



Washingwell Primary School

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Attendance

	Earth	Mars	Venus	Neptune	Saturn	Mercury
Weekly Attendance %	100%	100%	98%	91.2%	95%	98.1%
Number of late marks	0	0	0	0	1	0
Number of children late marks equate to	0	0	0	0	1	0



Well done to Earth and Mars who have the best joint attendance this week with 100%

News

Welcome back! I hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer, and are looking forward to the year ahead.

Mrs A Hall
Head Teacher

News

Welcome!

We have welcomed Miss Weatherburn to our staff team this week. Welcome also to the new children who have joined us in various year groups across school and of course our new Reception children who have settled extremely well in to their new school routine and look super smart in their Washingwell uniform.

Congratulations!

During the Summer, both Miss Bolton and Miss Carr got married! Congratulations to them both. The children (and staff!) are trying really hard to remember to call them by their new names Mrs Williams and Mrs Mustard!

Social Media

You may be aware that we use both Twitter and Facebook to keep you up to date with your child's learning and to send information/notifications about our school. We warmly welcome positive, constructive and informative comments on the posts that we add.

Should you have any questions or queries about our school or your child's education, please contact your child's class teacher so that we can discuss it directly with you.

Staff Training

At various points throughout the school year, staff attend training courses to further their development and to support in improving teaching and learning across school. When your child's class teacher is booked on to planned training we will inform you via the newsletter of the date of training and the cover that has been arranged. Wherever possible, we try to cover these sessions in house or with regular supply teachers. Please note that we cannot prepare for sickness absence.



Open Day for Prospective Parents of children due to join Reception in September 2019.

You are welcome to join us between 5.00 – 6.30pm on Tuesday 9 October 2018 to look around our school.

Visits during the school day are also warmly welcomed. This will give you the opportunity to meet the pupils and staff who make Washingwell a very special place to be. Please telephone the school office on 0191 4884400 to make your appointment.

Macmillan Coffee Afternoon

We will be hosting a Macmillan Coffee Afternoon on Friday 28 September 2018 and we hope you can come along to join us. Drop in between 2.30 – 4.00pm for a cake, cuppa and a chat to raise vital funds for such a worthwhile charity. Cake donations for this event would be gratefully appreciated at the school office on the morning of Friday 28 September.

Termly Overview

A termly overview for your child's class has been sent home with your child this afternoon.

Homework

Homework for Years 1 – 6 has been sent home today. Please see termly overview for more information.

Key Dates

Please check the 'Forthcoming Events and Key Dates' section of your weekly newsletter regularly. New dates are added as and when they are confirmed.

Library

Classes will visit the school library each week as outlined below. Please ensure your child returns their book each week on the relevant day.

Day	Classes
Monday Afternoon	Mercury
Tuesday Afternoon	Venus, Saturn
Thursday Afternoon	Earth, Mars, Neptune

Memos and Reminders

Tuck Shop

Our Year 6 children run a healthy tuck shop for KS2 children on a Thursday and for KS1 on a Friday. This will begin next week. Items range from 20p – 50p should you wish to allow your child to bring a small amount of money on the relevant day.

Admissions to Reception / Year 7 in September 2019

If your child is due to start Reception or Year 7 in September 2019, the application process enabling you to choose a school for your child will be open from Monday 10 September 2018. Logon to www.gateshead.gov.uk to complete the online application.

The Year 7 Secondary School Deadline is 31 October 2018.

The Reception Primary School Deadline is 15 January 2019.

Whickham School are holding a Year 6 Parents' Information Evening on Thursday 20 September 2018 from 5.30pm in the Sports Hall. You may like to go along to find out more information to inform your Secondary School choice application.

Clubs

A memo regarding extra curricular clubs will be sent home to children in Years 1 – 6 next week. Reception children are given the opportunity to start a club should they wish to in the Spring term. All clubs will begin week commencing Monday 17 September 2018 but once forms are distributed they should be returned as soon as possible to ensure places can be allocated.

Music Tuition and Swimming Tuition will both commence next week. Separate letters have been issued to the KS2 children concerned regarding these.

Morning Routines

Our Reception children will be starting and finishing school at normal time in line with the rest of the school as from Monday 10 September 2018. On the KS1 yard, children should line up on the first bell and parents are asked to move away from the line to allow a safe route in to school. On the second bell, children are escorted in to school by the class teacher.

