

# Marine Park First School Newsletter

## Parent Governor Vacancy

A reminder that we have a vacancy for a parent governor. Information about the important and rewarding role of being a parent governor is on the school website. If you would like more information then do not hesitate to contact the Headteacher or the Chair of Governors.

If you are interested then please complete a short application form available from the school office and/or governorzone of the school website. Please hand it back to the office or submit the form electronically ([marinepark.first@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:marinepark.first@northtyneside.gov.uk)) by 9 a.m. on Tuesday 2nd October.



## School Meal Funday

North Tyneside provide school meals for the pupils and they have arranged a special Pizzeria Italia Funday menu which the children will have on Thursday 4th of October. There will be a selection of pizzas served with fries and freshly prepared homemade salads, an ice cream and fruit juice. Medical diets will be catered for.

Catering Services would like all children who are entitled to a free school meal in reception, year 1 and 2 to stay for a school meal. Year 3 and 4 pupils are also invited to take part. A Funday lunch for Year 3 and 4 will cost £2.20 (the same price as normal).

For more information visit <https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/node/21591>

## Harvest Assembly Donations

We are providing you with more information about the Harvest Assemblies that you are invited to attend in the last week before the half term holidays. Dates and times are listed in the "Forthcoming events." We expect that a Nursery parent/carer will attend in the morning or afternoon aligned with their child's attendance at Nursery. We ask that, due to space restrictions in the gym, reception parents attend either the morning or afternoon performance (**not both**). Also, if possible, linked to limited space, we ask that buggies are not brought into the gym for any of the assemblies—they can be left outside!

We are always overwhelmed by the kind donations we receive and pass on to "[The Bay Foodbank](#)" - a local Charity. The BAY Foodbank aims to provide emergency food provision to individuals or families experiencing a financial crisis.

The BAY Foodbank would be extremely appreciative of any donations you could make but have made the following suggestions:

**Pasta Sauce (Tin/Jar/Sachet), Meat (Tinned), Fruit (Tinned), Sponge Pudding, Milk (UHT/Powder), Biscuits/Snacks, Tomatoes (Tinned), Pasta/ Rice, Instant Mash Potato,**

## Forthcoming Events

- ☺ 4/10/18 School Meal Funday
- ☺ 16/10/18 Parents' Evening 3.45 p.m.– 6.15 p.m.
- ☺ 18/10/18 Parents' Evening 3.45 p.m.– 6.15 p.m.
- ☺ 22/10/18 Deadline for PTA Christmas Card orders
- ☺ 23/10/18 Nursery and Reception (EYFS) Harvest Assembly 9.15 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. (just attend one please)
- ☺ 24/10/18 Year 1 Harvest Assembly 9.15 a.m.
- ☺ 24/10/18 Year 2 Harvest Assembly 2.30 p.m.
- ☺ 25/10/18 Year 3 Harvest Assembly 9.15 a.m.
- ☺ 25/10/18 Year 4 Harvest Assembly 2.30 p.m.
- ☺ 26/10/18 Pupils break up for half term holidays– Non uniform for leading family group
- ☺ 31/10/18 [Closing date for applications for Middle Schools](#)
- ☺ 5/11/18 Pupil return to school
- ☺ 6/11/18 School Photographer
- ☺ 4/12/18 Key Stage 1 (Y1 and 2) Christmas Concert 2 p.m.
- ☺ 5/12/18 Key Stage 1 (Y1 and 2) Christmas Concert 10 a.m.
- ☺ 6/12/18 Key Stage 1 (Y1 and 2) Christmas Concert 10 a.m.
- ☺ 12/12/18 Key Stage 2 (Y3 and 4) Christmas Concert 2 p.m.
- ☺ 13/12/18 EYFS Christmas Concert 2 p.m.
- ☺ 14/12/18 EYFS Christmas Concert 10 a.m.
- ☺ 21/12/18 Pupils break up for the Christmas Holidays at normal time
- ☺ 7/1/19 (Monday) Training Day– School Closed for Pupils
- ☺ 8/1/19 (Tuesday) Pupils return to school
- ☺ 15/1/19 [Closing date for applications for First Schools](#)

**Vegetables (Tinned), Fruit Juice, Fish (Tinned), Rice Pudding (Tinned), Sugar, Breakfast Cereal, Tomatoes (Tinned), Tea Bags**

Please send in donations on the day of your child's Harvest Assembly.

