



Dates for your diary

Friends Meeting
CPS Lower @ 2pm
All Welcome
3 February

Parents' Evenings
3 & 4 February

Lower Site Disco
11 February

Upper Site Disco
13 February

Half Term
**17 – 21
February**

Year 6 visit to
Theatre Royal
26 February

World Book Day
5 March

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The Link @ Central Primary – Spring Term Timetable

	9.30 – 11.00	11.00 – 12.00	1.30 – 3.00	3.00 – 4.30
Monday	Maths & English Tutor	Parent Evaluations/ Drop In		Drop In
Tuesday	Parent Drop In	Community Groups		Family Food Circle
Wednesday	Thrive Parent Workshop	Parent Evaluations/ Drop In	Phonics and Reading at Home	
Thursday	Story Sacks/ Volunteering	Parent Evaluations/ Drop In	Healthcare Trainers	Drop In
Friday	Wellbeing & Mental Health	Parent Evaluations/ Drop In		

The Link is a community building that all families/carers of pupils attending either Central or Bothal Primary Schools can access. The Link will offer:

- Drop in sessions at least 4 mornings a week.
- Thrive/positive parenting and cognitive behaviour strategy to be delivered weekly on a Wednesday morning by Gill Knights and Sarah Chalmers.
- Standalone sessions on healthy eating, healthy living, head lice, managing on a budget, life skills, craft sessions, parent and children sessions, sewing sessions, keep fit, etc.
- Important information regarding safeguarding, operation encompass and other child protection concerns.
- Sessions on how to support a child's learning at home in Numeracy and Literacy.

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Reading at Home

The new system for reading at home is well underway. Most children are reading their phonics book three times a week and recording it in their school diaries. The reading wallets are coming in each day and the children love selecting a book for you to read to them at home. Please can check for any outstanding phonics books / story books that you need to return as we are tracking the rate of returns. Many thanks and happy reading!



School – Home Communications

We are now using a system called 'School Comms' for school to home communication. This means that we can send messages to parents more quickly and cost effectively via email, text and smartphone app.

If you have a smartphone, you can help up save money by downloading the 'Gateway' app from your app store (android and iPhone). It is quick and easy to do.

'Gateway' is a very secure method of making online payments and it means that you can make a payment from your phone to save logging into a PC or laptop. If you do not have a smartphone you will still receive text messages from the school as usual.

Smart Watches & Activity Trackers

Please remember that Smartwatches (devices that can access the internet and can receive messages and phone calls) are not allowed in school and must be handed in with mobile phones if they are brought in. Activity Trackers (devices that monitor health and steps only) are allowed in school but must not be used during lesson times. These devices can be potentially broken easily when children are playing at break and lunchtimes and the school accepts no responsibility for any damage or loss to these devices.

Pre-Loved & Donations

We have a selection of good quality pre-loved uniforms at The Link building (previously Little Learners room). Please call into The Link to access this facility.

If anyone has any donations of spare underwear it would be greatly appreciated.

Also greatly appreciated would be donations of any pre-loved wellies.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sanctuary Award

The Ashington Learning Partnership has officially become a 'Trust of Sanctuary'. This award acknowledges the role the Trust plays in supporting asylum seekers and refugees within our community.



E-Safety Advice

Gaming

Video game ratings using the PEGI (Pan-European Game Information) system became legally enforceable in 2012. This means that retailers who sell titles with ratings of 12, 16 or 18 years to children below the age limits can be prosecuted. The PEGI rating considers the age suitability of a game, not the level of difficulty. For example a PEGI 3 game will not contain any inappropriate content, but it may be too difficult to master for younger children and while a PEGI 18 game may be very easy to play, they contain elements inappropriate for a younger audience.

Many games that young people play are online and allow them to play against their friends and other people in the online gaming community. It is important that young people feel safe and in control when they are playing against others online. As part of our e-safety curriculum we stress the importance of being respectful and responsible towards others when online, keep personal information private and to speak to an adult if they are worried or concerned.

There are a number of ways that you can support your child to be responsible and safe digital citizens.

- ✓ Have regular chats about what they are they are accessing online.
- ✓ Consider setting time limits on the amount of time they spend online or playing games.
- ✓ Download or buy appropriate age related games.
- ✓ Regularly check your child's privacy settings on phones and tablets.

Watch out ...

... for Numbots and Times Tables sessions with Miss Berry during February.

January's attendance

Target attendance **above 96%**

Current entire school attendance **95.6%**

YRLN	95.2%
YRAE	95.3%
YRMA	95.4%
R/1LC	93.1%
Y1AB	94.0%
Y1JK	95.6%
Y1EH	92.3%
Y2NG	97.2%
Y2AL	96.9%
Y2JW	96.6%
Y2KB	97.3%
Y3KT	95.6%
Y3AS	97.0%
Y3LS	97.2%
Y3EG	97.0%
Y4MM	97.0%
Y4AT	91.9%
Y4BH	93.7%
Y5BT	94.0%
Y5JP	98.2%
Y5JJ	97.9%
Y6EP	95.6%
Y6KM	97.7%
Y6SR	96.8%

Thank You

We would like to thank both Ellington & District SAFC and Ashington Freemasons for their very kind donations. The school will use the money to purchase wellies/outdoor clothing for our children, encouraging outdoor play as part of learning and allowing children to access the school fields in all weather.

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