We have a self closer device fitted to the pedestrian gate. Under no circumstances should this gate be propped open other than between 8.45 – 9.00 for morning drop off.

Great North Run

A reminder that Mr Dixon (Isla's Dad) is running the Great North Run on 9 September 2018 to raise money for Washingwell FUNdraisers. You can donate via the following just giving link. Thank you in advance.

www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/washingwell18

Washingwell Whizz Kids September Offer

As a trial, we have added an extra price band for Washingwell Whizz Kids. Throughout the month of September, your child can be booked in to Whizz Kids until 3.45pm at a charge of £2.00. Should this prove popular for parents, we may consider adding it as a permanent feature.

Forthcoming Events and Key Dates

Planned Staff Training and Arranged Class Cover for the week ahead.			
Staff Member	Class	Date	Cover
Mr Barnes	Earth	Monday 10 September 2018 – Full Day	Mrs Gibson / Mrs Williams
Mrs Mustard	Neptune	Thursday 13 September 2018 - Afternoon	Mrs Hall

Monday 10 September 2018

Reception children in school 8.55am – 3.15pm

Afternoon – School Nurse in school (Menstruation talk with Year 6 girls)

Afternoon – Year 4 Swimming commences (note late collection time of 3.45pm each week)

Wednesday 19 September 2018

2.45pm – Reception Parent Meeting (all parents to attend).

Thursday 20 September 2018

Saturn Visit to Eden Camp – separate letter already issued.

5.30pm – Open Evening at Whickham School for Parents of current Year 6 children.

Friday 21 September 2018

2.30pm – Neptune Performance Poetry in Achievers Assembly (Neptune parents invited to attend)

Thursday 27 September 2018

3.30pm and 5.00pm – SATS Information Sessions for Year 6 Parents (you need only attend one session but it is vital that a representative for each child is present).

Friday 28 September 2018

2.30 – 4.00pm – Macmillan Coffee Afternoon and Cake Sale (all welcome)

Wednesday 3 October 2018

Venus visit to Beamish – separate letter yet to be issued.

Friday 5 October 2018

Grandparents to Lunch Day – separate letter yet to be issued.

Tuesday 9 October 2018

5.00 – 6.30pm – Open Evening for parents of children due to start Reception in September 2019.

Friday 12 October 2018

2.30pm – Venus Performance Poetry in Achievers Assembly (Venus parents invited to attend).

Wednesday 17 October 2018

9.15am – Harvest Festival (all welcome)

Friday 19 October 2018

3.20pm – School closes for half term.

Monday 29 October 2018

INSET Day – School closed to pupils.

Tuesday 30 October 2018

8.55am – School reopens.

Monday 5 November 2018

Parent Consultation Appointments – separate letter yet to be issued.

Tuesday 6 November 2018

Parent Consultation Appointments – separate letter yet to be issued.

Friday 9 November 2018

2.30pm – Saturn Performance Poetry in Achievers Assembly (Saturn parents invited to attend).

Wednesday 14 November 2018

Afternoon – School Nurses in school (Flu Vaccinations)

Friday 16 November 2018

2.30pm – Mercury Performance Poetry in Achievers Assembly (Mercury parents invited to attend)

Friday 23 November 2018

2.30pm – Mars Performance Poetry in Achievers Assembly (Mars parents invited to attend)

Tuesday 11 December 2018

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Wednesday 12 December 2018

KS2 Christmas Performances

Thursday 13 December 2018

KS1 Christmas Performances

Thursday 20 December 2018

Afternoon – Whole School Visit to Gateshead Stadium Pantomime (Aladdin)

Friday 21 December 2018

2.30pm – Carols around the Christmas Tree (all welcome)

3.15pm – School closes for Christmas break.

Monday 7 January 2019

8.55am – School re-opens.

A reminder that we are a Safeguarding School and we have a duty to pass on any concerns to Children's Services



Watergate Wildlife Watch



A new club at Watergate Forest Park, aimed at children aged between 6 and 13, will be held on the last Saturday of the month, starting on September 29th from 10.30am – 12.30pm.

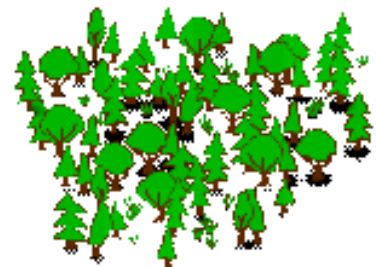
Membership is free, and younger siblings are welcome to come along too. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

The club will be based at Watergate Café (behind Emmanuel College), and will be run by Durham Wildlife Trust, supported by the Café and Friends of Watergate Forest Park.

