



Newsletter - Autumn Term 1 2022

Welcome back to all of our returning children and families and a very warm welcome to all our new starters and their families. We are excited to share what we are sure will be a wonderful year in school with you and your little ones.

This newsletter contains some important information for you, including some important reminders relating to our return to school. There are also some important dates attached to this newsletter, outlining events planned to take place in school for your diaries which we hope you will find useful.

I want to take this opportunity to reiterate to you that if you have any concerns or worries, often just a little chat with us can iron out any issues. We all want the same thing for your little ones and we take our responsibilities very seriously and will always do our utmost to do the best for your children and your family. If there are things that you aren't sure about or you have any concerns, please remember to chat to your child's class teacher or telephone me on 01207 232445 and I will do my utmost to help.

With the support of yourselves, our children and our staff, I am looking forward to us all enjoying a fantastic term together! Mrs L. Thompson - Head teacher

Attendance

As we are all aware, children who attend school regularly, and on time, make better progress with their learning and make and keep friends more easily. They are also much more settled in school as they are familiar with routines.

We want all our children to be HEROs (Here, Everyday, Regularly, On time) and have lots of incentives in school to promote good attendance.

Our attendance booklet gives you detailed information about our expectations and support available.

Please contact us should you need any support

Changing Contact Details

Please ensure that we hold a current email address and telephone number for you. Much of our communication to you will be via email, including newsletters and updates about events.

If you are not receiving communications from us to your email address, please come into school to let us know.

Please let your child's class teacher know if there are any changes to the people allowed to pick up your child.

Breakfast Club and After School Provision

If you are interested in our breakfast club or after school provision which provides wrap around care between 8am-5.30pm on site for only £4 per day, please speak to Mrs Thompson, Head teacher or Miss Kaur, our Office Manager.

FREE School Lunches

Our school lunches are now being planned, prepared and made by SLP staff. The content of these lunches is being prepared in response to what the children like to eat.

ALL LUNCHES ARE FREE TO EVERYONE IN RECEPTION TO YEAR 2.

Given the price of everything, this is the perfect opportunity to save some money on packed lunches. If your child currently brings a packed lunch, speak to staff who will organise for your child to try school lunches.

Reading Books & Homework

At our school, we value the benefit of 'repeat reading', meaning that children read a book more than once to ensure that they become confident and fluent. This means that children do not need to change their books every day but should re-read them instead.

Once children are given reading books, children make the most progress if they can read to a parent/carer every day, even if you read part of the book.

We also expect you to sign your child's reading record book to say that you have listened to your child read every day.

AT A MINIMUM WE EXPECT CHILDREN TO READ 3 TIMES PER WEEK.

We will continue to track the number of times your child has read with you (indicated by the number of times you have signed your child's reading record) and give awards to those reading regularly at home using our 'reading clouds' system. Further information about our reading clouds reward system is in your child's reading book.

Your child will also bring home a reading for pleasure book which is for you to share with your child. Your child is not expected to read this independently.

Homework will be given out on Thursday to be returned every Monday. Children should only return their book bags with their reading books to school every **Monday and Thursday**.

Adult Community Bookcase

As part of our desire to support everyone to enjoy reading for pleasure, you will shortly see a 'community bookcase' for adults in school. Please feel free to use this as a lending library; taking books to read yourself and even adding ones that you would like to donate.

Positive Behaviour

We follow the Good to Be Green positive behaviour scheme which helps children to understand that there are rewards and consequences for their behaviour choices.

Overall, it aims to encourage children to make positive choices and gives a clear, consistent structure for children to respond to. Importantly, every day is a new day; starting on (and hopefully staying on) green! More information about this scheme is in our school handbook available on our website in the parent's section.

We are also allocating children who have been green all week 10 minutes of treat time to be used at the end of each half term on our surprise end of term treat.

More days on green = more 'Green Treat Time'!

Our Fancy Friday Table is also back! Look out for photos on Friday of children who have been chosen to sit on this special table for their lunch!

