

Friday 6th July 2018

Diary Dates

- Monday 9th July – Year 1 and 2 Asda food tasting visit.
- Monday 9th July – Year 6 Beamish Wild visit.
- Tuesday 10th July – Author Visit.
- Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th – Parent Transition Drop in – 3:30-4:45pm.
- Friday 13th July – Summer Fair – **Donations for a raffle would be greatly appreciated.**
- Monday 16th July – Year 5 Quayside Visit.
- Monday 16th July – Year 6 visit to Abbeymoor Care Centre Summer Party – afternoon only.
- Tuesday 17th July at 9:30am and Thursday 19th July at 9:30am – Year 6 Leavers Assembly.
- Wednesday 18th July – Whole School Visit to South Shields.



Weekly Attendance

Year Group	Attendance
Early Years	88%
1	100%
2	93%
3	99%
4	94%
5	95%
6	96%

Please note that the SIMS Agora online payment system may have some downtime on Saturday 7th July 2018 due to an update taking place.

Incidents in Swalwell Park

A big thank you to all the parents/ carers who attended the meeting held on Thursday 5th July at school regarding incidents in the park after school and at weekends. PSCO Sean Routledge has emailed school this morning and has already contacted Gateshead Council to investigate whether a number of bushes which are restricting the view from the picnic tables making it harder for parents to see what is going on around the play equipment can be cut down or removed.

The school have been informed there is an app available called “MY STREET” which is free to download on most app stores. The app highlights different neighbourhood concerns and which agency to report concerns to. Parent/ Carers can either report to the relevant agency via the app or via telephone.

Please note, the Police hold drop-in surgeries at Swalwell Community Centre to discuss issues with residents, which will resume from September. The dates can be found on Northumbria Police website. Local Councillors also hold monthly surgeries at Whickham Library on the 4th Saturday of the month at 10am.

We do hope you found the meeting useful.

Please remember if you have any concerns or worries about any incidents in the park, please contact the Police on 101 or in an emergency 999.

Mrs Waugh
Pastoral Care

Kingswood

From Monday 2nd July until Wednesday 4th July Year 5 stayed at Kingswood activity centre. They took part in archery, climbing, laser tag, obstacle course, zip wire, fire lighting, 3G swing and the leap of faith amongst other things. The weather was brilliant, food was delicious and the instructors were supportive. All of the children (and staff) had a fabulous time and everybody challenged themselves and achieved a personal goal. Whilst there the children focussed on teamwork, communication and resilience. We hope they will take this experience and these skills forward with them in to Year 6 and beyond.

Year 1 Derwent Walk

On Thursday Year 1 walked along the Derwent Walk to investigate deciduous and evergreen trees. They also had a picnic and looked at the pond.

Year 7 Transition Dates

Please can Year 6 parents take note of the below dates for your child’s secondary school transition sessions. Your child must make their own way there. Please contact your child’s secondary school for any further enquiries.

Kingsmeadow School – 12th and 13th July.

St Thomas More School – 10th and 11th July.

Parent Transition Drop in

We would like to invite parents into school on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th July 3:30-4pm for a Transition drop in session. You will be able to meet your child’s new class teacher for the next academic year among other parents and ask any questions you may have. Year 3 will have their drop ins on Tuesday and Thursday.

Happy Birthday to...

Warren 7 and Freya 8.

Summer Reading Challenge

Gateshead libraries are calling for children to sign up to read six books this summer as part of Mischief Makers, Summer Reading Challenge 2018.

The Summer Reading Challenge asks 4-11 year olds to borrow and read any six library books over the summer. The theme for the 2018 Summer Reading Challenge is Mischief Makers, inspired by the much-loved children's title Beano, which celebrates its 80th anniversary.

Children will explore a map of Beanotown to find a hidden treasure chest full of pranks and become ultimate mischief makers! As children read library books for the Summer Reading Challenge, they will receive special stickers, some with mysterious smells. By adding these stickers to their map, young readers will help Dennis, Gnasher and friends solve clues and discover the treasure, having lots of fun and adventures along the way. To take part in Mischief Makers, all children need to do is sign up at their nearest library where they will be given a colourful collector's map of Beanotown to keep a record of their Summer Reading Challenge journey. Mischief Makers launches in libraries across Gateshead on 21st July and runs until 1st September.

There's a whole programme of events and activities planned in Gateshead libraries for families over the summer to celebrate the Summer Reading Challenge

Primary Boss of the North

Wednesday Update!

On Tuesday, the ultimate mathematics challenge started. At 9am on 3rd July four simultaneous competitions launched for schools across England: Boss of the North, Primary Boss of the North, Boss of the South and Primary Boss of the South. Swalwell Primary is currently taking part in the Primary Boss of the North competition.

12 children from Y5 and Y6 have taken us into the Top 10 already! If we can stay in the Top 10 until 12th July then we'll be in for a prize of £100 for school funds.

Earning a bronze medal is worth 1 point, a silver is worth 2 and a gold medal is worth 3 points towards the school's score. Currently (at 10pm on 4th July) we are in 8th position with 1,259 points. An amazing effort from such a small group of children.

Tomorrow see Y3, Y4 and Y5 joining in, with the possibility of Y2 by Friday.

Students earning 150+ points during the competition will win a real medal which will be sent out to school in the post. Currently we have 3 pupils who have already smashed this target, with 242, 207 and 173 points.

Children taking part will be able to access the website at home and will be given their username/password.

www.mangahigh.com

The school website will be updated regularly between now and the 12th July to show our progress.

Thursday Update!

At 5.23pm we were in 5th place out of more than 40 primary schools, with a massive 1,984 points. Well done to all of the 'maths-whizz' pupils. We also have 5 pupils who have now reached a medal position, with 286, 240, 231, 150 and 150 points.

Possibly even more exciting we have 2 children who are currently in the top 10 for points, if they maintain this until next Thursday then they will be in for an individual prize.

Well done to Year 5 and Year 4, who have entered the competition today. Year 5 have managed to reach 273 points already and Year 4 are up to 193. Keep up the great work.

Parenting Drop-in at Barnardo's

Parents/Carers are you struggling with your child's behaviour?

Parents can call in for free and friendly advice on parenting strategies and to find out about other types of support available, including parenting group programmes. No need for an appointment and free refreshments provided.

Barnardo's parenting drop in takes place on the first Thursday of every month 11am-1pm at Barnardo's on Bewick Road.

Happy Birthday NHS

We would like to wish the National Health Service a belated Happy 70th Birthday and thank them for all of the care and support they provide to us all.