



Wallsend Jubilee Primary School Newsletter

School Safety Improvements

You may have noticed some building work at the roadside next to school. This will soon become a crossing so we can all cross a very busy Mullen Road at any time of the day. This will complement the work that Eddie, our school crossing patrol does. This has come about from our Year 4s working with an organisation called "Go Smarter" with a brief of 'encouraging more parents to walk to school with their children rather than using their cars'. As part of this, the children helped identify the area outside the school as a danger point which would stop people walking or cycling. As a result of this, funding was prioritised to developing a safer crossing area outside school that is available all day. I would like to take the opportunity to thank the year 4 children, Mrs Miller and the staff at "Go Smarter" for their hard work in this initiative.

Look out for the crossing soon!



Parent Governors

I am really pleased to inform you we have a full compliment of parent governors who are working hard to improve the outcomes for all of our pupils. I would like to thank them personally for all their hard work in this very important role on your behalf.

Our parent governors are:

Sarah Campbell
Louise Webster
Claire Howard
Aimee Mason

Chicken Road Park

As local residents you are very fortunate to have a lovely park situated at the bottom of Mullen Road. I pass this park every day and see many of our younger children and their parents enjoying the park and all its facilities. However recently I have received several complaints about the behaviour of a small minority of our children who go to the park after school unsupervised. This includes the use of bad language and aggressive behaviour where some children have been hurt. Whilst this behaviour is the responsibility of the child and their parents I felt I had to bring this to your attention. If your child goes to the park after school please discuss these issues with them as I am sure you would agree we all need to work together to ensure your child is safe whilst using the park

Dates For Your Diary

Look out for the dates for you diary sheet enclosed in this envelope. Also check the calendar on our website for school events— www.wallsendjubileeps.org.uk

GDPR

Enclosed with this newsletter are a number of documents relating to the new General Data Protection Regulations which come into effect on Friday 25th May 2018. It is a legal requirement that school gains your consent and record your preferences in relation to various areas regarding your child. As I'm sure you can imagine, this is a huge task for our Admin team, and it would greatly assist them if you could complete ALL of the forms enclosed and return them to school as soon as possible so that the task can be completed in a timely fashion.

Car Parking

The safety of our children and local residents is of paramount importance to us. I have been receiving a significant amount of complaints both from parents and local residents about the parking behaviour of a small amount of our parents. These parents have been parking outside of school on the pavements or stopping in the middle of the road to let their child out. This is unacceptable and it will cause an accident. I have informed the council and they are looking into it.

Could I also remind you not to use the school drive to park or drop children off as again, this is a safety hazard. This driveway needs to be kept clear from obstruction at all times. Thank you



Healthy School



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Summer Term 2018



Head Teachers Blog

With the weather finally looking like Summer we are heading quickly for the half term holidays. It has been a very busy but productive term at school. One challenge we faced was the recent snowy weather which closed many local schools. The staff, governors and I are proud that we managed to keep school open and continue to educate our children. We were all responsible for making the necessary decisions regarding whether or not coming to school was safe. I made the decision to stay open based upon the fact that we had heat, electricity, lighting, food and water and all staff except 1 teacher were able to travel safely to work.

I am so proud of the Year 6 children who coped with the recent SAT tests with maturity. Tests are an important part of school life but we believe a balance between supporting the children and educating them is important here at Wallsend Jubilee. It has really helped that many of our Year 6 parents have praised the way the school and the children managed the whole process.

I have been very active again going in and out of classrooms this term, talking to children and finding out about their learning. I have been so pleased to see the children's behaviour for learning, resilience and resourcefulness developing and watching them make progress. Finally enjoy the half term holidays and remember we are back to school on **Tuesday 5th June**

School Website

Remember to use our school website for up to date information about school
www.wallsendjubileeps.org.uk

Staffing Changes

You may be aware Miss Atkinson is due to have her baby and will be leaving us this week. We all wish her well for the impending arrival. We are fortunate to have Mrs Taylor who will be replacing her until July, when a new member of staff will join us. Mr McKay will also be staying with us as a permanent member of staff and he will be responsible for the development of mathematics throughout school

Training Day Monday 4th June

You will be aware that we have our last training day of the school year on Monday June 4th. These days are very important in school to help the teachers continue with their professional development and update their skills. This in turn has a positive effect on the experiences your child gets at school. On this final training day we are investigating different ways to plan maths and also finding out about the new Ofsted process

Uniform

As you are aware uniform is very important in our school. It gives our children a sense of belonging and of being proud of where we learn. The vast majority of parents have followed the school requests for uniform and if anyone has found this difficult I have been able to talk to these parents to resolve the issue. However recently I feel there has been a decline in the standard of the uniform the children are wearing.

Firstly, many children are not wearing predominantly black footwear. I know from experiences with my own children that shops cater for all black shoes/trainers in fashionable styles therefore could you please ensure that when you buy your child's next pair of footwear, they are predominantly if not completely, black please. This is our school policy. Secondly I have noticed children coming to school in trousers that clearly look like black jeans. Black jeans are **not** part of school uniform. I also understand that tight trousers are now the fashion and I know many of the girls wear these. Could you please ensure these are of a high enough quality that they are not see through. Leggings are **not** part of our school uniform. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Faye Newton who was chosen for the county girls' football team recently & also to the children who represented our school at the Local Authority's Dance Festival.

