



23rd October 2023

Dear Parent/Carers

Harvest

As part of our Harvest celebrations we will be holding a harvest trail for you and your child/children tomorrow. If you have children on both sites you can take them to either site but please note activities on each site will be pitched at infant level (Church Street) and junior level at Moor Lane.

Food will also be collected for our Harvest festival and sent to East Durham Food Bank. If you would like to make a donation please send it in with your child from tomorrow. Thank you.

Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor and hope to recruit someone with a financial background or financial expertise. Governors play a key part in helping to run our school and work with me, the staff and children to develop all aspects of school life including curriculum, our buildings and areas like Health & Safety. Governors are expected to attend up to four meetings after school each term and be able to spend some time in school during the school day to work alongside staff. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor please come and see me. If more than one person applies we will hold an election and candidates will need to write a pen portrait detailing their reasons for wanting to become a governor.

Uniform

We have kindly been given permission to have a Uniform Swap Rail at Wingate Community Centre and Holy Trinity Church, Wingate. The rails will hold uniform, costumes (such as Halloween outfits, Christmas outfits etc) and there will be no charge for any item. We do ask that if you can you bring something to exchange so good quality used uniform for a larger size uniform. We are trialing this for the next half term and will also have a uniform stall at our Christmas Fayre in December.

Poppies

As part of our poverty proofing work all children this year will be given a poppy. If you can make a donation towards the Royal British Legion, this will be most gratefully accepted. More poppies can be bought if children bring money in to school for them.

The uniform and poppy items in this letter are as a result of our Poverty Proofing Audit carried out earlier this term.

Key Stage 2 Toilets

Please rest assured children will never be stopped from going to the toilet or lose out as a result of going to the toilet. We are trying to encourage children to use break times and lunchtimes and so avoid missing valuable learning time during lesson time.

Team Evie

As small group of our Lead Ambassadors have asked if they can fundraise for this charity, which provides support for families when children are taken into hospital in an emergency. The charity gives families bags of essential items such as toiletries and cuddly toys. They will be holding a book and bookmark sale on Friday 10th November. If you have any books you can donate to the sale (at Moor Lane only this time) please send them in to school. All items – books and bookmarks will cost 50p. Thank you on their behalf.

Payment for Breakfast Club, Teatime Club and School Meals

Can we please remind you that payment for Breakfast & Teatime club and school meals **must be paid in advance of attending**, at the beginning of the week. We have given this term to allow parents to adapt to this procedure, however when we return after the half-term break we will be strictly implementing that if we do not receive payment your child will not be allowed to attend. We will provide a school meal for your child on the first day of non-payment, but following that you will be contacted and advised to send a packed lunch in with your child until we receive payment for the week ahead.

If this arrangement will cause any difficulties, please do not hesitate to contact me or Annie Docherty, Pastoral Manager.

Please check if there are any outstanding amounts owed, however small from the last term and please bring these up to date by the end of term. We will be contacting parents in November to arrange meetings/ payments plans for any not brought up to date.

Vacancy - School Crossing Patrol – Church Street, Wingate

Durham County Council Road Safety Team are keen to appoint a School Crossing Patrol to a vacancy to work on the **on Church Street, Wingate (outside Infants School)**.

The hours of duty to be worked each week [term-time only] are:-

8.30 – 9.05 am

2.40 - 3.15 pm Monday to Friday

[1hr 10 mins daily / 5hrs 50 min weekly].

Grade 1 £2,830 (approx.) £10.79 per hour.

Further details of the role and application form are available from the following link https://www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/School_Crossing_Patrol/252323

Paper application forms are also available by contacting the Payroll and Employee Services Team on telephone no. 03000 264469/266838 or email PESREG@durham.gov.uk

Interested applicants can contact the Road Safety Team for an informal discussion on 03000 268171.

Closing Date for applications is 5 November 2023

Regards

Marie-Louise Binks

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