

Dear Parents/Carers

REMINDER: HARVEST FESTIVAL – We are still accepting donations for the Harvest Festival. All of the items will be given to the Blaydon Foodbank to help support families who are currently experiencing hardship. If you would like to make a donation please drop your item(s) off at the office by Monday, 15th October. Below is a list of items the Foodbank currently need:

Fish (tinned) Fruit Juice (Long Life) Fruit (tinned) Sugar (500g)	Milk (Long Life) Noodles Pasta Sauce Toilet Rolls	Rice Pudding Soup Sponge Puddings
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We will then start to build our display ready for our Harvest Festival!

MACMILLAN COFFEE AFTERNOON: I was delighted to see so many of our parents, carers and family members attending our Macmillan Coffee Afternoon last Friday. The hall was bursting at the seams! We made sure that we sold all of the leftover cakes on Monday and Tuesday to make sure we raised as much money as possible. We raised £385 for this extremely worthwhile charity.

REMINDER: CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION DATES: Please find below details of this year's Christmas performances.

Monday, 3 rd December	Pm	Key Stage 1 & Reception Nativity
Tuesday, 4 th December	Am	Key Stage 1 & Reception Nativity
Thursday, 6 th December	Pm	Key Stage 2 Show
Friday, 7 th December	Am	Key Stage 2 Show

Further information re times, tickets etc will be given nearer the time. Once we get back after half term the practising will start to perfect the performances!

YEAR 5/6 ASSEMBLY: Mrs Brown and Year 5/6 would like to thank everyone who came to their assembly this afternoon. I always feel so proud when I see how much effort the children put into their assemblies. Well done Year 5/6!

PRIOR NOTICE: PARENTS' EVENINGS: Our Parents' Evenings this term will take place on Monday, 12th and Tuesday, 13th November. Further details re times and booking appointments will be given soon.

CAULIFLOWER CARDS: As in previous years we have arranged with Cauliflower Cards for the children to produce artwork which will be made into Christmas cards. However; this year we have signed up for parents/carers to order direct from Cauliflower cards – the school are unable to process any payments. The cards will be available to view in school prior to half term and all orders must be placed with Cauliflower Cards by Sunday, 28th October at the latest. Further details will follow next week.

HALLOWEEN DISCO: Our annual Halloween Disco is on Wednesday, 31st October between 4.15pm- 5.45pm. We always try and include all children, including Nursery and Reception; however, we do rely on the parents risk assessing their own children as to whether they can cope independently for that length of time. This Disco will have children wearing spooky costumes.

If your child would like to go and has not received a Disco letter please call to the office.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER: The school photographer is coming to school on Friday, 12th October. If you would like a photograph taken with a baby sibling please come to school for 8.30am. All other children will be taken as per normal school routine.

SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL VISITS: We have two educational visits next week. On Monday Year 4 are going to Gibside where they will be studying mini-beasts and making environmental art from items they find in the grounds! Fingers crossed the weather will improve for them! On Wednesday Year 5/6 are visiting Nissan where they will learn about the skills needed to work for Nissan. They will also be learning about teambuilding and organisational skills.

BLAYDON YOUTH CLUB: Catherine Edmunds has asked me to let you know that there will be no Youth Club tonight due to staffing issues.

ATTENDANCE: I am delighted that this week's attendance has improved following a dip last week due to the many viruses that seem to surface at this time of year. Congratulations again to Year 1 who had 99.6% attendance.

I hope you all have a super weekend!

SIMON BROWN
Head Teacher

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