



Allendale Primary School January 2017 Newsletter

Happy New Year and welcome back to everyone for the Spring term 2017.

Just a few school rules reminders; nail varnish is not to be worn for school, (we are a little flexible when marble nights etc. have happened!); no jewellery should be worn, other than watches or plain studs for those children with pierced ears, these should be removed for PE and if children do wear a watch, smartwatches are not allowed as these have a camera function. School starts at 8.55am, if your child is absent on a school day parents must inform school on the morning of the first day of absence.

Piano lessons continue with Mrs Welch on a Tuesday and Wednesday and Violin with Mrs Jackson on a Friday.

Our new nursery aged children have started in the Pipit Class. We do offer flexible Nursery sessions for any children who will be 4 years old on or before 19th January 2017; these children can start nursery immediately. For any children who are 4 years old before 18th May 2017, we can offer nursery provision from the start of the Summer term. If you would like your child to join our nursery, (shared provision with pre-school is welcomed), please contact Mrs Clarke or Miss Armstrong for further information.

There will be a meeting and look around school for any prospective parents on Monday 16th January at 2.30pm. This is primarily for those parents who will have a child starting Reception in September 2017 or 2018 and would like to see the 'school in action' and the Early Years Unit.

Allstars, flexible child care, is running breakfast club from 8.00am every morning and after school care from 3.30pm to 5.30pm Monday to Thursday, 4.30pm on a Friday. This is a non-profit making club run by school. If you would like to book, please either ring school 683376 or e-mail allendaleallstars@hotmail.com

There is a lot of change happening in education at the present time, especially in this geographical area. We are holding a parents meeting on Wednesday 25th January at 3.45pm to share what we know, talk about the curriculum changes and higher expectations, including SATs, homework, budgets, and plans for our School; it's an opportunity for you to ask any questions you might have. It is vital for all parents to support the work of the school and to work in partnership with us. I would urge as many parents as possible to attend this meeting; we will be offering a childcare facility.

On Friday 10th February we will be holding an open afternoon, where you can come into school and share your child's work. Parents Evenings will then follow on Monday 13th February and Thursday 16th February.

Parents who bring their children to school or use the Sports Hall, will soon notice that we will be having builders on site. There is a planned programme of improvement work taking place this term, starting on January 16th, including repairs to the main school roof, replacement of windows in the hall and new fencing on parts of the school site. I have been assured that the work will not disrupt school routine at all, other than if scaffolding is needed for the roof there will be an alternative entrance to the school site.

Spring Term dates for your Diary

Monday 16 th January	Prospective Parents Meeting 2.30pm
Tuesday 17 th January	Multi Skills Festival Y1 and Y2 - Sports Hall
Monday 23 rd January	Daft as a Brush assembly
Wednesday 25 th January	Parents Meeting 3.45pm
Thursday 26 th January	Bag2School Collection
Friday 10 th February	Open Afternoon
Monday 13 th February	Parents Evening
Thursday 16 th February	Parents Evening
Thursday 16 th February	Y3/4 Gymnastics Tournament - Sports Hall
Friday 17 th February	Finish for half term.
Monday 27 th February	School starts; swimming for Y2, Y3 and Y4

All information is on our website, which is kept up to date.

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