



Oakfield Schools Federation

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what are other
words for
helpfulness?



usefulness, utility, kindness,
kindness, support, benefit,
help, advantageousness,
friendliness, profitability



Dear Parents and Carers

As we continue to delve into our character curriculum our children this week have thought about what it means to be helpful. We have watched a video demonstrating helpfulness and the children have had excellent discussions about what it means to be helpful. They discovered true helpfulness is the act of selfless giving and they were inspired to do more. They have been challenged to practise mindful helpfulness and be helpful whenever they can this coming week. I wonder if you'll experience any additional helpfulness this week.

We hope you enjoy our news. Don't forget to look at our dates table as we have added all the autumn and Christmas festivity dates!

Kate Chisholm – Executive Headteacher

New events added are highlighted in yellow		
Date	Event	Time
W/B 10/10/22	Reception Parents Evenings	Booking system in place
12/10/22	Music Workshops (recycling and sustainability)	9.15 – Infants 10.50 – Juniors
21/ 10/22	Half Term	
22/10/22 (Sat)	Flag baring at Sunderland Football Club	
31/10/22	Autumn 2 begins	
7/11/22	Harvest Festival collection deadline	15.30
9/11/22	Growing and changing talk – year 6	
10/11/22	Flu immunisations	All day
14/11/22	KS1 and KS2 Parent Evenings	Booking system in place
18/11/22	Children in Need / Antbullying week - wear odd socks day	
25/11/22	Non-uniform day – Christmas fayre donation day	All day
5/12/22	Christmas Fayre	15.30
7-9/12/22	Y6 Residential	
12/12/22	Reception Nativity	14.15
13/12/22	Year 1 Nativity	14.15
14/12/22	Year 2 Nativity	14.15
14-15/12/22	KS2 Pantomime visits	
16/12/22	Christmas Dinner Day	Lunchtime
16/12/22	Christmas Jumper Day (collecting for Children with Cancer UK)	All Day
w/b 19th 12/22	Christmas parties (EYFS / KS1/ KS2)	Timings to follow
22/12/22	Carols under the veranda – KS2	1.15
22/12/22	Last day of term	
23/12/22	School Closed - PD day	

2022-23 Term Dates	
Term	Dates
Autumn 1	07/09/22 – 21/10/22
Autumn 2	31/10/22 – 22/12/22
Spring 1	09/01/23 – 17/02/23
Spring 2	27/02/23 – 31/03/23
Summer 1	17/04/23 – 26/05/23
Summer 2	5/06/22 – 21/07/23

PE Days		
Year Group	Indoor	Outdoor
R	Tuesday	Friday
1	Wednesday	Thursday
2	Monday	Friday
3	Wednesday	Friday
4	Tuesday	Thursday
5	Swimming - Tuesday	Monday
6	Monday	Wednesday

Harvest & Peoples Kitchen



**THE PEOPLE'S
KITCHEN** est. 1985
NEWCASTLE

The ways our Friends are forced to live are incredibly hard. They might be sleeping rough, or recently placed in housing with no belongings. Many of them don't have access to nutritious food or have no support system around them. The People's Kitchen is their safe haven. We are a constant for people whose lives can be chaotic.

We make life on the streets a little easier by sharing hot meals and packages of clothing, toiletries, food, mobile phones and sleeping bags. We work with services to enable people to move off the streets and then we provide food, furniture and bedding to our Friends when they move into their first home. We also offer friendship and professional services to improve mental wellbeing.

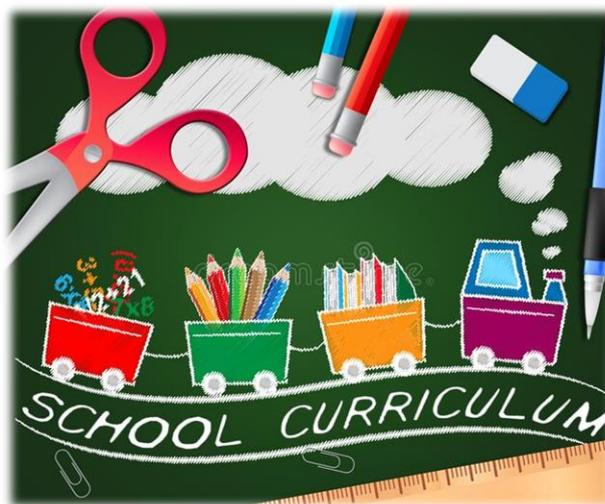
We will be donating all of our harvest festival produce to The Peoples Kitchen this year.

Items which would be grateful received

- Cereal.
- Soup.
- Pasta.
- Rice.
- Tinned tomatoes.
- Pasta sauce.
- Lentils, beans and pulses.
- Tinned meat.
- Tinned vegetables.
- Tea.
- Coffee.
- Tinned fruit.
- Biscuits.
- UHT milk.
- Fruit juice.

Curriculum overviews

You will find attached to the newsletter today the overviews of your children's curriculums for this term. We have changed the design so you can see the Golden Threads of Ambition, Diversity and Character which flow through our curriculum and also the layering and progressing of knowledge as your child moves through their school year.



Vision screening for Reception Children

You will have received an email inviting your reception child for their vision screening test, which is carried out by the Vision Screening Service, RVI Newcastle. This will take place in school in the next few weeks.

You only need to complete the form attached to the email if you **DO NOT** want your child to have vision screening, or if they already attend the hospital eye department.

Otherwise, they will assume that you are willing for your child to take part in the vision screening test.

