Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school after what I hope was a relaxing summer break. It has been lovely to see all the children again and catch up with all their news.

Firstly I would like to thank you for your cooperation with our school uniform policy, particularly the implementation across school of all black footwear. The uniform policy is important and is a small part in a much bigger picture of teaching the children responsibility. However, I still have a very small minority of children wearing shoes or trainers with different colours on them. If this is the case for your child could you please rectify this as soon as possible. This includes coloured brand names and non-black soles.

I have also noticed a large increase in the amount of children wearing earrings. I am aware that the guidance is that earrings need to stay in for six weeks before they can be taken out. Please ensure your child has their ears covered in school. If your child wears earrings, even if covered their PE lessons will be modified for health and safety reasons.

An area of school that we are proud of is the behaviour in the classrooms and this has continued to be the case since returning to school. This year we are putting more emphasis on the children’s responsibilities linked to behaviour in more unstructured times, such as moving around the school and outdoor play. Again this is very much a part of the wider picture about responsibilities.

A further area of school life we will be developing this year is the children’s behaviour for learning. We have introduced two phrases into school which your children may talk to you about. They are:

‘Being the best they can be’ and ‘Being resilient to setbacks’

Much of the work we will be carrying out across the curriculum linked into the 6Rs for learning will focus around this. I am very excited to develop these two strands in school so we can further support all children in reaching their own potential. Good behaviour for learning is essential so that all children can be the best they can be. Aspects of this which we will be developing are:

* Coming in from the yards calm and being ready to learn.
* Children focussing on their learning, and not being distracted easily.
* Meeting the work targets their teachers set for them through hard work and good concentration.
* Children engaged in independent work and wanting to improve their own learning.
* Being resilient when they face a setback, not giving up and trying again to be successful.
* Children being responsible for completing their homework to a high standard.

As you already know we set high standards here at Wallsend Jubilee as well as nurturing and supporting our pupils in the best way we can. I hope you will be able to support us in these important developments this academic year and look forward to welcoming you into school soon for our first parents evening.

Parents evening will take place on Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th October 2019.

For your information school will be closed for staff training on Monday 4th November 2019 and Monday 24th February 2020.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Harrison

**Dates for your diary (Autumn term 2019)**

* Friday 27th September School photographs
* 5.00pm Tuesday 1st October Year 6 SATs meeting
* 3.15pm -6.00pm Tuesday 8th October – Whole school parents evening
* 3.15pm -6.00pm Wednesday 9th October – Whole school parents evening
* 9.00am Thursday 24th October Reception reading meeting
* 9.00am Friday 25th October Year 2 class assembly and SATs meeting
* Friday 25th October Break up for half term holiday
* **Monday 4th November – School shut whole school training day**
* Monday 25th November flu immunisation day
* 9.30am Monday 9th December – Nursery Christmas Performance
* 2.30pm Monday 9th December – Nursery Christmas Performance
* 9.30am Tuesday 10th December – Reception Christmas Performance
* 2.30pm Tuesday 10th December – Reception Christmas Performance
* 9.30am Wednesday 11th December Y1 and Y2 Christmas Performance
* 2.15pm Wednesday 11th December Y1 and Y2 Christmas Performance
* 9.30pm Thursday 12th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance
* 2.00pm Thursday 12th December - Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance
* 9.30am Friday 13th December – Key Stage 2 Christmas Performance
* Tuesday 17th December AM – AM nursery and RJD Christmas Party
* Tuesday 17th December PM – PM nursery and RLH Christmas Party
* Wednesday 18th December Reception Christmas visit to the Rising Sun
* Wednesday 18th December PM – Y3 and Y4 Christmas Party
* Thursday 19th December PM – Y1 and Y2 Christmas Party
* Thursday 19th December – Early Years Activity Day
* Friday 20th December – Year 5 and 6 Christmas Party
* 3.15pm Friday 20th December Break up for Christmas

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