



A huge **thank you** to everyone who helped us collect money for Sports Relief, we raised £420.



General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) for Parent/Carers

Along with other organisations across the UK, we are busy preparing for the change to Data Protection Law which is due to take place on 25th May 2018.

Below please find a simple guide which tells you about how we are working to meet this new regulation which will give more control to individuals and more responsibilities to organisations that collect and hold your data.

Our school already has strict data protection policies, but these will be updated to reflect the changes needed to meet GDPR.

Our data is already kept secure and used appropriately, but we will be giving you specific information about this through our updated Privacy Notice and Freedom of Information Policy.

Much of what we do with data will stay the same, but with GDPR there will be more security and transparency.

Schools have a duty to keep children safe and to deliver a high standard of education so much of our data is held and processed for the reason of 'carrying out the public task of providing a state-funded education'. When we require your consent, you will be asked for it in a clear and easy to understand way and you will have the right to remove your consent at any time.

Our organisation holds the following data: pupil education records, pupil medical information, parent contact information, parent details which enable us to check for Free School Meal qualification or 30 hours nursery qualification, safeguarding records, special needs records and school meals data. The Governing Body and our Data



Year 5 Giraffes have been learning about pollution and plastics and how they affect our Earth. We made a

hemisphere with flower wire then stuffed it with newspaper to keep its shape and so we could stick models around. These models represent pollution and things that are contributing to destroying our earth such as volcanoes erupting, trees that are being cut down and using bits of tin foil and plastic to represent rubbish. These things are



happening around the Earth. Our models show each groups' interpretation of sad Earth.

By Miya

Thank you to all the parents who came to meet the inspector during the Local Authority SEND inspection. The report will be available soon. Parents will also be receiving an invite to an event at the Beacon on June 23rd to find out what is available for parents and children with SEND in Newcastle.

Protection Officer will be holding the school to account to ensure that we are meeting our GDPR responsibilities. We will keep you informed about GDPR. If you have any questions, please ask at the School Office.



Band in a Box

Last half term Year 6 enjoyed taking part in Band in a Box sessions with Franco and Steve. They learned how

to play Samba music using different instruments. The largest drum was called a Surdo drum and Kai and Fatuma were able to have a go at each doing a solo. Another instrument was called the Agogo Bell and this had a very high-pitched sound. After lots of rehearsing the children put on an amazing performance for their parents. Well done, Year 6!



SATs

This week Year 6 are doing their SATs. These are important tests and the children have worked

incredibly hard to prepare for them. Lots of children even came to school in the Easter holidays to do extra work to make sure they were ready to show their best. Most children also do tuition after school which helps them to focus on their targets and get better at things they have found tricky. Everyone will be pleased when the SATs are over and we hope that all of Year 6 get the fantastic results that they deserve for having a great attitude to their learning and working their socks off!

Year 6 Science



This half term in science Year 6 have been learning all about the circulatory system. They have found out about the jobs of the heart, lungs and

blood vessels and how blood travels around our bodies. During one lesson they made fake blood. They used different items to represent the different parts of blood. For example, they used red food colouring and Cheerios for red blood cells and marshmallows for white blood cells. They also learned about plasma and platelets (which help blood to clot). It was very messy but lots of fun!

Holiday fines

Just a reminder that we need holiday forms completed for any child taking time off during term time. No holidays will be authorised and parents will be fined if their child's absence exceeds 4.5 days (which is 10 sessions or more).



Early Years and Y1 children and their parents are invited to Sage Gateshead on Monday 25th June as part of their 'In Harmony' work to take part in performances as part of the Great exhibition of the North.

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.

Specialist Staff

We have a Speech and Language Therapist, Educational Psychologist and Counsellor who support our staff team to meet the needs of our children. Please ask if you would like more information about this.



WEST Schools' Trust

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



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 and every day they are off on **2745290** thank you.



Can I please remind all adults that the school and grounds is a no smoking zone and no one is allowed to smoke in this area. In fact it is illegal and anyone caught can face prosecution. Thank you for your support in this.



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



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



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.



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 date.

School Nurse Drop in



If you would like to see our school nurse please see Donna Blacklock who will book an appointment for you. 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 know will. A care plan may need to be made with the school nurse and staff may need specialised training. We also need to know any changes that may occur immediately.



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.



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.

Our new **Parent Council** will meet every half term, if you would like to get involved please see Donna Blacklock.



Website
Our website address is

www.bridgewater.newcastle.sch.uk.

Keep up to date with all the latest news as we also have a facebook and twitter link.

Dates for your diary.

Diary Dates	
Monday 14 th May	Y6 SATs week – all Y6 must be in school all week on time. Y2 SATS all half term
Thursday 17 th May	1.30pm Nursery assembly & stay & play
Monday 21 st May	Enterprise week
Tuesday 22 nd May	Y6 to STEMtastic event at Discovery Museum. Y1 farm trip
Wednesday 23 rd May	Reception trip to farm
Thursday 24 th May	am Y5 to Open Lab
Thursday 24 th May	Y6 Play in a day 2.30 Parents welcome to watch.
Friday 25 th May	Enterprise fair (for children only) Come to school dressed up like you would for the job you want to do when you leave school. Break Up for half term
Tuesday 29 th May	1-3pm multi-skills in the Gym with Ha-trick
Monday 4 th June	Children return to school
Tuesday 5 th June	Nursery to the Garden Centre
Wednesday 6 th June	Y4 to Broxfield Farm and Alnwick Castle, Nursery to the Garden Centre
Thursday 7 th June	Y6 to Lightwater Valley
Friday 8 th June	Y6 Puberty talks Y1-Y5 heights and weights Reception to Garden Centre
Wb 11 th June	Y1 & Y2 phonics tests
Tuesday 12 th June	Early Years photos
Wednesday 13 th June	Parent event at The Beacon
Monday 18 th June-Tuesday 19 th	Y6 Stay Away
Monday 25 th June	In Harmony event at Sage Gateshead for Great Exhibition of the North
Thursday 28 th June	Y6 Well being day at St James' Park
Friday 29 th June	Bridgewater In Harmony concert
Friday 6 th July	Y6 Sandcastle challenge
Tuesday 10 th July	Y4 seeds for life
Wednesday 11 th July	Parents' afternoon
Wednesday 18 th July	Am Attendance and Achievement assemblies
Thursday 19th July	Y6 Leavers assembly Break up for summer holidays