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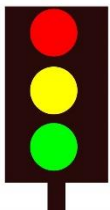
Love has been celebrated at Front Street today. Year 3 talked about what "Love" means in their sharing assembly this morning. They then presented this to the whole school as it was so lovely. There have been quite a few Valentine gift bags etc etc distributed amongst the children. How lovely. Happy Valentine's to you all tomorrow.

Thank you to Ali and her team for providing Valentine Sweet Treats today for lunch.



Remember next week is the last week of this half term. Unlike other local authorities, we break up **Friday 20th February.**

ATTENDANCE



Red - Danger Zone - Below 90%
Amber - At Risk Zone - 91% - 94%
Green - Safety Zone - 95% - 100%

Rec 1	97.3 %	Rec 2	96.4 %
Year 1D	94 %	Year 1KB	97.3 %
Year 2ON	97.8 %	Year 2S	97.4 %
Year 3E	96.1 %	Year 3S	94 %
Year 4H	100 %	Year 4R	96 %
Year 5H	98.7 %	Year 5W	95.7 %
Year 6K	97.3 %	Year 6LA	97.4 %

Well done to this week's attendance winners **Class 4H!**

PARENT EVENINGS

Parents Evening will take place W/C **Monday 16th March**. Appointment slots will go live via Arbor on Thursday 19th February. This means you will be able to book your slot over half term. The following link is a guide to booking consultations. [Booking Guardian Consultations \(Parent's Evenings\) on the Parent Portal or Parent App - Arbor Help Centre](#)

TERMLY REVIEW

Mrs Bolton will be available to meet for Termly reviews on **Monday 23rd, Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March**. You will be able to book an appointment via Arbor from **Thursday 19th February**.

SEND Parent Appointments

Mrs Bolton will be available for you to meet with, if you would like to discuss any SEND concerns, on **Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March** from 13:00-15:00. Please ring the office to book a slot. For children who have EHCP's your invitation for a meeting will come separately so you do not need to see Mrs Bolton on this day.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Clubs can be booked via Arbor on **20th February** at **6pm**. The deadline for signing up will be **1st March** to allow time to prepare Registers. If your child attends any of the full sessions below, please send us an email if they no




longer wish to attend so that their space can be offered to someone else.

Please note that all clubs will show up on Arbor until the sign-up closes, if you try to book a club but it does not let you submit this means the booking is full.

If this is your first time signing up to a club, please see our how to guide. [Signing my child up for a Club on the Parent Portal or Parent App - Arbor Help Centre](#)

	Club	Year	Time	Dates	Sign up date
Monday	Basketball	3-6	15:20-16:20	02.03.26-23.03.26	20.02.26
Tuesday	Games	1-2	15:20-16:20	03.03.26-24.03.26	20.02.26
Wednesday	Karate	Beginners	07:45-08:40	04.03.26-25.03.26	Full
	Art	6	15:20-16:20	04.03.26-25.03.26	20.02.26
	French	1-2	15:20-16:20	04.03.26-25.03.26	Full
Thursday	Choir	3-4	15:20-16:20	05.03.26-26.03.26	Full
	Gymnastics	4-6	15:20-16:20	05.03.26-26.03.26	Full
	Maths	5	15:20-16:20	05.03.26-26.03.26	Full
	Homework	6	15:20-16:20	05.03.26-26.03.26	Full
Friday	Karate		07:45-08:40	06.03.26-27.03.26	Full

WHATS ON NEXT WEEK

 Monday	16.02.26	Year 6 @ Legally Blonde WC	12:00-15:30
 Wednesday	18.02.26	Reception Sharing Assembly	9:00
	18.02.26	Swimming Gala	11:00-16:00
	18.02.26	Special Lunch - Chinese New Year	11:30-13:00
	18.02.26	BOCCIA Training	15:20-16:15
 Friday	20.02.26	Year 4 Parent Assembly	9:00
	20.02.26	PINS Coffee Morning - Parents Invited	10:00-12:00

HALF TERM 23.02.26 - 27.02.26

You can also stay up to date with dates/times of events on your Arbor Calendar

PINS COFFEE MORNING - Friday 20th February

Come along and meet with Gateshead Parent Carer Forum in school for a relaxed PINS coffee morning. (See attached flyer).

