



Newsletter



Parking on Oxford Street

Article 19

All children have the right to be safe.

We have received a number of comments from local residents on Oxford Street who are extremely concerned that a small number of parents are parking their cars in front of their houses so their driveways are blocked. As a result, residents are unable to access or exit their own driveways due to the parked cars. Please do respect our local neighbours and please ensure that we keep local driveways clear at all times.

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March 2015**

Important Dates for Your Diary

Summer Term 1 2016

School opens for teaching on Monday 11th April

School closes on Friday 27th May

Summer Term 2 2016

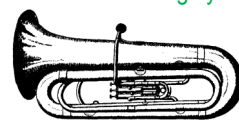
School opens for teaching on Monday 6th June

School closes on Wednesday 20th July

Article 29 All children have the right to be the best they can be.

Travelling by Tuba

The children were recently involved in a musical performance and workshops from 'Travelling by Tuba'. It was good to see parents and carers who attended the after school workshop where children demonstrated their musical skills in front of a real audience! The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



A Message from Mrs. Boulton

I have been delighted this half-term to have received a range of very positive feedback from people in the community, visitors and services who work with us, where people have gone out of their way and taken the time to either pick up the telephone or email us about the respectful nature of your children. The children are certainly a credit to all of us; please do pass this onto your child/children at home as this is certainly something to be proud of.

It certainly has been a very busy half term! The children have enjoyed a range of events that have been organised in school - do take a closer look at the photographs and articles in this newsletter.

Thank you to our parent and family volunteers who continue to help the children in school with their reading and other aspects of their learning; this is much appreciated.

May I take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable Easter. We look forward to seeing you in the Summer Term.

Mrs. Boulton

Attendance

Article 28 All children have the right to a good quality education.

Please ensure that you send your child to school each day. We are working hard to improve the attendance levels of our children in school. Our school target is 97%. Recently, attendance levels have improved but we still have work to do. Please help us with this. The recent sickness bugs have had a negative impact on our current attendance figures. Should you need any help with getting your child/ren to school, do let us know, as we are always able to help.



Year 4 have been working as part of the Start Fund Project in partnership with Bowes Museum and 5 other local Primary schools to create a quilt. They had the chance to take part in workshops to develop their sewing skills and work alongside real textile artists at the museum. The children also had a chance to view an exhibition on the work of Pauline Burbridge, the artist that inspired this project. The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the project which was a chance to develop new skills in Art and Design.

The completed quilt visited our school on Friday 4th March. The children have done a fantastic job in creating a truly stunning piece of artwork, each square is an individual masterpiece which the children should be very proud of!

Each family in Y4 also received a free family pass to The Bowes Museum so that they can visit, enjoy the museum and see the quilt in all of its glory!



World Book Day 2016

The children looked fantastic in their costumes as part of our recent World Book Day celebrations! Thank you to parents and carers for supporting our efforts. The World Book Day Parade was enjoyed by us all; we received many positive comments from parents and carers about the parade. The Book Fair was well attended; we are now able to purchase some new books for our school library as a result of this.

Miss Hutchinson organised a visit from the French Book Bus as part of the World Book Day celebrations. Nathalie Paris and her French Book Bus full of books and puppets were enjoyed by all of the children – and staff! We hope to invite the French Book Bus back to school in the future. Très bien!

Please do continue to listen to your child read each day. Five minutes makes a big difference!



Smoking Near School

Article 6

All children have the right to be healthy.

A number of concerns have been passed on to me from parents and the children of our school regarding the issue of parents and carers smoking outside the main entrance to the school on a morning and at the end of the school day. This is becoming an increasing concern as our children, parents and carers are saying to us that they are having to pass through a significant amount of smoke in order to enter the school premises. The path outside school is often strewn with cigarette ends which, as you will appreciate, does not give a good impression of our school as this is often the first thing that children, parents and visitors to our school see. Please help us to make our school a better place for us all by not smoking outside the school premises.

Designated Safeguarding Leads

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I am pleased to inform you that we have increased the number of Designated Safeguarding Leads in school. Miss Stainsby recently attended training and is now a member of the Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) Team at Timothy Hackworth. Our DSLs in school are:

Mrs. L. Boulton – Head Teacher

Mrs. J. Slatery – Deputy Head Teacher

Mrs. G. Wall – SENDCO

Miss N. Stainsby – Parent Support Adviser and Learning Mentor

Please report any safeguarding concerns that you might have to one of the above DSLs.

Thank you.

