

Monthly News Bulletin

September 2017

Welcome back!

We hope that everyone had a lovely summer break. We are all ready for the new school year; the teachers have planned some exciting learning opportunities for the children and we are looking forward to another successful year at Frederick Nattrass Primary Academy!

We have been extremely busy over the holidays and made some huge changes to the entrance area, school hall, Early Years building and safeguarding the school premises. We wanted to create an entrance with a more welcoming feel for parents. Thank you for your patience while we await the arrival of electric gates, as you are aware, all decisions have been made in the interests of safeguarding your children.

Well done to all new starters

Well done to our new nursery pupils who have made an excellent start to school, picking up new routines and getting to know their new teachers. It has been a super start back and we are very much looking forward to an exciting term ahead. In the next fortnight, a letter will follow from your child's class teacher and support staff which will inform you of the work the teachers have planned, school trips and any daily routines you need to be aware of. A homework timetable will also be handed out then. Teachers are also very good at informing you of what's going on via the school's Facebook page. In the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries.

A warm welcome to our new staff

We have a fantastic new team moving forward this academic year. Mr Harker is our new Y4 teacher and Miss Garrett is joining the Early Years Team as our Reception teacher. Mrs Kent, who many of our pupils are already warmly familiar with, is teaching in year 5.

A super week celebrating the author Roald Dahl

All children had a super week celebrating the work of Roald Dahl. Each class focussed on a different book and they did some super writing based on this. Then in the afternoon, each class completed a science investigation/experiment linked to their book; we had bug hunting in Butterflies, medicine making, Lava lamps were created and Gummi Bears were tested. At the end of the day we all went to the hall to share our work and two children from each class received a Roald Dahl book to reward their fantastic work.



Y6 learn to keep safe at Crucial Crew

Last Thursday we went to Crucial Crew in Billingham which teaches Year 6 children about safety in fires and situations with the police. When we were there we went into different workshops and one was about E-safety and how you should never share your personal details online. Another one showed us a bike crash and reminded us not to listen to music whilst we are on our bikes. The last workshop told us all about electricity and how to be safe around pylons. We had a great time and learnt a lot! By Meadow in Y6



Reminder that we are a nut free school

We have a number of children in school with food allergies. Can I remind all parents for the safety of all children we ask that parents do not put nuts or foods containing nuts into school packed lunches. We appreciate your co-operation with this. As so many children have different allergies, birthday cakes are no longer to be bought into school but all children will receive a cup cake and a card in Friday's Star assembly on the week of their birthday! So, their birthday will still be celebrated but this time with the entire school!



Professional development Days for the year:

Please note the school will be closed on the following days for teacher training:
30th October 2017, 8th January 2018 and 29th June 2018

Savings Club / Trip Money

As usual we have a lot of trips planned over the year. To spread the cost of these trips please consider whether you would like to pay £5 every half term to cover the cost of all trips.



Attendance:

Every school day matters and greatly impacts on your child's progress. Please see the leaflet attached to remind you of our attendance policy.

Safeguarding Reminder:

All children must be collected by a responsible adult over the age of 18 unless school has written permission from the parent authorising them to walk home alone. School advises that only children in Y5 and Y6 should be permitted to walk home alone. If your child is getting in a taxi we also need a home /school contract signed by the parent.

Diary dates

Date:	Event:	Who is involved:
Tues 5 th September	Back to school from Summer Break	
Weds 13 th September	Roald Dahl day	Whole School
Thurs 14 th September	Crucial Crew	Year 6
Mon 16 th October	School Photographer – Individual Pictures	Whole School
Mon 23 rd to Fri 27 th Oct	Half Term	Whole School
Mon 30 th October	PD Day – School Closed	
Mon 13 th & Tues 14 th November	Parent Consultations	Reception to Year 6
Mon 4 th December	Pantomime at Billingham Forum	Reception to Year 6