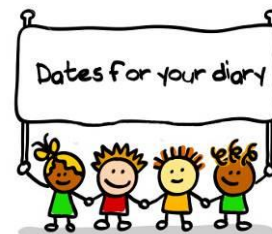




# SIMONSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## March Newsletter 2018

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### Dream, Believe and Achieve!

We are so proud of our two Year 6 pupils who were nominated at the Newcastle Schools Achievement Awards! Both boys are outstanding role models in our school.



### Important Dates!

- All school events are listed on the school website, so if in doubt please check there.
- Tues 27<sup>th</sup> March Year 1 assembly
- Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Easter egg competition – bring in your design
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> – Last day of this term.
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – New term starts
- Mon 7<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 Sats Week
- **Training day left this year:  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

### Attendance

We are very concerned about the low level of attendance across school. Our overall percentage is well below national average. Every day matters in school and if your children are not in then they are not learning. Low attendance will impact on your children's achievement.

Today we had 24 children arriving late to school. We need to instil in all our children that school matters and we should not be late! Children don't like walking into lessons or assembly that have already started. Please help us to improve this. We will be monitoring lateness on the yard next week and rewarding those who always arrive on time.

Look at the chart below to see the amount of learning lost this week! 1 day absent = 5 lessons lost.

Attendance this week			
Year 6	92%	10 days absent	50 lessons missed
Year 5	98%	2 days absent	10 lessons missed
Year 4/5	92%	10 days absent	50 lessons missed
Year 3/4	85%	17 days absent	85 lessons missed
Year 2/3	87%	15 days absent	75 lessons missed
Year 2	94%	7 days absent	35 lessons missed
Year 1	94%	9 days absent	45 lessons missed
Year Rec/1	93%	7 days absent	35 lessons missed
Reception	93%	9 days absent	45 lessons missed
Nursery	93%	5 days absent	25 lessons missed

## Nursery full time provision for all!

We are delighted to be able to offer 30 hours free education for all children age 3 or above. Currently nursery children can access 15 hours or 30 hours if they are entitled or pay. We have now decided to offer this to everyone and we will not be charging. This will start from Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

So that means 75 extra hours of free education! Our only catch is that to keep your place in Nursery your child must have 96% attendance or above. If attendance drops, without every good reasons, then your extra hours will be given to the next person on the waiting list.

Children can now start our Nursery as soon as they turn three years old.

Please see the office for application forms and to put your names down. Places are limited so if you would like to take up this offer please let us know asap.

### Reminders:

- If you pay for school dinners, then you need to pay! Debts are creeping up again for some families. Please put your children onto packed lunch until the debt is paid.
- If you change your mobile then please let us know. We need to be able to contact you in an emergency.
- Please join our twitter account @simonsidep – we have some lovely things added on here most days.

### It's a Gruffalo!

Amazing work from our children making our own life sized Gruffalo with a visiting artist this week.