Polling Day

Unfortunately, the small building will be closed for Polling Day purposes on Thursday 5th May. This will mean that children in 2 year olds, Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will not be able to attend school for safeguarding reasons. Children in Years 2-6 will be required to attend school. Children in Year 2 who usually have a school meal will be provided with a packed lunch by the school kitchen, other children will need to bring a packed lunch. Children in Year 3,4,5 & 6 who qualify for a free meal will be provided with a packed lunch, other children will need a packed lunch from home. Once again, we have expressed our concerns to the relevant authorities and have requested an alternative polling venue, rather than using our school. Regretfully, we have been informed that this is not possible. We will, however, continue to pursue this.

Ofsted Update

All children have the right to be the best they can be.

We continue to work hard to address the issues raised on our Ofsted Inspection Report. This has been recognised by a number of Local Authority personnel and external visitors to school. One visitor who recently worked with us in school as part of our Post-Ofsted Action Plan reported that the behaviour of our children in school, and the standard of behaviour for learning in school was excellent. The visitor reported that all the children she had observed across the school, over two days, were on-task and focused on their learning.

A recent report from the Local Authority stated that the quality of teaching across the school has indeed strengthened.

A number of children have been off school recently due to sickness bugs and viruses. This has had an effect on our overall attendance figures. Our school target for attendance is 97%; currently our attendance figure is 94.9%. A few weeks ago it was above the national figure of 95%. We understand that children do become ill, however, please continue to make every effort to send your child into school; it really does make a difference!

If you are interested in joining our Attendance Working Party please contact the School Office.

Reading Volunteers

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If you are able to help us in school by listening to children read, please do contact the School Office. We are always keen for parents and carers to help us with this. Thank you to our existing volunteers in school who continue to do a fabulous job in supporting our children with their reading on a weekly basis.



Holiday Activities Easter 2016

GREENFIELD ARTS

Exploring the Web

FREE

Tuesday 29th March, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Using arts and creativity help us create a campaign that can help keep people safe online.

Suitable for ages 8 and up.

Film Club

FREE

Wednesday 30th March, 3:30pm

Join our weekly Film Club and watch a great film in our chill out zone. Check out our Facebook page to see what film we will be screening each week.

Suitable for age 8 and up.

Star of the Show

FREE

Friday 1st April, 10:30am - 12:30pm

Join us to make a short film and work behind the lens or even in front of it.

Suitable for ages 8 and up.

Family Cooking

£9.50 per family

Tuesday 5th April, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Make tasty seasonal dishes as a family with Season to Taste! Don't forget your Tupperware! All children must be accompanied by an adult. Please highlight any dietary requirements when booking.

Please note in order to confirm your booking for Family Cooking you will be asked to pay a deposit of £3, which is non-refundable if you cancel less than 2 days before the workshop.

Crazy Crafts

FREE

Thursday 7th April, 10:30am – 12:30pm

Bring family and friends and get crafty with artist Anna Harding, making crazy mosaics out of recycled materials to take home.

Not suitable for under 3's, under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.



Advance booking is essential for all activities as places are limited. Call us on 01325 379048, email us on info@greenfield-arts.co.uk, or pop in during opening hours to book a place. Please cancel if you can't attend.

Opening Hours:

Monday - Thursday 10am - 9pm, Fridays 10am - 4pm

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Youtube Risks – Uploading Video

Many children spend a lot of time watching vloggers (Video Log) such as Zoella. (Zoella can have over 3 million hits on her uploads!)

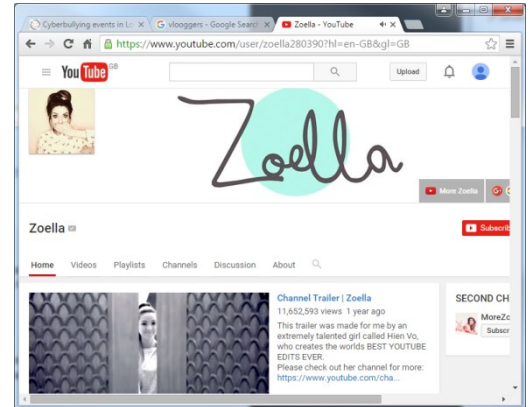
Some children chose to emulate these Vloggers, and in doing so without careful thought can leave themselves open to bullying or online grooming by revealing personal details and making videos and comments available to anyone.

This is not illegal but the minimum age to create a Youtube account is 13. Having an account for a younger child breaks the terms and conditions of the site. It is not possible to upload videos without creating an account.

The following links provide additional information for parents and teachers :-

https://support.google.com/youtube/answer/2802272?hl=en-GB&ref_topic=2803240 and

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safety-tools/youtube>



Extract from Youtube Website

Parent resources

We understand that parents and guardians sometimes have questions about children's behavior online. We've put together some tools and resources to help you manage your family's experience on YouTube.

What age does my child need to be to use YouTube?

