**Birtley East School Times**

8th March 2024

**REMINDER: Parking Around School**

At a recent meeting we were given information about the issues with parking around Gateshead schools and ways the Council/police can or cannot act and enforce. Parking complaints can be sent to: Roadsafety@gateshead.gov.uk. Consideration is being given to cameras being installed outside schools, automatic penalty notices would then be issued. Parking on zigzags or other yellow lines would be enforced by the Council, obstruction/dangerous parking would normally be the police. Reports to the police can be done on an online form and you can upload pictures/video. You are encouraged to do this. Even where individual enforcements are not made, all reports add to the statistical picture and then resources to monitor and enforce on dangerous parking are directed to where the most reports come from. If you can, please park away from school and walk.

**World Book Day**

We had a lovely day yesterday in our pyjamas (today for Y2). It was good to see so many of you coming along to the booky breakfast to enjoy a book and a snack. The children have all been given their voucher for £1 towards a book, this can either fully purchase a special edition World Book Day book or be put towards a more expensive book.

[World Book Day | Birtley East Primary School](https://birtleyeastprimary.org/blog/2024/03/07/world-book-day-3/)

[Reception Celebrate World Book day! | Birtley East Primary School](https://birtleyeastprimary.org/blog/2024/03/07/reception-celebrate-world-book-day/)

[World Book Week Launch | Birtley East Primary School](https://birtleyeastprimary.org/blog/2024/03/04/world-book-week-launch/)

**Red Nose Day**

Next Friday, 15th March, is Red Nose Day. The children can come to school wearing anything red/related to Red Nose Day IF THEY WISH. Red PE kit tops will be more than enough, there is no need to get anything specially. We are not fundraising at school, you can make your own donation, but we will be talking about the work of the charity.

**Walking Bus**

Our walking bus will continue to meet on the corner of Lansbury Bungalows on Monday mornings at 8.20am. Children will be met by Corrina who will walk the children up to school for registration. It’s helpful to know who to expect but if you see Corrina, please feel free to leave your children with her to walk up to school. If there are alternative locations we could walk from or other ways we can support you in getting your children into school and arriving on time then please let us know.

**REMINDER: Easter Holiday Club**

*Activities are as follows:*

**Week 1 Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th April 10am – 3pm**

Grassroots multi-skills/team games/crafts

**Week 2 Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th 10am – 3pm.**

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**Thursday 11th April** – Groundworks recycling crafts workshop 10am – 1pm. This session is limited to 20 places.

All sessions are free, and all children with receive a free packed lunch.

For more information or to book, parents and carers can contact Corrina via the school office.

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