

October  
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# Newsletter



## Choppington Matters

Many thanks to parents and carers for your donations and attendance at our Harvest Festival.

### Halloween Disco

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November  
3.30-5.00pm

Please pick up children as normal and return in fancy dress at 3.30pm.

Tickets on sale from Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October - £2.00 each.

No entry without ticket.

### New Staff

After the holidays we will welcome Mr Smith as the new permanent teacher of Coquet class.

We would like to thank Mr Delstanche for his work with the children over the last half term. Mr Smith is an experienced teacher and he is looking forward to working here.

### Beginning of the school day.

Many thanks for your support and cooperation recently. Following discussions with some parents, it has been agreed that Reception to year 6 will go through the gate first at 8.50am.

Then a member of staff from EYFS will ask Nursery and Little Learners to follow at 8.55am to avoid congestion at the gate.

This is a really good idea - thank you parents.

Nursery collection will be 11.55am - please arrive promptly.

### Appropriate clothing for Autumn and Winter

All children should come to school in clothing that keeps them warm for work outside or outdoor play. Please remember coats and jumpers.

### Reading Challenge

This will be completed on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Reading Challenge forms should be completed and returned to the class teacher by that date. Prizes will then be announced by Mrs Paisley at Celebration Assembly.

## ATTENDANCE



The current figure is 95.4% which is not good at all. This is due to holidays taking in term time and illness. Please try to make sure that your child is ready for school every day up to Christmas so that we can try and improve this figure. Some parents may be contacted by school after the holiday on behalf of the Education Welfare Officer.

Dates for your Diary		
Date	Time	Event
31 <sup>st</sup> Oct 16	8.50am	Start of half term.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 16	2.00-3.30pm	Police Drop-In. All welcome.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 16	3.30-5.00pm	Halloween Party - Reception to Year 6. Tickets on sale Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Oct - £2.00
8 <sup>th</sup> Nov 16	2-3pm	Wansbeck Reading Afternoon - All parents welcome
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov 16	11.00am	Remembrance Service at the War Memorial
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov 16	All Day	Child in Need - Details to follow
1 <sup>st</sup> Dec 16	AM	Gymnastics Festival Years 1 to 6
6 <sup>th</sup> Dec 16	1.30-3pm	Wansbeck Parents Christmas Workshop
7 <sup>th</sup> Dec 16	1.30-3pm	Tweed Parents Christmas Workshop
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 16	1.30-3pm	Coquet Parents Christmas Workshop
8 <sup>th</sup> Dec 16	PM	Wansbeck Last Swimming Session
9 <sup>th</sup> Dec 16	AM	Pantomime Whole School
12 <sup>th</sup> Dec 16	2.00pm	Christmas Performance (without young children)
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec 16	2.00pm	Christmas Performance
14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 16	12.00pm	Christmas Lunch
15 <sup>th</sup> Dec 16	AM PM	EYFS Christmas Party Years 1 to 6 Christmas Party
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 16	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day for charity
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 16	10.00am	Christingle Service at St Paul's Church
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec 16	3.00pm	Break up for the Christmas Holidays