'Stanley Super Funders'

We understand that times are tough for everyone, however to help us to provide the exciting additional activities and visits that we want your children to enjoy in our school, our 'Stanley Super Funders' will continue each week this year.

If you are able to, we would like your child to bring in 50p for our school fund every Monday morning. In class, the children will count the funds brought in for their class.

We do hope that you are able to support us in our fundraising challenge!



Dates for your diary...

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Tuesday 13 th September	Roald Dahl Day (short story/poem swap pm)
Friday 16 th September	Class Newsletters go out
Monday 19 th September	SCHOOL CLOSED FOR QUEEN'S FUNERAL
Tuesday 20 th September	Class 5 Assembly for Parents 2.20pm
Tuesday 27 th September	Class 3 Assembly for Parents 2.20pm
Tuesday 27 th September	Y2 children to Gibside
Wednesday 28 th September	Parents to please send in shop bought cakes as donations for McMillian coffee morning.
Thursday 29 th September	McMillian Fundraising Coffee Morning 9.15am – everyone welcome!
Friday 30 th September	SCHOOL CLOSED – STAFF TRAINING DAY
Monday 3 rd October	Punctuation Man Show – KS1
Tuesday 4 th October	Class 4 Assembly for Parents 2.20pm
Thursday 6 th October	National Poetry Day (UK) – theme THE ENVIRONMENT https://nationalpoetryday.co.uk/about-npd/ Children can enter a poetry recital by learning a poem at home – more information to follow. Special lunch menu available to celebrate
Tuesday 11 th October	Class 2 Assembly for Parents 2.20pm
Monday 17 th October	Donations to be sent into school for Harvest – donations will be sent to St Stephens.
Tuesday 18 th October	Harvest Festival Service – 9.15am Parents of Class 1 (am/FT); Class 2, Class 5 are invited to attend More details to follow
Tuesday 18 th October	Harvest Festival Service – 2.15pm Parents of Class 1 (pm); Class 3, Class 4 are invited to attend More details to follow
Wednesday 19 th October	Flu Immunisations (YR-Y2)
Friday 21 st October	End of half term Awards Assembly – 2pm

If your child is receiving an award, you will have been informed in advance and invited to attend.

Friday 21st October

Last day of Autumn term 1

Monday 24th October 2022 – Friday 28th October 2022
School Closed - Half term holiday

**Monday 31st
October**

School reopens for Autumn term 2

Wednesday 2nd
November

YR and Y1 visit to Gibside.

Friday 4th November

SLP Fireworks Event - more details to follow

Friday 18th November

Children in Need – non-uniform day – children bring a £1 donation

Monday 14th
November

Anti-bullying Alliance - Odd Socks Day – Monday 14th November – children to wear odd socks to celebrate how unique we all are. Anti-bullying week events take place this week

Week beginning 28th
November

Parents invited to sign up for parents' meetings this week for parent's meetings taking place week beginning 12th December

Friday 2nd December

Non-uniform day – classes to bring selected items in for Christmas Raffle Hampers– more information will follow.

Week beginning 12th
December

Parents meetings this week 3.15-5.20pm

Tuesday 13th
December

EYFS Nativity (including Nursery AM) – 9.30am
(Parents will be invited to attend – more details to follow)

Tuesday 13th
December

EYFS Nativity (including Nursery PM)– 2.15pm
(Parents will be invited to attend – more details to follow)

Wednesday 14th
December

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 14th
December

KS1 Carol Service – 10am at St Andrew's Church
(Parents will be invited to attend – more details to follow)

Thursday 15th
December

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will attend Stanley Civic Hall to watch the Pantomime Cinderella with South Stanley Junior School.

Thursday 15th
December

School Raffle for Hampers will take place.

Friday 16th December

End of half term Awards Assembly – 2pm
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Monday 19th
December

Christmas Parties + Special Visitor
Class 1 and Class 2

Tuesday 20th
December

Christmas Parties + Santa Visit
Class 3, 4 and 5

Tuesday 20th
December

School closes for holiday

**Wednesday 4th
January 2023**

School reopens to children – Spring Term

