



# INGLETON C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parent / Carer,

### **Safer Internet Day**

Pupils will be taking part in Safer Internet Day on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**.



### **What is Safer Internet Day?**

Safer Internet Day aims to create both a safer and a better Internet, where everyone is empowered to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. The campaign aims to reach out to children and young people, parents and carers, teachers, educators and social workers, as well as industry, decision makers and politicians, to encourage everyone to play their part in creating a better Internet.

By celebrating the positive power of the Internet, the Safer Internet Day slogan of **"Together for a better Internet"** encourages everyone to join the movement, to participate, and to make the most of the Internet's potential to bring people together. With a global, community-led approach, Safer Internet Day encourages everyone to come together and play their part. There are many ways to do this:

- **Children and young people** can help to create a better Internet by being kind and respectful to others online, by protecting their online reputations (and those of others), and by seeking out positive opportunities to create, engage and share online.
- **Parents and carers** play a crucial role in empowering and supporting children to use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively, whether it is by ensuring an open dialogue with their children, educating them to use technology safely and positively, or by acting as digital role models.
- **Teachers** can help to create a better Internet by equipping their pupils and students with digital literacy skills and by developing their critical thinking skills, which will allow them to better navigate the online world. They can empower them to create their own content, make considered choices online, and can set a personal example of positive online behaviour for their pupils and students.

Pupils will be undertaking different activities in class in relation to this and it will also be our Votes for School debate this week. **"Would you like to be a YouTuber?" (KS1)** and **"Do you want to be Internet famous? (KS2)**



### **Water Bottles**

All pupils are asked to bring in a water bottle each day so they can drink regularly throughout the day. These will be sent home every night so that they can be washed and returned to school again the following morning. We request that these drinks bottles contain water only please. Water is essential to your child's health. It aids digestion, helps prevent constipation, and is vital for proper blood circulation.

Please see the following websites for further information / guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/water-drinks-nutrition/>

<https://www.nutrition.org.uk/healthyliving/hydration/hydration-for-children.html>



## Primary School Games Swimming Gala

We were tremendously proud of our pupils who competed in the swimming gala at the end of January. There were 23 schools who competed altogether (am/pm). As you know our pupils entered the afternoon gala and came 1<sup>st</sup> out of the 11 schools competing on the afternoon. Overall we came 6<sup>th</sup> out of 23. An amazing achievement! Well done Swimmers!



## Sports Events

We have quite a few sporting events coming up this term. Could children please bring tracksuit bottoms, PE hoody and a warm coat as well as their PE kit to these in case of periods of inactivity and cold weather - thank you!

- **Class 3 (Y5/Y6)** High 5 Netball Competition on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020 (pm)** at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre
- **Key Stage 2 (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6)** Cross Country Competition on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February (am)** at Bishop Auckland College
- **Reception** Multi Skills Festival on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March (pm)** at Staindrop Academy.
- **Class 1 (Y1/Y2)** Football Competition on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March (pm)** at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre
- **Class 3 (Y5/Y6)** Multi Skills Festival on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March (pm)** at Staindrop Academy.

## World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day on **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. Pupils have been invited to dress up as their favourite book character.



## Parent's Meeting Spring Term

Parent's Evening will take place this week on **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March** Appointments will be sent home in March. Please let us know if you have not received your appointment or cannot make this date, as it is essential that you attend - thank you.

## After School Provision

Our **After School Club runs from 3.15pm-5.30pm. Clubs cost £2.50 per hour.**

Monday - Homework Club / Tuesday - Homework / ICT Club / Wednesday - North East Dance - Mixed Dance Mash Up / Thursday - North East Dance - Fitness Mash Up / Friday - Football with PE Coach Mr Morgan

## Attendance

We have noticed an increase in the number of unauthorised holidays during term time. The law states that a Head Teacher is unable to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**. The local authority suggests that "**exceptional circumstances**" are:

- Parental employment circumstances (service personnel, other work commitments).
- Compassionate circumstances (significant family illness, bereavement, funeral, family crisis).
- Other 'one off' unusual circumstances / events (prison visit, wedding).

We ask that parents complete a leave of absence form and include any evidence of "exceptional circumstances" otherwise the request could not be considered.

Unauthorised absence on your child's attendance records could result in you receiving a penalty notice from the Local Authority. 7 days unauthorised absence in a 12 week rolling period **must now be referred** for enforcement action. Parents who continually opt to pay the fine will face legal action.

Good attendance is considered **above 95%** or approximately no more than one day of absence each half term as authorised when a child has been away from school for a legitimate reason.

## Stars of the Week

**Class 1:** Eliza, Jessie, Abigail & Hunter.

**Class 2:** Alfie, Elliot, Amy, Imogen & Jacob.

**Class 3:** Paige, Jack R, Callum & William.



## IMPORTANT DATES



### Early Reminder Standardised Tests

Standardised Test	Week Commencing
Year 6 SATs	Monday 11th May 2020 - Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
Year 2 SATs	Schools to administer tests during May.
Year 1 Phonic Screening Check	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2020 - Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
Year 4 Multiplication Check	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2020 - Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2020

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>February</b>	
12/02/20	Class 3 (Y5/Y6) Netball Competition at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre at 12.30pm
13/02/20	Class 1 Trip to York Railway Museum
14/02/20	Break up for half term
24/02/20	School re-opens for start of Spring Term 2.
28/02/20	Key Stage 2 (Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6) Cross Country Competition (am) at Bishop Auckland College
<b>March</b>	
05/03/20	Y5/Y6 Safety Carousel at The Work Place Newton Aycliffe
06/03/20	World Book Day
24/03/20	Reception Multi Skills Festival at Staindrop Academy
25/03/20	Y1/Y2 Football Competition at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre
26/03/20	Class 3 (Y5/Y6) Multi Skills Festival at Staindrop Academy.
30/03/20	Spring Term Parents' Evening

### TERM DATES

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-opens
Spring half-term 2020	Friday 14 February 2020	Monday 24 February 2020
Easter 2020	Friday 3 April 2020	Monday 20 April 2020
May Day 2020	Thursday 7 May 2020	Monday 11 May 2020
Summer half-term 2020	Friday 22 May 2020	Monday 1 June 2020
Summer 2020	Monday 20 July 2020	

The remaining Teacher Training Days for this academic year (2019/2020) are:

- Friday 5th June 2020
- Monday 20th July 2020

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs K Whitaker  
Head Teacher