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Welcome back! I hope everyone enjoyed the Easter Break. We have a busy Summer Term ahead and plan to share a list of dates with you in the next week or so – once plans for events, trips etc are finalised.

Every Day Counts!

This week we have sent home a 'Good Attendance' Guide for your information. This booklet contains advice on absences, illness, medical appointments and holidays.

Excellent attendance at school is important to allow your child to fulfil their potential and have the best possible start in life. Regular attendance helps children to develop confidence and make lasting friendships. Children who regularly miss school are more likely to become isolated, under achieve and/or become involved in anti-social behaviour

Each year, schools set a target for attendance...our target is 97%. Currently attendance at our school is 95.7%.

We plan to send information out about your individual child's attendance this half term.

School Lunches

Thank you for your cooperation and support last term in getting our new and more efficient system, up and running. It is essential that we stick to the agreed pattern of dinner choices which have previously been stated and are recorded on our system. If there are any unforeseen difficulties with this, please contact the School Office on 01914772175 who will be happy to help.

Children's Mental Health and Well Being

We are thrilled to welcome workers from the Rise Project (Children's Society) into school this term. RISE works in schools and colleges across Newcastle and Gateshead to support children and young people (aged 5-18) with their emotional well-being and mental health. Recognising the huge impact of the Covid pandemic over last two years, we are keen to do everything we can to support our children to feel more in control and more resilient in managing their well-being and mental health. They will be with us over an 8 week period and will be supporting our children through assemblies, workshops in classes and small group work. Areas covered will include mental health awareness, managing friendships, improving self-esteem, coping with anxiety and regulating emotions. You can find out more on their website <https://rise.childrenssociety.org.uk/>

If you have any worries about your child's mental health or well-being, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our pastoral team in school:

Pastoral Lead Teacher – Mrs Taylor

SENDCo – Mrs Lilley

Family Support Worker – Jan Gurkin (Mon pm, Tues pm, Wed am)

Year 6 Tests

Our Year 6 children have been working extremely hard in preparation for the National Curriculum Tests which will commence during the week of Monday 9th May. Prior to each test, we will be providing sausage and bacon sandwiches to help create a relaxing atmosphere and get our children off to a 'good start' each day.

All children must be in school by 9.00am

Warmest Wishes

Mrs C Maxwell

Head Teacher

School Crossing Patrol

For your information, there will be no School crossing Patrol at the Whitehall Road crossing between 9-16th May.

Free School Travel Permits Some children are entitled to free travel to school. There are two schemes of travel assistance available to pupils up to and including the year 11 age group as outlined below.

Non-Means Tested Scheme A pupil may qualify for a free travel permit if they reside more than:

- Two miles from their catchment area primary school or
- Three miles from their catchment area secondary school

Means Tested Scheme A Secondary School pupil may qualify for a free travel permit if they are in receipt of Free School Meals or the household qualified for the maximum level of Working Tax Credit on the 1st March 2022 and if one of the following applies:-

- They attend one of the three nearest qualifying schools where they live more than two miles but not more than six miles from that school or
- They attend the nearest suitable school preferred on grounds of religion or belief (i.e. faith school) where they live more than two miles but not more than fifteen miles from that school. You must complete the box overleaf stating clearly the reasons why.

Use this link to find out more and make an application.

<https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/2784/School-transport>