

# February 2020

## Ivy Road Primary Newsletter

### Dates for your diary:

#### Friday 31 January

Year 5 Basketball at the Eagles Community Arena, Newcastle (full day).

#### Tuesday 4 February

Rugby Club for Years 3 to 6 with Newcastle Falcons after school (Session 5 of 6).

Laptop Club for Years 1 & 2 after school (Session 3 of 4).

Netball tournament after school at Burnside College, Wallsend (selected children).

#### Wednesday 5 February

Swimming lessons - Year 4

#### Thursday 6 February

Early Years (Nursery and Reception) class assembly. **Parents and carers are invited to attend this.**

#### Beetle Drive

A fundraising event being held from 3.15 pm. Make sure you have ordered your tickets in advance as tickets will **NOT** be available for purchase at the door.



#### Friday 7 February

Years 3 & 4 Quicksticks Hockey at the Parks, North Shields (pm).

#### Tuesday 11 February

Reading morning. **Parents and carers are invited to attend this.** Details to follow shortly.

Rugby Club for Years 3 to 6 with Newcastle Falcons after school (Last session).

Laptop Club for Years 1 & 2 after school (Last session).

#### Wednesday 12 February

Swimming lessons - Year 4

#### Friday 14 February

**Break up for half term holiday.**

#### Monday 24 February

**Back to school after half term holiday.**

Mobile library visiting school for Years 1 & 2.

#### Tuesday 25 February

Rugby Club - to be confirmed.

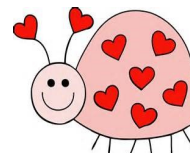
#### Wednesday 26 February

Swimming lessons - Year 4.

#### Friday 28 February

STEM workshop for Reception class (am).

Science family workshop (*this is for families who sign up only - more details to follow shortly*)



#### Note to parents of children in Nursery

### 30 hours free childcare

You will probably be aware that our Early Years Unit can provide 30 hours free childcare for children in Nursery.

You will be able to check your eligibility using the online childcare calculator: [www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator](http://www.gov.uk/childcare-calculator) and, if eligible, submit an online application.

Once signed up, you will receive an eligibility code to bring into school. We, as a childcare provider will then check the code with the Local Authority.

If you want your child to stay for 30 hours after the Easter holidays; you will have to apply for your eligibility code **before 31st March!**



**Please note we have a new telephone number:**

**0191 268 8851**

**Dates are correct at time of going to print but may be subject to change.**

See overleaf for more information



If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, it is essential that you telephone the school on the **FIRST** morning of absence and leave a message on the answer phone stating:

**Your child's name**

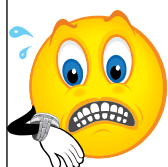
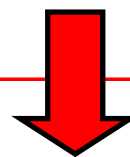
**Class**

**Reason for absence eg. vomiting, headache etc.**

(Please do not just say that your child is not feeling well.)

It would be helpful if you could telephone again on **each** subsequent day of absence.

Attendance is checked on a regular basis by the Local Authority Attendance and Placement Office who will follow up any absence that is not accounted for. Absences without a valid reason will be marked as 'Unauthorised'.



### LATENESS = LOST LEARNING!

A minority of our pupils are often late.

**Please ensure that they are here on time and enter school through their designated door NOT via the school office.**

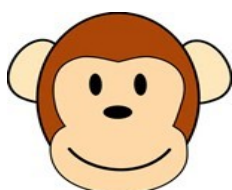
- 5 minutes late each day works out at **3 days lost** over the school year.
- 15 minutes late each day works out at **10 days lost** over the school year.
- 30 minutes late each day works out at **19 days lost** over the school year.

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Attendance is monitored closely. Each week the class with the best attendance wins 'Popcorn' the monkey. List of winners:

w/c 13/01/2020 - Year 4 with 100%

w/c 20/01/2020 - Year 3 with 100%



**On the subject of absence.....**

### **Vomiting and/or Diarrhoea**

**Please allow 48 hours since the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea before sending your child back to school.**

#### Out of School Club

We provide competitively priced childcare in our Out of School Club for children in Reception to Year 6.

The club runs from Monday to Friday term time, from 3.15 pm until 5.45 pm. We offer a sibling discount and accept childcare vouchers.

**Children do not have to be booked in for the full week. You may book odd days.** If, for example you are planning a shopping trip and don't want to rush back for 3.15 pm; you could **in advance**, book your child into the Out of School Club allowing you some extra time.

If you are interested, please contact the school office who can provide you with the relevant information.

