**Birtley East School Times**

13th October 2023

**Football**

The football team represented Birtley East again last night in the Cestria Cup tournament. Once again, the boys put on a fantastic performance and gave it their all. With two wins, a draw and a loss they finished in joint second place. Unfortunately, due to a smaller goal difference they just missed out on a place in the final next week. The results were as follows; Ouston 0 v 2 Birtley East, St Joseph's 0 v 1 Birtley East, Roseberry 2 v 2 Birtley East and Ravensworth 2 v 0 Birtley East. As the first half of the season comes to an end, Mrs Small would like to thank all of the boys who are on the football team for the commitment and effort they have put in every week. They always attend training, are eager to play, give everything on the pitch during the games, and are improving as a team all of the time. Well done boys we are very proud of you and how you all work together so brilliantly. She would also like to thank Lee for giving up his free time to be there and help coach and encourage the boys in their games every week. It is very much appreciated by all.

**Parents Evening Appointments – 17th and 19th October, 3.30-6pm and club cancellations on those nights**

*After School Club - Tuesday 17th and Thursday 19th October*

Due to parents evening next week, we will be **cancelling** the following clubs:

• Junk Modelling / Craft (Tuesday)

• Games (Thursday)

• Cooking (Thursday)

The 5pm collection after school club on Tuesday (run by Maureen & Leila) will still be available.

**Cooking Club**

There will be some changes to cooking club after half term as the current set up is not working due to the number of children who attend so we have reviewed how things are run. This may mean that cooking club is only open to certain year groups or that we block provision. Further information will come out before half term but just to give you advance warning of the change. It will be possible for children to transfer onto other clubs if they wish and there is space in those clubs if they can no longer attend cooking club after the changes.

**Mobile Phones**

We currently allow children in years 5 and 6 to bring mobile phones to school where they can be stored securely during the day in central lockers where teachers are key holders. It has become apparent that some children have had mobile phones in their bags when going out of school on visits and that parents are then tracking their children via their phones. This is not something we can allow and indeed the DfE are making moves to ban all mobile phone use by pupils during the school day. Children having access to mobile phones during the day presents us with both safeguarding and security issues. When children are in school, and when they travel out of school on visits, they are with qualified staff who are supervising them. All visits are risk assessed and this includes maps of routes/sites visited, emergency procedures and base contacts. There is always a first aider with any off site visit and ratios for supervision are compliant with recommendations from professional bodies. There is no reason for parents to need to track their pupils when out of school with staff - we have it covered.

**Lost Property**

We have a large amount of lost property already this year. Where items have names in they can be easily returned to their owner but the majority of clothing is un-named. Please make sure you put names in all of your child’s items of clothing.

**REMINDER: Flu Immunisation Consent**

The following date has been planned for our school **15/12/2023**

**Please complete consent via the following link:**

[**https://www.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu**](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.northumbriaimmunisations.co.uk%2FForms%2FFlu&data=05%7C01%7CAnnaDiggle%40Gateshead.Gov.UK%7C0957b8ae4cdf4ba34d8f08dbc00d4ac1%7C09fbb97943174d219cb6e58811169cd8%7C0%7C0%7C638314935537112502%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=Xq7eq1VHk28UyLxUqfGBagU9OO93pLWtyo7ROE6zm%2BM%3D&reserved=0)

**using school code** **NB108337**

**Dates for your diary**

*In addition to the dates below, we are arranging a meeting for year 4 parents about the multiplication tables check, the date for this is being finalised.*

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| Date | Details |
| 17-10-23 & 19-10-23 | Parents Evening and Halloween Swap Shop – send in your unwanted costumes to swap! |
| 26-10-23; 3.30pm | Phonics meeting for parents |
| 27-10-23 | Halloween dress up day (whole school), Early years Stay and Play (Nursery am, Reception pm) |
| **WB 30-10-23** | **Half term** |
| 10-11-23 | Be Bright Be Seen |
| 13-11-23 | Y1 Reading Workshop |
| 15-11-23 | Y5 Reading Workshop |
| 16-11-23 | Y6 Reading Workshop |
| 17-11-23 | Y4 Reading Workshop |
| 21-11-23 | Reception Reading Workshop |
| 24-11-23 | Y3 Reading Workshop |
| 27-11-23 | School photos |
| 28-11-23 | Y2 Reading Workshop |
| 29-11-23 | M&M Beauty and the Beast Panto in school (1pm) |
| 30-11-23 | Nursery Oracy/Reading Workshop |
| 7-12-23 | Santa Run\* and Christmas School Lunch \* Change of focus! (The children will also be able to wear a Christmas jumper if they want.) |
| WB 11-12-23 | Christmas performances |
| 15-12-23 | Nasal Flu Vaccines |
| WB 18-12-23 | Christmas parties |
| 22-12-23 | Carols in the hall (pm), end of term |
| **Tuesday** 9-1-24 | Start of spring term (8-1-24 is a staff INSET day) |

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