



# SIMONSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Goodbye and Hello

We were sorry to see Ms Wright leave at the end of the half term who has been teaching Yr 3 /4 since September. She has been covering the position of Miss Brown who returns this week from her maternity leave. We are delighted to have Miss Brown back and all the children are keen to see her again.

I mentioned at the start of the term that Mr Pont has now retired as our Chair of Governors. I am pleased to let you know that Miss Collingham has now taken over the role.

## After school provision

I am pleased to let you know that we will soon be able to provide after school child care. We have arranged for 'Kuba kids' to use our facilities and run the provision from school. More information to follow very soon!

## Dinner Money

Dinner money MUST be paid on Monday morning for the full week. If you do not pay for a meal you need to provide a packed lunch the following day until the payment has been made. We are very concerned about the amount of money still owed to the school for meals taken and not paid for - £594! Thank you to those families who always pay on time.

## Polite Reminders

**PE kits** – All children must have a PE kit in school. There are still too many children who do not have the appropriate clothing and foot wear.

**Mobile phone numbers** – You must inform the office straight away if you change your mobile number. We need to be able to contact you if there is an emergency in school.

**Dangerous Parking** - Please make sure that you park responsibly around the school grounds and not in front of school next to the cones.

*Thank you for your help and support with this.*

## School Events

Please check the website for any updates and news.

01.11.16 Halloween parties
02.11.16 NSPCC (how to keep safe) assembly
02.11.16 Yr6 Dodge ball competition
08.11.16 School photo day!
08.11.16 Yr 2/3 trip
11.11.16 Children in need – wear spots! And bring in a £1.00 donation.
14.11.16 Flu nasal spray for Yr 1 , 2 and 3 children.
15.11.16 Year 6 trip to Beamish
<b>25.11.16 Training day – school closed</b>
02.12.16 Non uniform day – donations for grotto
13.12.15 Reception and KS1 joint Christmas performance AM and repeated PM.
14.12.16 Nursery Christmas songs
14.12.16 Christmas Dinner day
15.12.16 KS2 Christmas performance (am) Grotto (pm)
16.12.16 KS2 Christmas performance (am) Grotto (pm)
16.12.16 Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas party
19.12.16 Reception and Nursery Christmas party
20.12.16 Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas party
21.12.16 Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas party
22.12.16 Last day of term – Christmas Jumper day

## Nursery places available from January!

Do you know anyone who would like a place in our fantastic Nursery? We have some afternoon spaces available from January for children who are 3 years old. Please contact the office for more information.

## Thank you!

Thank you to all parents who came to discuss their child's progress with class teachers.

Thank you also for the much improved punctuality at the start of the day. The opening of doors slightly earlier really seems to have helped.