



High Spen Primary School Newsletter
27th January 2012



Love is in the air!

Okay, perhaps not, but it is an excuse for a party and once again our PTFA have stepped up and offered to organise it for us. There will be two Valentine's Discos so please check the times carefully:-

Thursday 2nd February

5pm - 6.15pm We welcome children from class GD, SG & FN

6.30pm - 8pm We welcome children from class MLK, FWD & TY.

As normal it will cost £1 to enter (you can just pay on the door). There will be the usual snacks for 50p, glow sticks for 20p and juice for free!

Some school staff will be staying throughout, but a big thanks again to the PTFA because if it wasn't for them, these kinds of events would happen far less often.

Looking Ahead - Coffee, cakes and an opportunity to share your child's work

Friday 23rd March at 2.30pm (Advance warning!)



Refreshments will be available from 2:30pm onwards, following which your child/children will be able to share their work with you prior to P.P.P day.

Pupil Progress and Performance Day - Friday March 30th

You will be receiving your appointment time for the Friday's meeting after the Spring half term holiday. It may seem early to mention PPP but we find it extremely valuable and so give lots of notice to ensure 100% turn out. Your child should attend with you and play an active role within the meeting. Your child's work will be in a tray outside their classroom available for your perusal. The more informed you are before the meeting the greater level of understanding you will have of the

progress your child has made and of what support they will need to make even greater progress.

The day is very tightly timetabled and lengthy for staff so please ensure you are on time.

Please do enjoy and celebrate the achievements your child/children have made.



Hays Travel Vouchers

Once again Gateshead Council have teamed up with Hays Travel to offer families 10% off holidays with are taken outside of school term time. Please see attached flyer.

Dates for your Diary

February

Thursday 2nd PTFA event - Valentine's Disco (after school)
Friday 10th 3.15pm - school closes for Spring Half Term break
Monday 20th Pupils return to school

March

Friday 23rd 2:30pm Coffee, Cake and Chat Afternoon - prior to P.P.P. Day
Thursday 29th Easter event (whole day)
Friday 30th P.P.P. day for all pupils except Y6. Please note school is closed to pupils this day except to attend their PPP meeting.
School closes for Easter holidays

April

Monday 16th Pupils return to school

Parental Questionnaire

Thank you to all those families who were able to return a completed questionnaire this week. We are delighted with the level of trust your responses suggest you have in how hard we work and how we care about every child in our school.

There were a couple of concerns expressed - as ever I would invite any parent wishing to talk further about points raised, to make an appointment to come and see me.

Here are the headline figures - the full results will be on the website soon.

Statements	% Agree
My child is making good progress at this school. This school ensures my child is well looked after. My child is taught well at this school. This school helps my child to develop skills in communication, reading, writing and mathematics. This school helps me to support my child's learning. This school responds well to my concerns. I would recommend this school to another parent.	100%
This school meets my child's particular needs. There is a good standard of behaviour at this school.	98%
My child feels safe at this school. This school keeps me well informed.	95%
My child's lessons are not disrupted by bad behaviour. This school deals with any cases of bullying effectively.	93%

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