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"THE SMALL SCHOOL WITH THE BIG HEART"

"El Colegio más pequeño con el corazón más grande"

25th October 2019

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of another very busy half-term I am happy to say that we have had a very hard-working and enjoyable eight weeks. We have had lots to celebrate such as winning the Tag Rugby Tournament and lots to look back on happily such as the dance workshops and the exciting visitors we have welcomed. As usual I would like to wish everyone a happy holiday and whether you are working, at home or have the opportunity to get away I hope you have a very enjoyable family time. We will reopen on Tuesday 5th November.

Parent Consultation Evenings – These will be taking place on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th November. There is an appointment letter and a letter regarding you and your child(ren)'s views. Please can these be returned on Tuesday 5th November. Many thanks.

Dinner Money Letters – There are letters in the green folders for those who pay on a half term basis. For those that pay on a weekly basis the cost remains at £10.25 per week.

School Trip - A reminder that the whole school will be visiting The Discovery Museum in Newcastle on Friday 8th November. Please can all pupils be at school for 08:50 that day. Many thanks.

Lumiere - As you may recall, the children have been involved in an exciting multi-national project to create a light work for the Durham Lumiere Festival which takes place 14th - 17th November. The work is called 'Friendship Tree,' and can be found on Old Elvet in Durham. If you have visited Lumiere before you will know it can be very busy and to alleviate congestion, the city centre and event is ticket only during peak hours. Tickets are free of charge but have to be booked in advance. If you would like to go along and see the children's work, free peak hour tickets will be available to book from 10am, Monday, 28th October, at all other times entry is unrestricted. Full details can be found on the Lumiere festival website <https://www.lumiere-festival.com/tickets>.

Online Safety - A lot of children are currently enjoying playing the latest online craze which is 'Fortnite!' This '12' rated game has the functionality to allow children to chat together online as they play. We have talked a lot about online safety in school including about games with a chat facility but as we go into the half-term I just want to make sure that everyone is aware that this functionality exists within the game. This will hopefully allow you to make your own decisions as a family as to the game's suitability and establish any rules you feel may be appropriate. For more information or support about online safety you can find a lot of very useful information on the UK Safer Internet Centre website at www.saferinternet.org.uk.

School Council Request - 'We, the school Council, would like to ask parents and adults if they have any old board-games, puzzles, activities etc. that they would be willing to donate, as our wet-playtime games are getting a bit old and tatty. All we would ask is that any games are complete and in working order. We would like to say a big thank you for your help.'

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Advance Notice - Mr Hopper – Monday 11th November – The children will need full waterproofs, layers and wellies.

Winter weather clothing – As the weather becomes colder and wetter it would be advisable to have wellies, hats, gloves, coats and waterproofs in school. We do like the children to be outside as much as is possible.

Miss MacKenzie T.A– We have said a fond farewell to Miss MacKenzie who was with us for a short time and we wish her well with at her new appointment of class teacher. We are delighted to have Mrs Hannah Stenbridge joining us after half term who brings a wealth of experience working as a teaching assistant both locally and further afield.

Atentamente
Tim Hiley and Staff