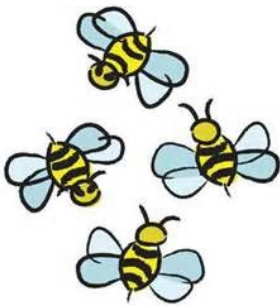
In order to create a YouTube account, you must confirm that you're at least 13 years old. If a video is flagged and we find that the uploader inaccurately stated their age during the account creation process, we will terminate their account.

The Conservation Group

On Wednesday 2nd March, Jerry Wood, a local beekeeper, came into school to talk to our conservation group. First he showed the group a hive. He explained the different levels required for a healthy hive, the job of the queen bee and the section where she lives, and the jobs of the drone and worker bees.



Next we were allowed to try on an actual bee-keeping suit. The gloves actually smelled of bees!



Jerry kindly brought in some of his own honey and allowed the group to try it. Isabelle said that she had never tasted honey before!



Finally, Jerry showed us a 'bee smoker'. He explained that if he needs to move the bees, he uses this device on the hive. They believe that there is an actual fire, so they eat as much honey as they can (which makes them very sleepy). This allows Jerry to then move the hive safely.

Multi-Sport Holiday Camps

Year 2-6



2 DAY EASTER CAMPS ONLY £20:

Tue 29th – Wed 30th March 9am-3pm @ Kirk Merrington Primary School

Thur 31st – Fri 1st April 9am-3pm @ St Michaels C of E Primary School

Mon 4th – Tue 5th April 9am-3pm @ Vane Road Primary School

3 DAY SUMMER CAMPS ONLY £30:

Mon 25th – Wed 27th July 9am-3pm @ St Michaels C of E Primary School

Mon 1st – Wed 3rd August 9am-3pm @ Kirk Merrington Primary School

Wed 3rd – Fri 5th August 9am-3pm @ Vane Road Primary School

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Reception (Yellow)	1st Mason Jones 2nd Jayden Smith 3rd Amira Hall
Reception (Blue)	1st Hollie Luntley 2nd Laura Mensforth 3rd Hollie Dowson
1T	1st Jaydon Thompson 2nd Brodie Whitfield 3rd Kaylem Harbottle
1H	1st Joe Dixon 2nd Casey Swainson 3rd Daniel Best
2T	1st Luke Costello 2nd Mackenzie Mae Prince 3rd Lacey Jay Mundy
2H	1st Alfie Wright 2nd Evan Ord 3rd Conner Robertson
3T	1st Nikia Cameron 2nd Sophie Smirthwaite 3rd Rylee Bennett
3H	1st Logan Ray Prince 2nd McKenzie Kirtley 3rd Jessica Hind
4T	1st Tea Flatman 2nd Ben Trowles 3rd Macy Wilson
4H	1st Michaela Fitzgerald 2nd Sophie Fletcher 3rd Kieran Cleminson
5T	1st William Foster 2nd Kennedy Jones 3rd Leonora Milburn
5H	1st Daisy Bonas 2nd Millie Brunton 3rd Daniel Webb Brown
6T	1st Joe Sparke 2nd Ebony Allinson 3rd Frances Andelin
6H	1st Skye Long 2nd Emillie Johnson 3rd Charlie Elliott



EGG DECORATING COMPETITION

Well done everyone, there are some fantastic designs. The entries were judged this afternoon. Winners received an Easter Egg.



We wish you a very Happy Easter

School re-opens on Monday 11 April

Dates for the Diary

Monday, 11 April—School Re-opens at 8.50am

Tuesday, 12 April— Year 1 Visiting to St Johns Church

Thursday, 14 April—Reception visit to Hall Hill Farm

Tuesday, 19 April—Year 2 Visit to Durham Cathedral

Tuesday, 26 April—Nursery visit to Shildon Community Garden

Monday, 2 May—School Closed for May Day Holiday

Thursday, 5 May—Polling Day (School Closed for 2 year old, Nursery, Reception and Year 1—Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 should attend school as usual.

Monday, 9 May—Year 6 SATs Week

Monday, 9 May—School Council Visit to Redworth House

Wednesday, 25 May—Year 1 at House of Objects

Friday, 27 May—School Closes at 2.35pm for the Half Term Holiday

Monday, 6 June—School Re-opens at 8.50am

Tuesday, 7 June—Careers Day

Monday, 20 June—Year 5 at Greenfield School (Sunnydale Campus)

Monday, 4 July—Year 5 Visit to Broom House Farm

Thursday, 7 July—Foundation Family Fun Day at South Sheilds

Friday, 8 July—After School Singing/Dancing Club Performance at 2.40pm

Monday, 11 July—Year 6 Residential visit to Robinwood

Monday, 11 July—Year 6 at Hamsterley Forest (children not at Robinwood)

Additional Dates and Events will be added as they are arranged.

Please check our website for up to date information about our school.

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If you would like to meet with a member of staff please ring ahead to ensure they will be available when you call.