



CTK WEEKLY

NEW DATES FOR THE DIARY

September

28th - 11.15am

Resource Base Assembly

October

5th - 1.30pm

Harvest Service

12th - 11.15am

Class 2 (Dragonflies) Class Assembly

19th - 11.15am

Class 5 (Tigers) Class Assembly

November

9th - 11.15am

FS (Ladybirds) Class Assembly

16th - 11.15am

Class 1 (Honeybees) Class Assembly

23rd - 11.15am

Class 6 (Foxes) Class Assembly

30th - 11.15am

Class 3 (Otters) Class Assembly

Please click [HERE](#) for the school calendar on our website.

ATTENDANCE

FS - 99%

Class 1 - 98.3%

Class 2 - 98.8%

Class 3 - 95.2%

Class 4 - 92.7%

Class 5 - 95.4%

Class 6 - 96.6%

RB - 95.5%

Whole School - 96.6%

Target - 96%

HEAD'S UPDATE

Dear Parents

The end of Week 2 (in full weeks) and your children are well into the swing of things now. The classrooms are starting to take shape as work is displayed and celebrated on the walls. Routines are being established and monitors recruited to help with the smooth transitions during the day. A calm working atmosphere exists in every classroom and I can tell you this from first hand experience having visited every class. I am getting to know your children more and more every day. The politeness and manners are excellent as I hear a constant flow of 'Good morning Mr Raymond' every time I walk passed a group of children in the school.

I wanted to use this space to tell you what I am really excited about! Our new reward system. If we get this right, a reward system in any primary school can be one of the most motivational tools to inspire your children. Ours works on three levels:

- **Individual child** - children can earn house points for quality work, effort and behaviour. Recorded on a chart in KS2 and gems in a jar in KS1.
- **Team** - every child is part of a House Team - we kept it simple for now: Red, Green, Blue and Yellow - and the winning team announced on a Friday.
- **Whole School** - the total number of team points contribute towards filling a large marble jar that, when FULL, will give the whole school a treat.

I have already walked around classes and seen the buzz of excitement as children work hard to get their house points and how proud they are to show me.

Our GOLDEN RULES will continue to support our Catholic Ethos and run alongside our reward system. Every Monday I will run a Golden Rules Assembly for the whole school and teachers will choose children that have demonstrated these during the previous week. They will get a certificate and have their picture on our Golden Wall of Fame.

STAFF PROFILE



Name: Miss S Taylor
Job Role: Deputy Head
Age: Too short to be old!
Birthplace: South Shields
Pets: 1 dog - Lily
Team: Newcastle Utd.
Dream job: To be famous!

PUPIL / CLASS

Miss Taylor led our very first Class Assembly today. A big thank you to her and the Year 4s for starting this off in such a fantastic way and giving us an insight into their work. Parents attended and saw their children present in front of the 200 strong audience, daunting, but also invigorating and confidence building. Check out the diary for all the classes presenting over the next two terms.

School Lunches – Week 4

	MAIN	VEGETARIAN	SIDES	PUD
MONDAY	Chicken Burger (gf)	Vegetarian Burger	Potato Wedges (df) (gf) & Sweetcorn (df) (gf)	Vanilla Sponge & Custard
TUESDAY	Ham Pizza	Vegetable Pizza	Rice (df) (gf) and Veg (df) (gf)	Orange Jelly (df) (gf)
WEDNESDAY	Roast Beef (df)	Cauliflower & Broccoli Bake	Yorkshire Pudding & Roast Potatoes (df)	Cookie
THURSDAY	Chicken Korma (gf)	Quorn Korma (gf)	Rice (df) (gf) & Veg (gf) (df)	Toffee Cake/Custard
FRIDAY	Tuna Pasta Bake	Cheesy Vegetable Pasta	Sweetcorn (df) (gf)	Chocolate Crispy Cake

If you wish to book a meal for your child, please speak with a member of staff in the office.

STAFF

I know you will all be aware of the distressing series of events that Mr Humphries 18 month old daughter has been going through. Whilst this is an incredibly traumatic time for the whole family there may be light at the end of the tunnel. She is due to have what we hope will be a final operation on Monday that could be life changing, not just for her, but the whole family. To ensure that the pupils in Year 1 continue to receive the best academic attention and support, it was felt that Mr H should be with his family during this time and Sen. Maria, a qualified teacher, has been able to taken over to ensure consistency in the class.

Breakfast Club

Please can parents drop their children at the door of the breakfast club in the morning and sign their children in. This ensures the safety of your child. Payments must be made in advance.

GOVERNORS

I had the pleasure of meeting all our Governors for the first time last week and had a good chat with them. This is a role that they give up their precious time for voluntarily and I have to keep reminding myself of that.

As we all sat around a large table, my perception was that they were very passionate in the way they spoke about the school and demonstrated a genuine commitment to helping it improve. It is tough for them, especially understanding the processes, acronyms and data, if they are not working in education day in and day out. And those that don't, offer a valuable, unique perspective on many of the items raised. I meet them all again in the next two weeks, in a more formal, committee circumstances, where I expect to be 'grilled' and held to account! Gulp!!

News in brief

- ◆ Athletics will be relaunched next week with each child given their logins and asked to help accelerate their mathematical skills by doing the activities online at home.
- ◆ Please can children only walk or skip on the KS2 playground in the morning as we don't want toddlers hit and hurt.
- ◆ Please can children not play on the Pirate Ship before school in the morning or after school at the end of the day.

OFSTED

Action - Improve the quality of personal development by ensuring that learning time is used to its full extent across the day

Response - During the summer term the weekly timetable was reviewed. The start and finish times for curriculum activities were tightened up with efficiencies made in transitional times like break, lunch and assemblies. Teachers are diligent on making sure every minute is used as learning time and the routines, that I have observed in classes this term, are well established and validate this.

Action - Teaching in the Early Years is consistently good

Response - I have had the pleasure of visiting Reception today and observing the teacher, TA and pupils in action. I have to say that I was very pleased with what I saw. I would hasten to add, that this is echoed across Key Stage 1 which has been my immediate focus this week. Individual learning programmes for each pupil have been implemented and this is having a very positive effect on the pupils attitude towards learning and their attainment. Challenging next steps are set by the teacher and this ensures rapid improvement.