Dear Parent/Carer,

I try to be on the yard each morning and evening for parents/carers to come and chat if they have any concerns. Of course anyone is always welcome to ring at any time. I love being on the yard to welcome the children into school each day, and it's a great opportunity to match which adults go with which child. I am always here to help.

JEFF RICH - DRUMMING WORKSHOP

This morning Years 3 – 6 had the opportunity to participate in a drumming workshop. Every child played a percussion instrument and were entertained by the talented drummer from Status Quo. At the end of the workshop Jeff complimented the children on their behaviour and manners and said how impressed he had been with their respect. Well done everyone. Watch out for a Facebook post showing some of the highlights of the morning.



PARENTS EVENING

The booking system will close at 6pm this evening to allow teachers to prepare registers.

Aaron Rook will be coming into school from North East Autism Society to offer support to parent's post and pre-Autism diagnosis. He will share information on support networks if you would like to visit his table in the downstairs corridor. He will be available from 3.30-5pm on both the Monday and Wednesday afternoon.

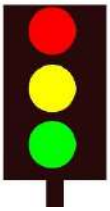


I will be available throughout Parents Evening should anyone wish to chat with me.

PARKING

We frequently ask all our community to park considerately. On Tuesday, one of our children was knocked over. Luckily, he will be ok, and we send him get well wishes. Please, for safety and courteous reasons park carefully. Thank you.

ATTENDANCE



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

Rec 1	95.29 %	Rec 2	96.55 %
Year 1D	98.46 %	Year 1B	99.15 %
Year 2ON	90.97 %	Year 2S	93.87 %
Year 3D	95.63 %	Year 3S	98.71 %
Year 4H	98.26 %	Year 4C	97.44 %
Year 5H	93.44 %	Year 5W	97.22 %
Year 6K	100 %	Year 6C	97.31 %

Well done to this week's attendance winners Class 6K!

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

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We are following the new DfE guidance and Gateshead LA attendance policy. It is really strict, but we must follow this policy.

We will continue to celebrate the brilliant attendance achieved by the vast majority and will look at further incentives and rewards. The policy can be viewed on our website.

Working together to improve school attendance - GOV.UK

The following snippets of information come direct from the new policy and guidance.

You must let school know if your child is going to be absent, this can be done either by telephone and leaving a voice message, an email to the main office, or you can log an absence on Arbor. Any absence that is not reported to school will automatically be an unauthorised absence.

HOLIDAYS

The DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation as exceptional and therefore leave will not be granted. *Leaves of absences will be restricted to specific circumstances and the DfE does not consider holidays to be an exceptional circumstance.* ***With this in mind, all holidays will be unauthorised from September. Penalty notices will be issued for holidays in term time following the new guidance.***

MEDICAL/DENTAL APPOINTMENTS

Parents should always try to make appointments outside of school hours wherever possible. Where appointments during school time are urgent or unavoidable, the pupil should only be out of school for the minimum amount of time necessary for the appointment. It is not acceptable for a child to miss a whole day of schooling for an appointment, unless absolutely necessary, in which case the school will need an explanation as to why this is.
If a pupil must attend a medical appointment during the school day, they must be collected from the school office by the parent or another authorised adult and signed out in the 'signing out' book. No pupil will be allowed to leave the school site without parental confirmation.
Advance notice is required for medical or dental appointments and must be supported by providing the school with sight of, or a copy of, the appointment card or letter – only then will the absence be authorised.

PENALTY NOTICES CAN BE ISSUED IF THE THRESHOLD FOR ABSENCE IS MET.

The threshold is 10 sessions of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 weeks. A school week means any week in which there is at least one school session. This can be met with any combination of unauthorised absence (e.g. 4 sessions of holiday taken in term time plus 6 sessions of arriving late after the register closes all within 10 school weeks). These sessions can be consecutive (e.g. 10 sessions of holiday in one week) or not (e.g. 6 sessions of unauthorised absence taken in 1 week and 1 per week for the next 4 weeks). The period of 10 school weeks can also span different terms or school years (e.g. 2 sessions

ILLNESS

The NHS has produced a helpful guide for parents regarding childhood illness and school: Is my child too ill for school? - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Days Absent	Missed Time	Number of Missed Lessons	Attendance
1	1 day	6	99.5%
2	2 days	12	99%
3	3 days	18	98.5%
4	4 days	24	98%
5	1 week	30	97.5%
10	2 weeks	60	95%
15	3 weeks	90	92.5%
20	4 weeks	120	89.7%
25	5 weeks	150	87.5%
30	6 weeks	180	85%
35	7 weeks	210	82.5%
40	8 weeks	240	80%

The tables below indicate how frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning being lost. This can seriously disadvantage children and disrupt the learning of others: and indicates how days lost add up to lost learning

Minutes late per day…	Equates to days of teaching lost in one year…	Which means this number of lessons have been missed…
5 mins	3 Days	15 Lessons
10 mins	6 Days	30 Lessons
15 mins	9 Days	45 Lessons
20 mins	12 days	60 Lessons
30 mins	18 days	90 Lessons

WHATS ON NEXT WEEK

29.09.26	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Training	15:20-16:30
30.09.26	Year 5/6 Athletics Team Training	15:20-17:00
02.10.26	Harvest Festival	TBC

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

CHRISTMAS – SAVE THE DATES

See attached poster for all our Christmas themed events. Tickets for Productions will be available next term.





HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Friday 2nd October we will celebrate our Harvest Festival in school (children only). We invite you to send in tins, pasta, cereal etc for local foodbanks.

I have a duty of care to safeguard all children.
Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs H Gladstone, Deputy – Mr Lakey, Miss Hoult, Mrs O'Neill, 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

Christmas Events in School

WEDNESDAY 9 DECEMBER	Nursery Production (am) & Party (pm)	
FRIDAY 11 DECEMBER	Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day	
MONDAY 14 DECEMBER	Reception Production (am) & Party (pm)	
TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER	Year 1 & 2 Production (am) & Party (pm)	
WEDNESDAY 16 DECEMBER	Year 3 & 4 Production (am) & Party (pm)	
THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER	Year 5 & 6 Production (am) & Party (pm)	
FRIDAY 18 DECEMBER	Break up for Christmos Holidays	

YOU'RE INVITED TO.....

All Age

Harvest Festival

In support and celebration of Life Projects

Service

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

10.30AM

BRING YOUR NON-PERISHABLE DONATIONS FOR THE BYKER AND POP-UP PANTRIES

POP UP PANTRY

THE BYKER PANTRY
Supporting the Community with Affordable Food

Shopping List

- Tinned meats and fish
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- Chopped tomatoes
- Tinned soups
- Rice and pasta
- Custard and rice pud
- Tea and coffee

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MARLEY HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE
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NE16 5DW

lifevineyard.church/events

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