your child at any time of the year.

### **Lenten walk then cake sale**

Date: Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> March.

This will be a busy day!

We will hold a cake sale in support of St Cuthbert's Care, Good Shepherd Appeal. Could we please ask for donations of cakes/sweet treats to be brought into school the morning of the 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you. Monetary donations at the cake sale will be appreciated, every penny will go to an incredibly worthy cause. No nut products please.

### **Holy Week**

We are in school this Holy Week (30<sup>th</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> April) and classes will take turns sharing parts of the Easter story from Monday to Thursday, every day.

### **Last Day of Term Early Pick-Up**

Date: Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April

Early Pick-Up Time: 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM

There will be no Rock Steady music club on this day.

The kitchen has planned a special 'Eggstravaganza' lunch for the last day, please see the menu attached.

Access Coaching after school football session will still take place from 3.30pm -4.30pm.

If your child is leaving early and walking home alone, please email their class year group to give permission. Children staying until 3.20pm can be picked up from the usual place.

This will also be a non-uniform day. We ask that everyone wears a splash of purple to acknowledge we are in the Lenten season. This could be in the form of clothes, socks, or just accessories. Please do not buy anything new for this day.

## Important Dates

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|---|---|---|
| Science week                              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> March         | Many exciting activities in school this week.   |
| LEGO club competition                     | 11 <sup>th</sup> March                          | Good luck everyone!   |
| Dance Festival                            | 16 <sup>th</sup> March                          | Meet at 6.30pm (dance group)  |
| Neurodiversity week                       | 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> March       | Activities in classes   |
| Rocksteady concert                        | 19 <sup>th</sup> March                          | 2.30pm in the school hall.  |
| Comic Relief                              | 20 <sup>th</sup> March                          | Non uniform, donations welcome for charity.   |
| National Down Syndrome Awareness          | 23 <sup>rd</sup> March                          | We can all wear bright, colourful or odd socks!   |
| Parents Evenings                          | 25 <sup>th</sup> /26 <sup>th</sup> March        | Appointments are going live this Friday.  |
| Lenten walk for pupils and staff          | 27 <sup>th</sup> March                          | Around school grounds.  |
| Cake sale                                 |   | Donations of cakes/sweet treats welcome!<br>To buy a treat, please send in money. Any amount will be fantastic. |
| Reception stay and play                   | 27 <sup>th</sup> March                          | 2.15pm – 3pm  |
| Nursery stay and play                     | 31 <sup>st</sup> March                          | 10am – 11am   |
| Non uniform, Easter Lunch & Early pick up | 2 <sup>nd</sup> April                           | Wear something Purple if possible.  |
| Easter holiday                            | 3 <sup>rd</sup> April to 20 <sup>th</sup> April | We break up on THURSDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> April (early pick up)   |

Kind regards,

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Headteacher

