



SCHOOL UPDATES

ATTENDANCE:

YEAR GROUP	AUTHORISED ABSENCE (%)	UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE (%)	OVERALL (%)
RECEPTION	0	0	100
YEAR 1	12.1	0	87.9
YEAR 2	3.5	0	96.5
YEAR 3	1.3	0	98.7
YEAR 4	3.7	0	96.3
YEAR 5	1.3	0	98.7
YEAR 6	2.9	0	97.1
AVERAGE	3.5	0	96.5

A tough week with illness this week, so well done for striving to maintain our usual excellent attendance at school, and thank you too for keeping your children away from school where necessary so as to not spread infection around the classes – or staff!

FAMILY LEARNING – MATHS MATTERS:

As previously advertised, Claire Law, from the Gateshead Family Learning Team will be delivering a 6 week Maths course for parents of pupils in Years 3 to 6 starting on Thursday 24th January. The course will look at a variety of numeracy methods (ie. how we do things 'nowadays'!) in a relaxed environment to support you in helping with your child's ongoing development in mathematics. If you would like to register your interest, please get in contact with Mrs Noble in the school office, or you can find out more by getting in contact with Claire Law on 0191 4338678/ claire.law@gateshead.gov.uk.

ADMISSIONS TO DUCKPOOL PRE-SCHOOL 2019-20:

A note to say that letters for admission to Duckpool Pre-school for children who will have their 4th birthday between 1st September 2019 and 31st August 2020 are being sent out from next week. If you – or someone you know – would like to register your interest, please contact Susan Cameron, Pre-school Manager, on 0191 4881137/ duckpoolpreschool@gatedu.org. The Pre-school has 24 places and will be offering 30 free hours for those who qualify.

REMINDERS

PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF SEVERE WEATHER:

- School will remain open unless you are advised otherwise.
- In the very unlikely event of a school closure, an email, text message and tweet will be sent out from school (please ensure school have your up-to-date email address and mobile phone number), there will be a note on the front page of the school website and local radio stations will be informed.
- In the more likely event that snow may affect your journey to school, please take sensible precautions: if it is possible to walk please do, and set off in plenty of time; keep school informed of your whereabouts - particularly if you are likely to be late; ensure that your child is prepared for the elements, with changes of shoes (and clothes if necessary) brought in to school with them.
- Parents/carers will be made aware of updates/ongoing developments via the same channels of communication.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION LITURGY:

The next Liturgy for pupils preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion is on Sunday 20th January, during 9:30am Mass at St Mary's RC Church. Attendance for all children is encouraged.

DIARY DATES (21.1.19 – 25.1.19)

MONDAY –

Skipping workshop for Y4 (PE kit and trainers required in school).

WEDNESDAY –

Y3 visit to the Synagogue.

5-a-side football tournament (pupils involved will have received a letter with details).

THURSDAY –

'Dippy Schools' Science workshops in school.

Family Learning – 'Maths Matters' 1 of 6.

Friends meeting 2:30pm.