To register your interest and for enquiries, please send a message on the Friends of Watergate Forest Park face book page, or call in at the Café.

Our first session will be **Terrific Trees**

Sat 29th September 10.30 – 12.30

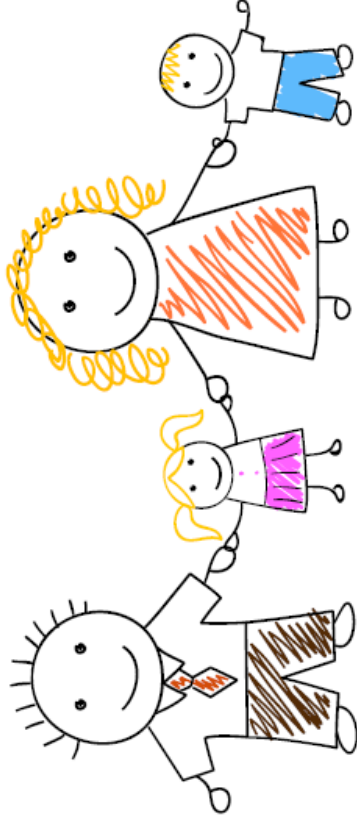


Come along and get busy in the woodlands. Take part in a great nut hunt and learn who has nibbled which nuts. Discover how to identify the different trees in the forest and create some terrific tree artwork. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

For all sessions, meet at the Watergate Café at 10.30am. There is a car park nearby on the A692, just past the college; or the X31, 11 and 97 buses from Gateshead Interchange stop at the top of Lobley Hill near the shops.



Being a parent can be tough

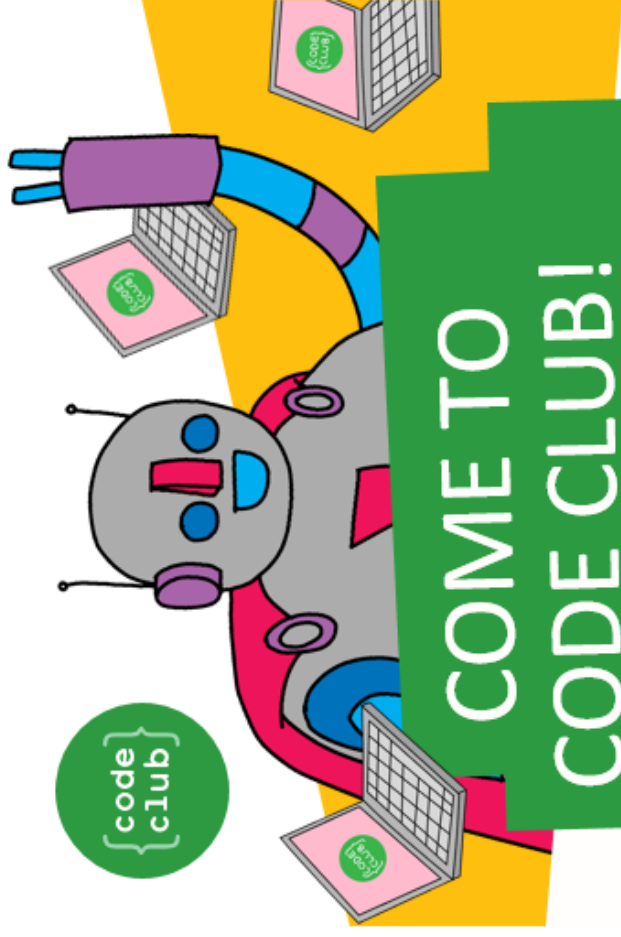


**Free parenting programmes are
available from the Early Help Service.**

0191 433 3319/5019

earlyhelpservice@gateshead.gov.uk

or join our drop-in at Barnardo's, Bewick Road
(11am-1pm) on the first Thursday of the month



Do you have a favourite computer game? Would you like to learn how to make your own computer games?

At Code Club, you can learn how to make cool games, animations, and websites too!

Blaydon Library Code Club

FREE

Starts Tuesday 11th September 4:30 – 5:30pm

Contact: Blaydon Library 0191 4336201

