



**Allendale Primary School**  
**September 2015 Newsletter**

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Welcome to a new school year. Hopefully the children are settling into their new classes. We welcome Mrs Clarke in the school office and Mrs Mason who is working as a Teaching Assistant in Lapwing and Barn Owl Classes. Below is a list of the classes and class teachers for this year:

Pipit Class - Miss Armstrong

Skylark Class - Miss Armitt and Miss Guttridge

Barn Owl Class - Miss Porteous

Lapwing Class - Miss White

Curlew Class - Mr Charlton

Kestrel Class - Miss Honeyman

Curriculum information for each class will shortly be available on our website. If you have any concerns throughout the year, please do not hesitate to contact a member of staff working with your child.

**School Lunches:**

The online system is now well established with all food prepared and cooked in our kitchen. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school meal. Please let Mrs Clarke know if you would like your child to swap from packed lunches to the free meal. Parents of children in Years 3- 6, now have the option of paying for school lunches by direct debit or sending money in as usual; dinners cost £2.15 per day, (£10.75 per week). Parents can go onto the Dolce website to sign up for direct debit and receive log in details. Once this is done, meals can be ordered at home. If parents still want to pay by cash or cheque, Mrs Clarke will set up each account before log in details can be sent home to order in advance.

We still urge any parents who would be entitled to claim free school meals to still do so, even if your child qualifies for the infant free meals. School receives extra money according to how many children are entitled to free school meals so it is very important for our budget.

There is currently a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor due to the retirement of Mrs Dodd. Mrs Dodd worked at school for over 20 years and unfortunately has not been

very well recently. We all hope that she returns to good health soon and send her all our best wishes.

### **Allstars:**

Allstars is our breakfast and after school childcare club run by Miss Warrior and Mrs Atkinson. Parents can register their child for regular or occasional use. Opening hours are as follows:

Monday 8.00am - 8.45am & 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Tuesday 8.00am - 8.45am & 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Wednesday 8.00am - 8.45am & 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Thursday 8.00am - 8.45am & 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Friday 8.00am - 8.45am & 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Bookings can be made by ringing Mrs Clarke in the school office or directly by e-mail at [allendaleallstars@hotmail.com](mailto:allendaleallstars@hotmail.com)

Cost is £4.50 for breakfast club including breakfast, (£4.00 if breakfast is not required)

£4.00 per hour for after school club, (plus an 50p for snacks or children are welcome to bring their own)

There are discounts where families have more than one child using the club.

There will be a temporary vacancy for a new club supervisor as Mrs Atkinson is shortly due to go on maternity leave. If any parents are interested in this vacancy or the lunchtime supervisor position, further details are available from school or the NCC jobs website.

### **PTFA:**

The Parents, Teachers and Friends Association is a voluntary group who organise fund raising events in school. The money raised is spent on the children for such things as trips, visitors, theatre companies, transport and resources throughout the year. Last year they raised funds for i-pads which will shortly be introduced in school. We charge for very few activities in comparison with the vast majority of schools and this is largely due to the money that is raised by the PTFA. If you would like to join the PTFA, the AGM is on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm at the King's Head**. Everyone is welcome. Even if you do not want to formally join the committee, volunteering your time at an event would be very much appreciated.

The PTFA have organised 2 further bag2school collections for this year, having raised £124 from the July collection; these will be on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 and 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

Please take time to look at our website. It has important school information, policies, holiday list and photos showing activities and events that take place in school.

Our new starters will be receiving permission slips for use of photos, the internet and to go on school trips. We already have this information for children who were pupils last year; all children have permission to go on trips, use the internet and for their photos to appear in the local newspaper, but if at any point parents wish to grant or withdraw permission they can do so by contacting me or their child's class teacher.

Please could all parents complete the attached hometime arrangements form and **return to school by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September**. This is really important especially at the end of the school day so we have the children in the correct place. Please inform someone at school if the regular hometime arrangement changes.

Dates coming up:

Mr Ricketts will be teaching PE on Friday mornings; this half term he will work with Lapwing, Curlew and Kestrel classes.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September - Dance workshops for all classes

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September - PTFA AGM 7pm The King's Head

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September - library starts for Y1, Y2, Y3 and Y4

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September - Steel pan tuition starts for Curlew Class

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October - Cross Country Tournament at Gateshead stadium Y3 - Y6

Week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October - BikeAbility Course - Y5

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Football Tournament Y3 & Y4

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Parents Evening

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Harvest Festival

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Teacher Training day

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Half Term