



Newsletter

January 2019

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas, which now seems like a very long time ago! We've had a great start to the term, with 5 classes achieving 100% attendance in the first week. Fantastic!!

E-Safety Show – 'Barking up the Right Tree'

We are looking forward to an e-safety show on 1st February, which will present some important messages to help children keep safe online. There will be separate performances for KS1 and KS2. We hope children will be keen to share what they've learned when they return home!



Author Visit/Witton World Book Day – Friday 1st March

Author, **Saviour Pirotta**, will be visiting school for a World Book day linked event on 28th February. Saviour Pirotta is a best-selling author of over a hundred children's books, ranging from novelty titles to short novels. He is mostly known for his vivid adaptations of world myths and legends and retellings of fairy stories and also offers sessions about Shakespeare. We will celebrate World Book Day in school the next day (1st March) and will link our celebrations to the author visit. On 1st March, children are invited to wear book themed outfits – if possible matched to the genres they will be exploring on our World Book Day: Reception/KS1 – fairytales, Year 3/4 - myths and legends, Year 5/6 – Shakespeare.

Attendance

Group	% Attendance
Reception	97.4
Year 1	97.3
Year 2	94.5
Year 3	97.3
Year 4	97.6
Year 5	97.2
Year 6	95.6
Totals	96.7

Our attendance target for all individual children and each class is 96%. Well done to Reception, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5, who are all above 96%!

Before the Christmas break, the majority of children also received certificates for attendance. We award Bronze for 96-97.9%, silver for 98-99.9% and gold certificates for 100% attendance. Congratulations to everyone on their achievements.

Carol Singing for Durham Foodbank



We wanted to say a huge well done to Isabella, Hayden, Jennifer, Anna, Daniel, Sophie and Lily, who raised £90 for Durham Foodbank during the holidays. Together with adult members of their family, they entertained members of the community with their fabulous Carol singing to raise funds for this excellent charity. Well done!



PE Kits

Just a reminder that PE kits should be brought into school on a Monday and taken home on a Friday. Whilst classes have timetabled slots for PE, children may also need their PE kits at other points in the week. Also, please ensure that children wear correct PE kit, which includes a House coloured t-shirt (with school logo or plain t-shirt). **No sports brands or football tops please.**

Jewellery Policy Reminders

Please note that children are not allowed to wear Fitness Trackers (eg FitBits) in school. They can be kept safely at home.

One pair of small earrings are allowed, but they **MUST** be small studs. Some children are starting to wear bigger earrings which are not appropriate for school. In these cases, children will be asked to take them out.

Also, a reminder that children should not wear nail varnish in school.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Dates for your diary

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Thursday 31 st January 2.30pm	Celebration Assembly – Year 4 parents invited
Friday 1 st February	Non Uniform day and Year 3 cake sales
Friday 1 st February	E-Safety performance in school
Thursday 14 th February 2.30pm	Celebration Assembly – Year 2 parents invited
Friday 15 th February	Last day of half term
18th February – 25th February 2019	HALF TERM
Thursday 28 th February	Author Visit – Saviour Pirotta
Friday 1 st March	Witton World Book Day
Friday 1 st March	Non-Uniform day and Year 2 cake sales
Monday 4 th March & Tuesday 5 th March	Parents' Evenings
Thursday 28 th March	Year 3 Stone Age Day
Friday 29 th March 2pm	Spring Fair
Tuesday 2 nd April (pm)	Easter Egg decorating with families (Reception/KS1 only) KS2 decorate eggs in classrooms
Friday 5 th April	Non uniform and Year 1 cakes Last day of term
8th April – Tuesday 23rd April 2019	EASTER HOLIDAYS
May	Year 2 SATs take place throughout the month
Thursday 2 nd May 2.30pm	Celebration Assembly – Year 1 parents invited
Friday 3 rd May	Non-Uniform day and Reception cake sales
Monday 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Week beginning 13 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Week beginning 20 th May	Enrichment Week Harmony Day – Mon 20 th STEAM Day – Tues 21 st OPAL Day – Wednesday 22 nd Sports Day Option 1 – Thurs 23 rd May (Weather dependent) Sports Day Option 2 – Friday 24 th May (Weather dependent)
Friday 24 th May	Last day of half term
27th May – 4th June 2019	HALF TERM
Friday 7 th June	Non-uniform day
Week beginning 10 th June	Year 1 Phonics Check
Thursday 27 th June 2.30pm	Celebration Assembly – Reception parents invited
Wednesday 3 rd July	Framwellgate School Transition Day
Friday 5 th July	Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 11 th July 2.00pm and 5.30pm Friday 12 th July 10.00am	KS2 Performance
Thursday 18 th July – Time to be confirmed	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly for Parents
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term
19th July – 4th September	SUMMER HOLIDAYS

School holidays 2018-2019

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-open for teaching purposes
Spring half term	Friday 15 th February 2019	Monday 25 th February 2019
Easter holidays	Friday 5 th April 2019	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
May Bank Holiday	Friday 3 rd May 2019	Tuesday 7 th May 2019
Summer half term	Friday 24 th May 2019	Tuesday 4 th June 2019
Summer holidays	Friday 19 th July 2019	Wednesday 4 th September 2019
2019-2020 Academic Year		
Summer holidays	Friday 19 th July 2019	Wednesday 4 th September 2019
Autumn half term	Friday 25 th October 2019	Monday 4 th November 2019
Staff Training Day (Friday 22 nd Nov)	Thursday 21 st November 2019	Monday 25 th November 2019
Christmas holidays	Friday 20 th December 2019	Monday 6 th January 2020
Spring half term	Friday 14 th February 2020	Monday 24 th February 2020
Easter holidays	Friday 3 rd April 2020	Monday 20 th April 2020
May Day	Friday 1 st May 2020	Tuesday 5 th May 2020
Summer half term	Friday 22 nd May 2020	Tuesday 2 nd June 2020
Summer holidays	Friday 17 th July	To be confirmed