

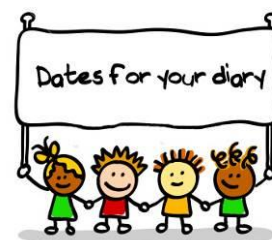


SIMONSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

November Newsletter

2017

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Dream, Believe and Achieve!

We are all very proud of your children and how they have been working and learning so far this term!

We would like to thank you for all your support this term and we are looking forward to sharing some Christmas fun with you all over the coming weeks! This year we have decided to split up the Christmas performances into class shows rather than Key stages. This will enable more children to have key roles.

Please continue to help us by making sure children arrive at school on time and are in full uniform, including black shoes. They also need coats, hats and gloves that are fully named. There are many children, especially in KS2, not wearing these.

Keep safe!

We are always teaching the children ways to keep themselves safe both in the community and online. I have been concerned recently when told that some children have been running across roads without looking and also through fires! I am not clear on whether it is Simonside children running through fires but nevertheless we all need to talk to the children about these dangers. You will receive a digital magazine this week and again this is aimed at keeping children safe online. Do you regularly check your child's activity online? Are the security settings tight so that they cannot be viewed by strangers? YouTubing is an area we are finding that some children can become exposed. If in doubt, please talk to us and we can arrange some parent training on keeping your children safe online.

BLOG HELP!

Please read and comment on our blogs! Staff spend a lot of time adding comments and photos about what is going on in class. It would be wonderful to have your comments to then share with the children.

<http://www.simonside.newcastle.sch.uk/website/blogs/125755>

- All school events are listed on the school website, so if in doubt please check there.
- School term finishes on **Friday 22nd Dec at 1:30.**
- **Monday 8th January** – New term starts.

IMPORTANT - Morning Routines

Please can parents drop off children in the school yard and talk to the staff on the yard if you have a message for the class teacher.

No parent should be coming into the main school and cloakrooms areas at the start or end of the day. This is essential for safeguarding and also to ensure that class teachers can be in the classroom ready for the start of the day.

Parent Governor

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our Governing body. If you are interested and could commit time to this very important role, then please have a chat with Mrs Thompson.

Smoking and Parking

Please do not stand and smoke outside of our school gates. This is very unpleasant for children and other parents to walk through. Parking by a minority parents is ridiculous! I do not want to report of an accident outside our school. This has been mentioned many times. Thank you.

Dinner Money

We are concerned about the amount of school dinner money still owing to the school. If you owe money, please talk or ring the office straight away to arrange payment. Thank you.

Friday 17 th November	Non-uniform and messy hair! Donation for Children in Need day £1 Year 3, 4 5, 6 have a Fustall taster day - need PE kits
Friday 1 st December	Non-uniform – Donation for Grotto
Tues 5 th December	Christmas panto in school
Tues 12 th December	Reception and Reception/Year 1 class performance at 9:15
Wed 13 th December	Year 1 and Year 2 class performance at 9:15
Thurs 14 th December	Year 2/3, Year 3/4 and Year 4/5 class performance at 9:15
Fri 15 th December	Year 5 and Year 6 class performance at 9:15
Mon 18 th December	Nursery class songs at 9:15 Christmas dinner day
Tues 19 th December	Xmas party for Nursery – come dressed Xmas party for Rec/Rec 1/Year 1 – come dressed
Wed 20 th December	Xmas party – Year 2, 2/3, and 3 /4 – Bring clothes to change into
Thurs 21 st December	Xmas party - Year 4/5, Year 5 and Year 6 – Bring clothes
Friday 22 nd December	Jumper day - school finishes at 1:30

Reminder!

Attendance

As previously mentioned, holidays cannot be authorised in term time, parents need to complete a form to let us know if your child will be absent. We will need to take legal action on families who continue to take out children during term time. We are monitoring closely key children whose attendance falls below target and are pleased to see that there are many improvements to those who were on red last half term. Please talk to your class teacher if you have concerns about your child's attendance. We really want to work together to ensure that all children get the best life chances.

Check list ☺

- ✓ Names on all clothing
- ✓ PE kits in school
- ✓ Comment on blogs
- ✓ Check date for class xmas play/parties
- ✓ Pay outstanding dinner money
- ✓ Leave messages with staff on yards
- ✓ Talk to children re safety
- ✓ Last day pick up is 1:30
- ✓ Check Non- uniform days
- ✓ Aim for the best attendance
- ✓ Inform the office if your telephone number has changed
- ✓ Embrace the Christmas festivities!



Attendance Ladder



Attendance Big Prize Winners Autumn 1

