

**Annfield Plain Library – Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September, 10-12 noon.**  
**Animal money box.**

Children using recycled drinks bottles will make their own character money box. The bottles will be covered with collage and have card and craft details. The activity is suitable for ages 5-11 and costs £1 per child, money payable at the library.

**School Meals**

We have recently had a number of children who have stopped having a school lunch and now bring a packed lunch, but the cook and/or Office were not informed of the change. Parents **must give notice** of any change from meals to packed lunch or vice-versa so that the cook can make necessary adjustments when ordering foodstuffs.

**Packed Lunches Reminder.**

We would like to remind parents that in line with school policy and to ensure consistency and keep packed lunches in line with food standards for school meals, packed lunches **should not** contain the following:

- Fizzy / sugary drinks in cartons, bottles or cans
- Chocolate or Chocolate-coated products / sweets / confectionary
- Chocolate spread as a filling for sandwiches.

If these items are found in a packed lunch, they will be withdrawn and given to the child to take home at the end of the day.

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**REPLY SLIP for O2 E-Safety workshop.**

I would like to attend the e-safety workshop on 27<sup>th</sup> September.

Signed .....Date....  
Parent / Carer of

Name.....Class....

# The Gossip

SEPTEMBER  
2018

From Annfield Plain Junior School

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## **PARENTS' DATES FOR DIARY**

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September, 9-10am,**

Parents O2 E-Safety workshop. Please complete the slip on the back page if you would like to attend, as a minimum of 15 parents are needed to run the event.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October and Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October Parents' Evening 3.45-5.30pm.** More information will be issued nearer the time.

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 1.30pm Christmas Fayre** More information will be issued nearer the time.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 10am.**

Christmas Nativity performance at Methodist Church.

Other events will be added as the term progresses. Staff are currently planning a series of fun curriculum drop-ins for parents and pupils to attend, to support parents, with educational activities which can be used at home.

### **Penny Fundraising**

We are collecting pennies to go towards Annfield Plain & Catchgate Partnership fundraising for World War 1 commemorations. Please send any spare pennies to school.

**\*Please take note of the attached letter regarding attendance and holidays in term time. An up to date holiday list is on the reverse of the letter.**

## **September – (in school for pupils)**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September.** Class 4 Educational visit to Beamish Agricultural Show.

**Year 3 & 4:** 10 week FISCH (health & fitness) programme.

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September:** Year 6 taster day at North Durham Academy.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.** Class 4, (Miss Angus) play in a day “Road Safety”.

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September.** All classes, fitness training workshops.

**September 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>:** Activities to celebrate “International Day of Languages”.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September:** Year 5 & 6 NSPCC workshops “Speak Out, Stay Safe”.

## **OCTOBER**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October (1 day),** Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability training.

**Week of 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> October,** Fundraising for NSPCC.

**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 6 Educational visit to Nissan.

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Hallowe’en. Year 5 & 6 enterprise fundraising day.

## **NOVEMBER**

**5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November.** Year 5 Level 2 Bikeability training (4 days).

**12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November.** Activities for “Staying Safe” week.

**26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> November.** Enjoy and Achieve Week: “Our Amazing Planet”, with visit from storyteller Adam Bushnell.

## **After School Clubs**

**Monday:** Fencing - 3:30-4.30pm.

**Tuesday:** Maths tuition (invited pupils only) -3:30-4.30pm.

**Wednesday:** Shikkari karate - 3:30-4:30pm.

**Thursday:** Just Dance - 3:30-4:15pm.

**Friday:** Badminton - 3:30- 4:30pm.

## **SPORTS COMPETITIONS**

- **Football team:** 19<sup>th</sup> September, 10<sup>th</sup> October, 17<sup>th</sup> October.
- **Cross Country Team:** 27<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 11<sup>th</sup> October, 18<sup>th</sup> October.
- **Sports Hall athletics,** Year 5/6 team, Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

## **Names in uniform and P.E. kit.**

At the start of a new term, we ask that parents put their child’s name on their uniform and P.E. kit. As you will appreciate, it is difficult to find lost items of clothing when the colour and condition of the clothes is identical. Names on uniform mean that less items are lost or if mislaid, they can be returned to their rightful owner.

## **USING BIKES or SCOOTERS TO TRAVEL TO SCHOOL.**

Pupils are allowed to travel to school on their bike or scooter, but it is school policy that a helmet must be worn and parents are reminded that the bikes and scooters are left in the yard at owner’s risk.

## **PARENT PAY.**

We are having some teething problems with Parent Pay, the online payment service. Parents who have made cash payments at the Office, will find that they have not yet been credited to Parent Pay, although we do have a record of payments made. We hope to have the service running correctly soon.

## **Contact Numbers.**

There will be a data collection form sent out soon and we ask parents to check the details we have on record and inform us of any changes – especially contact telephone numbers - that need to be made.