**Birtley East School Times**

26th January 2024

**Y6 leavers party**

Parents in year 6 have set up a Facebook group to arrange a year 6 leavers party for the children. Here is the link if you’d like to join the group:

[https://www.facebook.com/groups/2290153461194191/?ref=share](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fgroups%2F2290153461194191%2F%3Fref%3Dshare&data=05%7C02%7CAnnaDiggle%40gateshead.gov.uk%7Ce881d775e3f546206f5208dc1cf42098%7C09fbb97943174d219cb6e58811169cd8%7C0%7C0%7C638417082062157944%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=wFWXNlmJgy%2F7PNdCsayrKIggpuv0X9fBxXGB7g7HFOE%3D&reserved=0)

*School staff are not arranging this and it is being organised completely independently of school. If we were to arrange a party such as this we’d have lots of risk assessment and safeguarding policy and protocol to put in place. This complicates matters considerably and would require a member of school SLT to be ‘in charge’ of the event which isn’t really what we guess parents would want. So, we will arrange our own celebration of the children in school and know the children will also love the party put on by their parents.*

**Parents Evening Appointments**

These will go live for booking next week, please check out last week’s newsletter for information about how to download the app and book appointments. A separate email will be sent to let you know when appointments are available to book.

**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.

**Dates for your diary**

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| WB 12-2-24 | Parents evening |
| WB 19-2-24 | HALF TERM |

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