



SCHOOL UPDATES

STAFF UPDATE – YEAR 1:

Mrs Gardner will be leaving school on Friday to begin her maternity leave. We thank her for all her hard work over the past nine months, and wish her and her husband all the luck in the world as they await the arrival of their first child.

With Mrs Gardner's departure, we welcome Miss Brown, who will be teaching Y1 until Mrs McTernan returns to school in the Summer Term.

PARENTS' EVENING:

This term, we will be trialling a new online booking system for Parent's Evening. Bookings must be made via the eschools system, so if you have yet to set up your account, this must be done in advance of booking. Appointments will be made on a first-come first-served basis, and the booking system will open at 5pm on Monday 4th February and will close at 12pm on Monday 25th February.

As Miss Brown will not have had opportunity to get to know the pupils sufficiently well, parents/carers of pupils in Y1 will receive a written interim report from Mrs Gardner, and may make an appointment with Mr Wheatley (if required) by phoning the school office.

ATTENDANCE:

YEAR GROUP	AUTHORISED ABSENCE (%)	UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE (%)	OVERALL (%)
RECEPTION	0	0	100
YEAR 1	1.4	0	98.6
YEAR 2	0.7	0	99.3
YEAR 3	1.3	0	98.7
YEAR 4	3.2	1	95.8
YEAR 5	2	0.3	97.7
YEAR 6	5.8	0	94.2
AVERAGE	2.2	0.1	97.8

Last week it was our most senior year group, this week our youngest! Well done to Reception Class for maintaining 100% attendance this week.

SPORTS UPDATE:

A huge well done to our Y5 and 6 basketball teams who represented the school wonderfully this week, with the blue team qualifying as overall winners! We look forward to seeing how they get on in the next round.

200 CLUB:

A huge thank you to all those who participate in the 200 Club. Here are the winners for Oct-Dec 2018.

October 2018

PRIZE	NUMBER	WINNER
£50	15	A Johnston – Lewis
£25	58	M. Calvert
£15	95	P. Collins - Nathan
£10	89	J. Renwick – Luke Dyer

November 2018

PRIZE	NUMBER	WINNER
£50	88	E Wright
£25	33	T Noble
£15	49	J Punton - Matthew
£10	116	K. Fawcett - Grace

December 2018

PRIZE	NUMBER	WINNER
£50	29	V Mulholland – Oliver
£25	73	E Jones - Max
£15	106	P. Collins - Nathan
£10	47	A Oswell

REMINDERS

DANCE FESTIVAL TICKETS:

Please ensure that all money for Gateshead Dance Festival tickets is sent in to school by **Monday 4th February**.

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 currently being sent out. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Y1 AND 6 LITURGY:

Y1 and 6 will be sharing their termly liturgy at 2:30pm on Thursday 7th February; all welcome!

Y4 SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION LITURGY:

The next Sunday Liturgy for our Y4 pupils preparing to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in June will be on Sunday 10th February 2019 (during 9:30am Mass at St Mary's RC Church).

KS1 AND 2 FILM NIGHTS:

We will be holding our KS1 Film night (Reception to Y2) on Monday 11th February and then our KS2 Film Night (Y3-6) on Wednesday 13th February. The cost of the evening (3:15-5:15pm) is £3.50 per pupil (£5 per family). Please send money in to school in a clearly labelled envelope.

The children will be watching *Sherlock Gnomes* and *Hotel Transylvania 3*.

CHANGE OF MASS DATES:

For your information, this year, we will be attending Mass on Ash Wednesday (6th April) with the Parish memorial Mass being held at St Mary's Church (9:30am). As such, we will no longer be having whole school Mass on St David's Day (Friday 1st April).

DIARY DATES (4.2.19 – 8.2.19)

WEDNESDAY –

Y4 Catechist Session.

Y3/4 Mini Basketball (pupils involved will receive a letter).

THURSDAY –

Family Learning – 'Maths Matters' 3 of 6.

KS2 author visit and workshops.

Y1 and 6 Liturgy, 2:30pm; all welcome!