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**IMPORTANT TRIP DATES**

Dear Parent / Guardian,

During a recent parent action group meeting, parents asked for more notice for trips, as at times it can be difficult if they have more than one child in school. Therefore, an ‘Important Dates’ newsletter will be sent out at the end of each half term, so you are aware of what is going on in school and you receive plenty of notice.

Feedback from parents was that they would like to see a reduction in the number of letters for school trips. After consulting with the local authority, we will be able to accept one Parental Consent form to cover all school trips for the year (the exception will be residential trips). These forms will be sent out in September and must be returned to the office.

Please see the table below for the trips and events, which are taking place in Autumn 1. If you would like to pay for your child in instalments, this is fine.

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| Year | Topic | Trip | When | Price |
| EYFS | Why do Leaves go crispy | Hamsterley Forest | 13th September 2017 | £3.50 per child and £3.50 per parent |
| 1 & 2 | Dinosaur Planet | Dorman Museum | 12th September 2017 | £7 |
| 3 & 4 | Blue Abyss | Blue Reef in Tynemouth | September | £10 |
| 5 & 6 | Harry Potter  (All Literacy lessons will be Harry Potter themed) | Alnwick Castle  Flying lessons and a Harry Potter tour | 18th September 2017 | £10 |

Please note that for all trips, teachers go free and all trips have been heavily subsidised by the school.

Parents are more than welcome to pay in instalments for their children’s trip if this would help.

There may be more dates to add, we will send out letters for these as soon as we are able to.

**OTHER IMPORTANT DATES**

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| Year Group | Date | Staff member | Activity | Notes |
| All | 1.09.17 and 30.10.17 | ---- | School will not be open to pupils. | School Closed due to Professional Development of staff |
| All | 06.09.17  07.09.17  08.09.17 | ---- | Working on the allotment in school | We are looking for parents to volunteer time to come and help us work on our school allotment |
| All | 13.09.17 | ---- | Roald Dahl Day | To celebrate the works of Roald Dahl |
| Red Hall Tour | 25.09.17 | A member of the Senior Leadership Team | Tour of the school to see your children hard at work | We recognise that some parents may be ex pupils or if your children are in Early Years / KS1, you may never have seen the rest of the school |
| Year 6 Parent Meeting | 27.09.17 (3.15pm)  or  28.09.17 (2.30pm) | Miss Snowdon | Parent meeting to discuss Year 6 SATs and also to discuss the Year 6 residential. | Parents will be given some important information during this meeting, therefore it would be beneficial if they could attend. |
| Year 2 SATs meeting | 10.10.17  (2.45pm) | Miss Snowdon / Mrs Luxon | Discussion about Y2 SATs and intervention that will take place. | A chance to talk to parents about the SATs process at KS1. |
| Whole school | 13.10.17 | All staff | Celebration event to see what has happened in all lessons during Autumn 1 | All parents are welcome into school from 2-3.15 to celebrate their child (ren)’s achievements since being in their new class. |
| Year 6 | 16.10.17- 20.10.17 | Miss Snowdon / Mr Beadle and others | Kingswood residential | Children will take part in a week long residential at Kingswood. |
| Year 1 Parent Meeting | 17.10.17  (2.45pm) | Mrs Togher /  Miss Newhouse | Details about the phonics assessment | You are invited to attend a phonics meeting, to explain the end of year expectations and what the phonics assessment entails. |
| Selected pupils | TBC | Miss Snowdon, and the Literacy team | Reading award evening | Children will come into school and receive a special ‘tea’ that night. Children who have had a fantastic attitude in reading will be selected to take part in this event. |

If you have any questions regarding any of the dates, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks,

Miss Snowdon