



# October 2022

## Newsletter



It has been a busy month in school for us all and the children have taken part in some lovely activities and trips. The photos below show our reception children on their trip to South Shields. They took the local bus to South Shields Interchange and then took a walk to the ferry where they set sail across the river before returning to The Word for lunch in the 'story room'.

Year 2 parents were invited into school to take part in our harvest celebrations. The children planned, prepared and served soup to everyone who was able to visit. There were many comments on how delicious the soup was. Well done Year 2!



A small bag of food is available to collect from the school office for any of our parents/carers that need one during this cost of living crisis.

### **GRAB A BAG**

**Collections every Friday from the school office**

Please note there are only a limited number of bags available and this will be on a first come first served basis.

If initial demand outweighs supply we will increase the bags available.

### **Staffing**

I am pleased to inform you that Miss Armstrong will take up her permanent teaching role in our school after the October half term break.

Miss Armstrong will be teaching Year 1 Blue Class and we look forward to her joining our team.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Mrs Percival who has taught blue class across this first half term. We wish Mrs Percival every success for the future.

### **Facebook/MySchoolApp**

Please ensure you download myschoolapp and check our school website and facebook page on a regular basis. It is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening in school and we share lots of important information with parents and carers via these communication streams.

## Meet our School Councillors and School Buddies



**Two children from each of our KS1 classes have been elected to be members of the school council. They have important roles in our school including collecting the views of their peers and sharing their voice at meetings with Mrs Willis. Their first job was to help Hospitality and Hope with the collection and packing of all of your generous donations.**

**Two children from each class were elected to be school buddies on the yard at break and lunch times. They help to ensure everyone has a happy break time and are available to help and support other children on the yard.**



## Our Attendance Target is 96%



	3/10/22	10/10/22	17/10/22	Total
Nursery (AM)	90.77	96.88	92.31	93.45
Nursery (PM)	92.17	74.79	85.42	83.69
Nursery (Red)	100	86.67	96.67	92.00
Orange	92.31	92.66	86.36	91.24
Yellow	89.62	93.46	86.26	90.48
Green	89.67	87.67	95.39	90.03
Blue	89.67	95.33	97.35	93.48
Indigo	94.33	95.00	96.67	95.07
Violet	87.00	95.33	95.33	92.00
Total	90.81	92.20	92.56	91.72

### Harvest

Thank you to everyone for their kind donations for Hospitality & Hope once again we are overwhelmed by your generosity.



### Mrs Kelly

Mrs Kelly leaves us this Friday after being a member of the Biddick team for a number of years.

We would like to thank Mrs Kelly for all she has done and we wish her the best of luck for the future.

### Reception – PE

After the holidays reception children will take part in a PE lesson once per week on the following days:

**Yellow - Tuesday**  
**Orange - Thursday**

A letter will be sent out confirming our school PE uniform.

Nursery Parents – It is essential you complete an application for a place for your child in reception for September 2023.

Applications can be found at:

<https://www.southtyneside.gov.uk/article/36364/School-admissions>

**PLEASE NOTE – A PLACE IN OUR NURSERY DOES NOT GUARANTEE YOU A PLACE IN OUR SCHOOL**  
Please complete your application as soon as possible

### Dates for Your Diary

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Last Day – Break up for half term
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Back to school
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Nursery Stay & Play (Further info will be sent out in a separate letter)
Wk Com 7 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents Meetings in school (Further info will be sent out in a separate letter)
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Tree Lighting
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 2 trip to Beamish
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Nativity
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Dress up for Christmas
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Parties
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Trip to The Customs House for the Christmas Panto
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	Attendance Assembly at 2.30pm Last Day – Break up for Christmas
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December	School Closed – Inset Day
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Back to school
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	School Closed – Inset Day