Reading

Key Stage One and Key Stage two thoroughly enjoyed their author workshop with Joseph Coelho and Rose Robbins. The children made their own books and have requested books by those authors for the school libraries.

Reading Champions Key Stage 2

The Reading Champions held their first meeting this week and have decided to try to develop the outside reading area on the yard as their first project. They would like to send the following message in the newsletter.

We would like donations of books/comics that are in good condition to develop the reading shed in the Key Stage 2 yard. Please send them into school and the Reading Champions will collect them from each classroom and organise them for all to read in the yard. Thank you for your support.

Goodbye Mrs Liddar

You may have noticed that there has been a member of our school team missing from the Junior Office this term. This is due to Mrs Liddar being successful in achieving her next career ambition and moving on to pastures new. I'm sure you will join us in wish Mrs Liddar every success and happiness in her next adventure. If you are interested in a career in school admin., please don't hesitate to apply for an application pack from Mrs Routledge in the Junior office (fionaroutledge@gateshead.gov.uk) The closing date is Sunday 9th October.



School Ping and Marvellous Me

This week we have signed up to 2 exciting systems which will enable much better school - home communications.

SchoolPing

SchoolPing lets us manage both staff and parent communication from one solution. Not only that but we can manage, parents' evening, permission forms, parent surveys, payments and much more from one platform.

It will:

- Enable all parent correspondence to be in one place – this will remove the need to go between payment apps, emails, text messages, Microsoft forms etc
- Enable all your children to be in one place electronically even if they are in the different schools

Marvellous Me

MarvellousMe makes it easy for teachers to tell parents about their child’s learning and achievements. It makes children and parents smile and enjoy great conversations about school. This means children are happier and do better. This is an electronic way of allowing parents, grandparents any significant people in your Childs life to get instant news of the achievements of your child during the school day. If your child has a success, they will be awarded a ‘Marvellous Me’ and grownups receive a push notification which will let you know and let you know so you can congratulate them as you pick them up from school. You can let any significant adult have access so relatives who may live away can receive the notifications too so they can feel involved in the Childs day. It will also enable teachers to send you messages should there be any information you need.

We are hoping to have the system installed and training completed by half term. We will, of course, keep you informed of when apps need to be downloaded and how to sign up as soon as we are set up.

TT Rock Stars (KS2)

Your child will now have their Times Tables Rock Stars log-ins (Y3’s are stuck into their contact books) Children can play as often as they wish. We ask that as part of their homework they practise at least 4 times per week. We will be holding TTRS championships and key events across the year. **‘Practise makes Permanent’** so let’s see if we can be among the top-ranking schools in the country!



Medicine

This is the time of year where many of our children require medicines during the day. School is very happy to administer these on your behalf. Where possible, if your child needs administration 4 x per day we would be grateful if you could adopt the following timings:

- **Breakfast – lunchtime – straight after school – bedtime**

As we are shorter staffed in the office during an afternoon it would be a huge help if you could administer it in this way. Obviously if another ratio is necessary for dosage reasons, then of course, we will accommodate this.

Supervision

I understand that conker season is a very exciting one! I must ask that if you are allowing your children to collect conkers after school hours you ensure they are supervised. Also please do not venture onto the Infant Yard as they are hired by Lamesley Childcare each evening and have their own safeguards in place.



Safeguarding and attendance

How to be green with your tech



Right now, humans aren't living sustainably: we're taking too many resources and not leaving the world in a fit state for future generations. Old tech products are a clear example: if we throw them away, the poisonous lead and mercury inside can get into the food chain through the soil. Recycling tech, though, has its own issues: it's often exported to countries where the law doesn't protect people from hazards. Whole villages (including children) sort through discarded devices to remove useful parts and substances like gold, silver, and copper – often putting their health at risk. Finding ways to re-use tech is the greenest option.

In the guide, you'll find tips on a number of tips such as donating your old devices to charity, reusing your smartphones and recycling the batteries.

Thank you for continuing to support us in our attendance.

School / Year	Autumn 1							
	Attendance	Minutes late						
	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4	
Junior Overall	98.91	24 min	97.4	36 min	96.7	4 hr 48 mi	96.2	4 hr 22 min
Infant Overall	95.8	7 min	97.7	27 mins	96.2	2 hr 56 min	94.1	2 hr 42 min
6	98.6	15 min	93.3	13 min	94.3	54 min	95.8	57 min
5	98.6	9 min	98.5	15 min	97.2	2 hr 18 min	95.0	2 hr 18 min
4	98.6	0 min	97.9	5 min	97.6	1 hr 27 min	97.4	1 hr
3	99.6	0 min	99.6	3 min	97.4	9 min	96.7	7 min
2	94.3	7 min	99.0	20 min	96.2	26 min	92.9	35 min
1	97.8	0 min	97.9	7 min	96.0	2 hr 30 min	95.1	1 hr 33 min
R	-	-	95.4	0 min	96.4	0 min	94.0	34 min

This week we have completed our first monitoring of attendance and focused on punctuality. We have sent some letters out to those of you whose children have begun to form a pattern of lateness. This is so that you are aware and can work with us to ensure your child does not continue to miss out on essential learning. We thank you for your continued support in this.

Thank you again for taking the time to read our newsletter and we hope you have an enjoyable weekend.

Warmest regards

Miss Chisholm - Executive Head Teacher

Miss Hartness – Executive Deputy Head

Mr Thompson – Executive Deputy Head