## Parents' Evenings

Parents' Evenings are to be held after school on Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th of October (with additional times for Nursery pupils). These meetings are important and provide an opportunity to meet formally with your child's class teacher(s) to discuss how your child has settled and the progress they have made. A letter explaining the process was sent out on Friday 28th September. Please return the slip by Friday 5th of October then staff will allocate times and will send out appointments based on the preferences you returned.

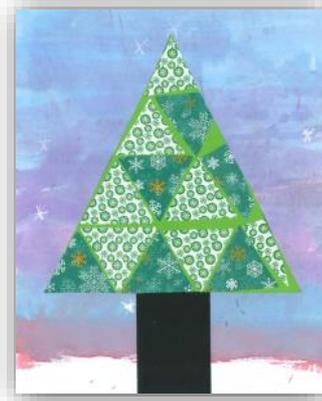
To coincide with parents' evenings, Mrs. S Armstrong, the school SENCo is also available to meet with parents on Tuesday and Thursday between 3.30-5 p.m. No booking is required to see Mrs. Armstrong, just catch her at the main entrance and she will make time to talk to you (privately, should you wish).

The Chair of Governors will also be attending from 5.00– 6 p.m. on both nights.

Finally, staff from North Tyneside Catering Service will be present at Parents' Evening.

## PTA Christmas Cards

On Monday 8th of October your child will bring a Christmas card design home that they have created in school. We hope that you will want to return the design to school with an order so that they can be made up into Christmas cards. Information on how to order cards will also be sent out at the same time (on the reverse of the artwork). Please return your order, **and the original artwork**, by 22nd of October after which we have been advised that it will not be possible to make an order. Please do not fold the artwork/order form. Thank you to the teaching, support and office staff as well as the PTA for working together on this project.



## Gateway APP

### Reception Information Meeting

Thank you to parents/carers that attended the Reception Information meeting on Wednesday 26th of September. We hope you found it useful. We have added information shared at the meeting to the curriculum section of the website.

## PTA Uniform Sale

The PTA will be running a second hand uniform sale during Parents' Evenings. The stall will be based in the main entrance.

### Pupil Books:

Title = Learning

Green for Go, Pink for Think, Now Try This, Now Spell This and Brilliant Writing

At Parents' Evenings you will get a chance to look through your child's work books. When doing so, look out for some of the strategies we use to make learning and feedback understandable and meaningful for pupils when their work is marked but also to provide opportunities for pupils to respond to marking.

- The title of a piece of work indicates the intended learning.
- Green highlighting indicates success with pink indicating areas which show gaps in accuracy/understanding.
- Pupils in Y1-4 complete Now Try This (NTT) activities in maths. These activities seek to address misconceptions, consolidate understanding or often to extend learning.
- Pupils receive a Now Spell This (NST) to help to improve spelling of regular/high frequency/common exception and useful topic words.
- Pupils in Y1-4 complete writing in their brilliant writing books. Pupils follow a Talk for Writing cycle of cold write, imitate, innovate then invent as well as regular short burst writing opportunities (do bear in mind it is still early in the year and early days for pupils in Y1). Success criteria typically set out what pupils must try to include in their writing. Teachers mark (and often pupils self evaluate) against this criteria. Then, on a rolling rota, the teacher sets an improvement activity which pupils complete (often with a purple pen) to make their writing even better. Sometimes pupils cooperatively review work alongside each other to improve their work.
- Some year groups use large floor books to capture whole class learning e.g. PHSCE and some topic work. You are welcome to look through these big books as well as your own child's books.

The school uses a gateway app to send messages to parents/carers. This saves the school money because it diverts messages to the APP rather than sending them as SMS texts to a mobile phone. The money we save can be used to benefit your child's education. This link takes you to the register and download page for the APP

<https://login.schoolgateway.com/0/auth/register>

## Marine Park Autumn Book Fair

Bookhappy will be running Marine Park's Autumn Book Fair during Parents' Evenings.

The sale will take place after school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017. **All books cost £4 or 3 can be bought for £10.**

Marine Park will receive 50% of the number of books sold during the sale. Please come and support Marine Park to earn more fabulous books for your children.

## PE Safety

A reminder that, to avoid injury, pupils must not wear earrings or jewellery when they take part in PE. Young children find the removal of earrings very tricky so it would be best if they did not wear them to school on PE days. Also, pupils with long hair, must tie hair back when participating in PE. Many thanks for your cooperation and help in this matter.