



BRIDGEWATER NEWSLETTER

Happy 10th birthday Bridgewater!!



October 2016

Harvest



Our annual Harvest Service will take place next Friday morning (21st) at 10am at St Margaret's Church.

Please come along.

Children can also bring in **donations of food** from Wednesday next week; this will be donated to the people's kitchen. All donations are gratefully received – thank you.



After half term we will be selling poppies to remember those who have lost their lives in wars.



New School council, Buddies, Peer Mentors & Roving Reporters

We have elected a new school council and we have new buddies and peer mentors who help children at playtimes. Our roving reporters have helped put the newsletter together. Thank you!



Build a bear factory

Our Reception classes have been to the build a bear factory to find a bear that the children with good attendance can take home.

Wear red or pink day and raise money for cancer charities.

Next Friday (21st) children can pay a donation to come to school dressed in red or pink. We are collecting money for various cancer charities who collect at this time of year. It is also a day to celebrate tolerance and respect towards others.

Parents Day

Our first parents' afternoon of the school year is Wednesday 2nd November. Appointments will be sent out next week. Please make every effort to come along and find out how your child is doing in their new class. If the appointment time is not convenient please let the class teacher know and we will make every effort to sort out another appointment.

Year six visit to the Civic Centre

On Wednesday Year 6 went to the Civic Centre to sing at the Citizenship Ceremony, the lord mayor was nearly in tears with their performance. Last year the old year six went, the lord mayor liked it so much she asked our school to go again. We all got a picture with her, a certificate and a special pencil with the Tyne Bridge on the top. The Lord Mayor also commented, "I hope we see you again!"

Reported by Codie & Shanice



Year 4 Honey bees trip to Arbeia

The Year 4 class had a great time

looking at Roman artefacts at Arbeia.

Unfortunately it was quite cold and rained a little bit. We all wanted to live in the Commanding Officer's House.



We even stood in the toilets!!!!



You could eat your dinner lying down!!!

Visit to Safety Works

On Monday 12th September 2016 Year 6 went to Safety Works at West 15. We learnt how to be safe on the roads, on the metro and in our homes. Some people from the fire service, Northumbria police, Tyne and Wear metro and St John's ambulance were there to talk to us.

Did you know that a lot of house fires are caused by leaving your phone on your bed while it's charging. The battery gets hot and burns the cover and causes a fire. You should also not leave your laptop on your bed while it's turned on because the cover of your bed traps the air in and causes a fire.

We learned that when your waiting for the metro, you should stand against the wall so the air that the metro is pushing doesn't push you off the side of the platform. You should also never go on the tracks because you can get sucked up by the bottom of the metro.

The fireman taught us about the importance of smoke alarms in our homes. They should be checked once a week and if you don't have one you can ring the fire brigade and get a free one fitted.

It was a really interesting visit and the information we were given will be very helpful in helping to keep us safe in the future.

Reported by Abby and Codie

We enjoyed Roald Dahl Day at school and wrote some of our own Revolting Rhymes. Some of us dressed up.



Forest school

Once a week we have started going down to our wilderness area and have been doing Forest School. In the

first week we started to collect rocks and stones to build our own version of Hadrian's Wall. We called it "Bridgewater's Wall."



We worked in pairs to collect and design our own walls, which was really fun! Working and learning outside has been so

much fun and I can't wait until we use more tools and can have fires with marshmallows!



Football tournament

Yesterday, the Year 5 and 6 football team travelled to The Turf to take part in a football tournament with schools across the West End. We played really well and won our first match 2-0. We lost the second match but played really well as a team.



Attendance and Punctuality

Please ensure your child arrives on time every day and if they are poorly you **must** telephone the office on the first day of absence on **2745290** thank you.

Specialist staff

We have an Occupational Therapist working with us one day per week this year to support some of our children. She joins our Speech and Language Therapist, Educational Psychologist and Counsellor who support our staff team to meet the needs of our children.



WEST Schools' Trust
We are part the West End Schools' Trust

(WEST) with Broadwood, Canning Street, St Johns, Wingrove, Hawthorn and St Paul's Primaries. We will work very closely together to provide the best education for all our children.



Peer massage

Peer massage is part of our wellbeing provision for the children and we have a fabulous sensory room for children to go to chill out and de-stress.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who help around school we really do appreciate your time.



Can all Y2 parents please stand behind the white line at hometime and not crowd around the door so staff can clearly see children are handed over safely.

Could parents also not congregate around gates and entrances to avoid congestion at these busy times.

Also could parents please park considerately and safely outside the school grounds. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.

Updated policies

This term we have updated a number of policies please ask for a copy from the office or view them on our website.



After school club

In our after school childcare the children have the opportunity to do fun activities, have a snack and there is time to get their homework done too. We are offering free taster sessions and there will be themed nights for children to come to. Children will also be taken on trips out. If you are interested in applying for a place for your child please see Gillian Gibson our Extended Services Manager.



We have a suggestion box for parents in the main reception area. Please put your comments in the box and Mrs Robson will be in touch.



Remember here at Bridgewater we offer outstanding provision from birth. If you would like to find out more please ask Gillian Gibson or ask at the office.



Remember to make sure we have up to date contact numbers for you in case we have to get in touch in an emergency. We also sent text messages to keep parents informed so it is vital our contact details are up to d

Diary dates	
Monday 17 th Oct	Y2 Seals to Beamish
Wednesday 19th June	Y2 Penguins to Beamish
Friday 21 st Oct	Wear red/pink and donate to cancer charities. 10am Harvest Service at St Margaret's Church for KS2 only Please send donations of food. 3.10pm Break up for half term
Monday 31 st October	Children return to school am Y4 Honey Bees to seeds for life at West End Women & Girls. Friendship week NSPCC assembly
Wednesday 2 nd November	Parents afternoon Some Y6 to Throckley Primary & some KS2 children to Forest School.
Thursday 3 rd Nov	Y5/6 Bonfire night assembly Football tournament at The Turf for football team 3.45-5pm
Friday 4 th Nov	After school some Y6 performing at the Sage
Tuesday 8 th Nov	Flu vaccine for Y1-Y3 children KS1 & 2 sports day Y6 Excelsior transition week
Friday 25 th Nov	Training Day – school closed for children 3-11
Friday 23 rd Dec	Break up for Christmas

School Nurse



We can arrange appointments for you with our school nurse. If you would like one please see Donna Blacklock our Family Support Worker. She gives advice about **headlice** and is happy to do this at anytime. If we see a child has headlice we will speak to the child's parent immediately to ask them to treat the child. The rest of the class will receive a letter so parents are aware that there is a problem and check their child's hair. We can treat children's hair if parents give consent but it is parents' responsibility to ensure their child's hair is treated.

Medical needs

If your child has a medical need or condition can you let the school office know so it can be recorded on our system, that way all staff who need to have specialised training can receive it. We also need to know any changes that may occur

All **money** paid into school should either be paid directly to the school office or through the class teacher in a labelled envelope. This prevents any loss or confusion over money paid.