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FRIDAY LETTER

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all. We hope you all had a peaceful break and join us well rested and ready for the busy Spring Term ahead. We have had a positive first week back, with pupils ready to learn and excited to be back with their friends.

Primary School Applications

A last reminder that the closing date for primary school applications for children starting Reception Class in September is Wednesday 15th January. Can parents that are yet to apply please submit their form online as soon as possible please. **Apply on-line at:** www.gateshead.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Attendance and Punctuality Reminders

If your child is arriving in class during the register or at the start of a lesson, it is disruptive to the other children in the class and the teacher. It also means that the late comer is missing important information and learning time at the start of the day. The school gate opens at 8.40am and lessons start at 8.50am. Please ensure your children arrive at school in good time to get the most out of their day.

If your child is not going to be in school for whatever reason, please call the school office on 4334066 or send school a text on the Arbor messaging system to report their absence. Please do this before 9.30am on the first day of the absence.

If we have not heard from you by 9.30am then we will initially send you a text, if no response we will start to call all of your contact numbers that you have provided in order to gain an explanation for the absence. If we still have not been able to ascertain where your child is then we will make a home visit. If following the home visit, we still haven't been able to get a response, we will report our concerns to either the police or social services, as your child will then be classed a 'missing child'. This procedure is to ensure that we know where your child is and that you are all safe. I cannot stress strongly enough how important it is to keep school informed of reasons for absence. Please remember to keep all of your contact numbers up to date to help us maintain your child's school records. Parents can make any amendments to their contact details by logging into their Arbor account.

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Active Pupils

Yesterday our Year 5 and 6 pupils enjoyed an afternoon of tag rugby taster sessions. It was very energetic and it certainly warmed everyone up! We hope to have the rugby coach back later in the year for further sessions. We also welcomed our NUF coach back this week and Years 1, 3 and 5 thoroughly enjoyed their exciting PE lessons.

Diary Dates

Please see the list of Diary Dates for the Spring Term alongside the newsletters. We will keep you informed of any additions or amendments to events.

Hopefully the very cold spell of weather is set to change next week, stay warm, enjoy your weekend and we'll see you all on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K McCormack
Head Teacher

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