WORLD BOOK DAY

Front Street will be celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 6th March**. Children can dress as any books character they want to. We have a few costumes in the school office for anyone who would like them free of charge (still with tags on), we will share them in a separate email.

OTHER NEWS

FRONT STREET VEX ROBOTICS TEAM AT REGIONAL COMPETITIONS!

Since last October, when we received our VEX IQ robotics kit, our dedicated Y6 Vex IQ team, a.k.a. The Front Street Vexers, have been working tirelessly every Wednesday night after school, pouring their creativity and effort into building, coding, and practicing with their robot.

Their hard work and preparation was put to the test when they recently competed in two challenging regional competitions! The first saw them pit their skills against 19 other primary schools from across Gateshead, Sunderland, and Durham at Nissan at the end of the day finishing 11th with an average point score from the morning play offs of 27 points.

Following this, after making several adaptations to their robot's design, they tackled an even tougher challenge at Whickham School. On a rainy Saturday morning, at 9am, they turned up to compete against Vex teams with participants ranging from Primary all the way up to Year 10. At the end of the day they team ended up slightly lower on the scoreboard despite having managed an average score of 36.5 points. The competition was high!

Despite this being our school's first year participating in this ambitious project, our Vex Team were absolutely incredible! They showcased immense determination throughout both competitions, tackling unexpected problems with superb problem-solving skills. Their teamwork and co-operation were a joy to witness, with students supporting each other and working together effectively. We are incredibly proud of how brilliantly they represented our school; their positive attitude and sportsmanship shone through.

Congratulations to all the team members for their outstanding achievements!

And a huge thank you to Mr Lakey for giving up his time so that the children could participate in something very different.

PARKING

Here is the link to the info about the new 20 minute parking allowance.

https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/36480/Parking-changes-for-Whickham?fbclid=IwB21leAPy5YRjbGNrA_LIWGV4dG4DYWVtAjExAHNydgMGYXBwX2IkDDM1MDY4NTUzMTcyOAABHjI-Xcl5MsVxEEyTzq4oT4nU9YRpuWmOF6K90ewM54iCiGvhFOLnVLqW4Dnu_aem_zhqIAksEvpPzHUzorj6dvQ

REMINDERS

SCHOOL MEALS - CHANGE TO MENU

On **Tuesday** there will a selection of pancakes for children to enjoy after their main meal as we celebrate Pancake Day.

On **Wednesday** we will be celebrating Chinese New Year, this will change our whole school menu that day (please see attached poster).

SPORTS NEWS AND INFORMATION

Event	Date & Time	Training Dates for Diaries	Spectators Allowed	Location
Swimming Gala	18.03.26 11:00-16:00	N/A	Yes	Dunston
Year 6 Basketball	16.03.26 12:30-14:30	3 rd & 10 th March 15:20-16:15	No	Whickham Comp
BOCCIA Finals	13.03.26 10:00-12:30	18 th Feb, 4 th & 11 th March 15:20-16:15	Yes	G/Head Leisure Centre

Please make sure you have consented to Basketball and Boccia events.

FOFS NEWS



The poster features a dark teal background with a green and white checkered pattern on the left and right sides. At the top right, there is a white heart shape containing a circular logo for 'FRIENDS OF FRONT STREET P.T.A.' with several cartoon faces. The main text is in white and yellow, with 'FREE £2' in large, glowing yellow letters. A yellow box contains the text 'Friends of Front Street School FOFS Whickham'. At the bottom left, there is the Easyfundraising logo and website address.

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I have a duty of care to safeguard all children.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs H Gladstone, Deputy - Mr Lakey, Miss Houlton, Mrs O'Neill, Mrs Wilkinson, and Mrs Bolton. We have a duty of care to pass on any concerns to Children's Services.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

H J Gladstone Head Teacher