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We follow in Christ's footsteps

Friday 22nd October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Window replacement

As you know, our window replacement will get underway during half-term. It is now anticipated that work will be on-going as pupils return to school. We will make necessary adjustments to ensure any disruption to learning is kept to a minimum e.g. a class may have to work in the hall whilst windows are fitted in a particular room. This will not affect the times of the school day and we will keep you updated via our texting system.

School will close today at 1.55pm for our Reception pupils, staggered up to 2.05pm for the rest of the classes. Thank you for your co-operation and understanding. Once pupils have left, it will be all hands on deck to prepare school for the work to start. We know it will be worth all the upheaval as we have been trying to secure funding for this project for a long time!

School uniform

As we move into the second half of the autumn term, I thought it would be helpful to give a reminder of uniform expectations. This is taken from our school prospectus on our website. As pupils may be wearing P.E. uniform more often (if they have signed up for a club which is not on their P.E. day), please ensure they adhere to the uniform specified. We are already starting to see variations in P.E. kit. We want to maintain uniformity as we impress upon pupils the sense of identity and fairness this brings. Pupils should wear plain black jogging bottoms/tracksuit (not leggings) with usual green P.E. shorts underneath or bring shorts to change into.

Please take some time over half-term to ensure all items of clothing/bags/water bottles etc. brought into school are labelled. I have included reference to our new school bag although I know some of you will continue with your child's current rucksack and this will be replaced in due course.

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Thank you!

It's been an incredibly busy start to the new academic year and I think everyone is ready for a little break from school routines. Thank you, to staff and pupils for your efforts. Thank you, of course, for all your support. I appreciate the many positives as well as challenges that a busy school/home life brings. It is always important to remember, when we welcome your child to our school, we welcome the whole family.

Please continue to spread the word about our school to prospective parents for our Reception class of 2022! We want as many families as possible to share their journey with us.

One final word of thanks to our pupil leadership team (PLT) who led a safety talk with their classmates and schoolmates today. Now that our days are getting darker, they reminded everyone how to stay safe. With clocks changing soon, we have to be extra careful on our journeys to and from school. This was their first task since being appointed. Well done to them all! Many more jobs await, but I'm sure you're more than ready.

Next half-term, we will keep our fingers crossed that we'll be able to stick to our plan to invite you into school for some celebrations! For those of you on Facebook, I hope that you are enjoying our updates: we love to showcase the range of activities we do. Photographs are always linked to our website if you do not use Facebook.

Have a lovely holiday.

Kind regards

Mrs Burgess

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School uniform comprises:

School tie
White shirt (not polo shirt)
Grey/Black school trousers/skirt/pinafore
Bottle green V-neck pullover or cardigan
Plain white/grey socks - not trainer socks
Black shoes – not trainer style

If any pupil wishes to wear an optional 'summer uniform' (*beginning of summer term to end of first half of autumn term*) the following choices are available:

green gingham dress or grey shorts

If any pupil wishes to wear shorts as part of the 'summer uniform', it should be the grey shorts with the shirt and tie option (*pupils should not wear variations of gingham outfits ('jump suits'/gingham shorts with white polo shirt etc.)*)

P.E. uniform is compulsory

Games/P.E. Kit comprises:

Green shorts
Yellow t-shirt
Plain black tracksuit bottoms/jogging bottoms (jersey style fabric- no logos permitted/no leggings)
Training shoes

Pupils are permitted to come to school dressed in P.E. uniform on class P.E. days.

School jumpers, cardigans, book bags and P.E. tops bearing the school logo can be ordered online from My Clothing (see parents' section on the school website).

School ties can be purchased from school.

All items of clothing should be marked with the name of the pupil. Sew in/iron on labels are much more effective.

For pupils forgetting ties, a supply of spare ties is available for a one-day loan.

We expect that pupils bring the following recommended bags for easy storage and to stay in keeping with our school policy regarding uniform and equality.



Rec, Y1 and Y2 Bag



Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 Bag

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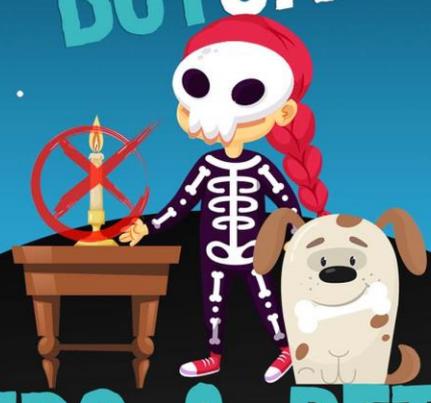
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County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue are encouraging kids to be #ScaryButSafe this spooky season, and here is some of our top tips to stay safe:

1. Check the labels on any fancy-dress outfits you buy and see what fire resistance they offer
2. Do not let your child or pet go near any ignition sources
3. Replace candles in pumpkins with battery powered candles – these are cheap, they do not blow out and they are much safer
4. Remain cautious when near roads and junctions – remove your masks to cross roads

For more safety advice and information visit our website, ddfire.gov.uk or follow us on social media!

