Football Club

As the dark nights set in, it becomes too dark to hold football club outdoors. After October half term, the children will stay outside for a couple of weeks until the darkness creeps in and will then move indoors. Please could you make sure that your children bring trainers or astro boots after half-term as football boots are unsuitable for indoor use. The plan is to keep them out for as long as possible so for the first couple of weeks back they could bring both, but trainers should definitely be brought with their football kits after the holidays.

Year 6 Hoodies

Year 6 parents were sent a link to order hoodies earlier this week. Here it is again if you need it:
https://forms.office.com/e/MkwWNEhdiq
Orders must be placed via this link by 14th November. This may be the only opportunity to purchase leavers hoodies as we will need over 12 requests to reorder them in the future.

Dates for next half term
Cycling Skills – updated dates

Richard Rothwell will be in school again this term to support the children with their cycling skills. Each class will have a full day of small group sessions where they will learn to ride and improve in their cycling ability.
Children in EYFS up to Year 3 should bring their own bikes and helmets, if they are in good working order, to use during their session. Children in Years 4-6 will be provided with bikes and helmets from the cycling instructor.
Monday 20th October – Nursery & Reception
Tuesday 21st October – Year 1
Wednesday 22nd October – Year 2
Monday 3rd November – Year 6
Tuesday 4th November – Year 4
Wednesday 5th November – Year 5
Year 3 – 20th November

Christmas Show Dates

We know some parents like to book in time off work to come and see our Christmas shows so the dates for these are included below:

- Early Years (Nursery and Reception) – 10th December, 2.15pm
- Years 1-6
  Relaxed performance (babies and toddlers welcome): Monday 8th December 1.30pm
  Main Performances: Tuesday 9th December at 9am and 2pm

Families will be able to request up to 2 tickets for the Y1-6 shows will be able to apply for more tickets if we have any capacity available.
We will also invite families to join us on the last afternoon of term to sing carols together at 2pm.

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Parents Evening

We will be holding parents evening for reception to year 6 pupils on 10th and 11th November. Appointments will be available for booking after half term. As ever, we can be flexible where parents want separate appointments due to separation (although we would prefer to see separated parents together where possible) and we aim to accommodate parents who cannot attend the set evenings via meeting on alternative dates or via telephone appointments.

Nursery parents appointments will be arranged during the school day where possible and more information about dates and times for these will be sent out after half term,.

School Photographs: 25th November
M&M pantomime (in school): 26th November

Reminder: Reception 2026 – Applications Open

If you, or anyone you know, are applying for a child's place in reception class for September 2026 you are very welcome to book in for a tour of our school. We do tours individually rather than having an information meeting and try to arrange visits during the school day if possible so that families can get a feel for our school in full operation. We can accommodate tours after the end of the school day if families prefer. We were inspected by Ofsted in October 2024 and this report is available here: Birtley East Community Primary School – Open – Find an Inspection Report – Ofsted

You can apply for your child's place online via this link:
https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/2796/Primary-school-admissions-September-2026

A copy of the full admissions booklet is attached to this newsletter email for your information.

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