

We do need all loaned DFE laptops back in school, in order to complete updates. If we have enough DFE laptops, we will re-distribute them after the updates. This will allow pupils to access our online learning programmes and remote learning platform (DB Primary). If you haven't completed the online survey through Ping, then you can complete the form below and return it to school as soon as possible.

HOME LEARNING SURVEY

Child's Name: _____ Class : _____

Do you have access to the internet at home? YES / NO

Please circle answer.

Does your child have access to:-

Tablet	<input type="checkbox"/>
Laptop	<input type="checkbox"/>
P.C.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Is this shared access with other children or their own?

Please circle answer

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The Gossip

September

2021

From Annfield Plain Junior School Tel: 01207 234531

SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.annfieldplain-jun.durham.sch.uk

PARENTS' INFORMATION

Some important reminders:

- The office staff are working hard to update phone numbers, forms, school dinners, ping and parent pay. Please let us know of any changes to this information or if you need help, phone the school office on 01207 234531.
- If any parent/carer has had a change of circumstances and think they may now be entitled to Free School Meals contact school with the claimant's date of birth and their national insurance number. School can then undertake a quick check.
- Please put your child's name in all of their school clothes and P.E. kits on the labels (writing it in pen will help). It is then easy to find missing jumpers etc.
- All children need a filled water bottle each day, with their name on.
- Packed lunches should have names on.
- Children are allowed a bag in school to carry their P.E. kit, water bottle, packed lunches, reading book and reading record etc.
- P.E. kits will be transported in bags to and from school every day to allow you to wash kit and school to clean porches. Please ensure your child has their kit every day, as we are no longer allowed to lend pupils spare kit.
- Children are allowed to enter school from 8:30 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. in the morning. School starts at 8:45 a.m. and finishes at 3 p.m.
- Unless phones are absolutely necessary e.g. for walking home alone, they should not be brought to school. If they are brought into school, they are switched off and handed in to be stored in the school office.
- Fruit and milk money (20p each, per day) are handed to class teacher on entry. Sending a week's money will be helpful. Pupils on FSM are entitled to free milk.
- If your child has school dinner, a meal choice form should have been completed and returned to school.
- Junior pupils are allowed to access wrap around care at the Infant School (breakfast club & after school club 8am to 5pm). Please contact the infant school on 01207 234691 to book.

Parents' Evenings

Parents evenings are to be booked on Ping for either Monday 4th October, 11th October or 18th October. If you are unable to attend on one of these evenings, you may prefer a phone call or an alternative time and date. Please contact your child's class teacher to arrange this, at a time that suits both yourself and the teacher.

After School Clubs

After school clubs 3:10-4:10pm:

Monday: NUFC Football, Art club, Singing club

Tuesday: Maths group tuition (invited pupils),
Y5 & Y6 reading & writing club

Wednesday: Shikkari Karate

Thursday: Multi-sports club, Board Games club

Activities in school this term

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday 14th September: The Punctuation Show for all classes.

Friday 24th September: Hats, huts & hotdogs fundraiser.

Stanley Learning Partnership Christmas Card Competition.

OCTOBER

Friday 15th October: Non-uniform day for “Just One Tree Day” £1 donated to planting trees around the world.

Thursday 21st October: Hallowe’en Dress-up & Year 5/6 Hallowe’en Enterprise Day.

NOVEMBER

Friday 5th November: Stanley Learning Partnership Fireworks display at Greenland Primary School (more information to follow)

Monday 15th – Friday 19th November, Life Skills Week: Staying Safe.

Wednesday 17th November: “Re-start a heart” training for Year 3 and Year 6.

Wednesday 24th November: Flu immunisations in school

Monday 29th November – Friday 3rd December: “Enjoy and Achieve Week: Our Amazing Planet – solutions to solve the problems of the planet.”

DECEMBER

End of term treat for children not in detention this term.

Christmas Parties.

Homework:

It is important that children read as often as possible (daily, if possible). When you hear your child read sign the reading record, to allow your child to receive their house points. Please try to discuss the text too – there are questions in the reading planners to help.

Support around reading, phonics, age milestones for speaking and listening can be found on the national literacy trust’s parent’s website: wordsoflife.org.uk (This includes support for early years, primary and secondary). There are some great games and ideas to help your child meet their age-related milestones.

Other homework is set for pupils on a Wednesday and is to be returned to school on a Monday or earlier.

Fundraising:

Thank you to pupils and parents for contributing to our huts and hats fundraiser. We raised £205 to buy new items for our creativity and curiosity huts. If you have any unused fancy dress items at home, please donate them to school for the creativity hut.

Thank you to Miss Angus, Mrs McGregor, Miss Snailham, Miss Porter and Miss Smailes for taking part in a sponsored walk in the summer holidays for the “Walk & Talk Trust”. In return for taking part, the trust are donating a pair of walking boots to all of our Year 6. Sizes have been collected from the Year 6 children and the trust is waiting for deliveries, which may take a little longer than anticipated.

School Holidays 2021-22	School closes at end of	Re-opens
Autumn half-term 2021	Thursday 21 st October, 2021	Tuesday 2 nd November, 2021
Christmas 2021	Friday 17 th December, 2021	Tuesday 4 th January, 2022
Spring half-term 2022	Friday 18 th February, 2022	Tuesday 1 st March, 2022
Easter 2022	Friday 8 th April, 2022	Monday 25 th April, 2022
May day 2022	Friday 29 th April, 2022	Tuesday 3 rd May, 2022
Summer half-term 2022	Thursday 26 th May, 2022	Tuesday 7 th June, 2022
Summer 2022	Thursday 21 st July, 2022	To be confirmed.

Please note the change to February half-term holiday.