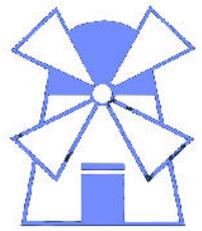




# Little Miller's News



The Newsletter of **Fulwell Infant School Academy**

Mrs Angus's message...

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Dear parent,

As half term approaches, we would like to thank all parents for their continued support and all staff for their dedication and commitment to providing the best possible education for Fulwell children.

It has been an exciting half term with lots of visits out, super class assemblies and children reaching high standards in all aspects of their work. Year 2 gymnasts entered a competition at Monkwearmouth Academy and thoroughly enjoyed taking part in this event. Reception children have all now had their first block of "little dribblers" lessons and the cycle will repeat in the second half of this academic year—class 7 lessons will begin soon.

This week, with on-going issues with the weather and the threat of snow, we re issued our snow procedures for collection and delivery of children. Using the front entrances to school prevents parents and children from having to negotiate the potentially slippery footpaths around school. We apologise for any inconvenience these arrangements may cause but consider this a small sacrifice to make!

Parents meetings will take place in March, as indicated on the most recent parent diary. WE look forward to meeting with you then. (available on the website)

Best wishes

*Wendy Angus*



The storage and fencing in both reception and nursery outdoors is now complete. We will be supplementing resources for outdoors in the coming weeks.



## Attendance update...



## Every school day counts

The good news is our school attendance in term 1 was 96.2% - a huge improvement on the previous years attendance figure. This has reduced the number of meetings with parents I have needed to hold. However, we still have a number of children who's attendance is causing great concern, despite meeting with parents. As a result, we will be developing a partnership with an attendance officer, Mr S Hodgson, who will routinely send out reminder letters to parents when a child's attendance drops below 90%. This will be introduced after half term. Mr Hodgson will also visit families where our concerns are at the highest level. We currently have about a dozen children who fall into the 'persistent absentee category'. Our aim is for there to be no children at risk. Whilst we appreciate children who are poorly sometimes can't be at school, we hope this will help parents to choose to send them to school as regularly as they can, despite a cough or a cold. Evidence of medical appointments will also be requested for time off for appointments after half term. All holidays will continue to be recorded as unauthorised, as the government require.

There is a direct link between limited progress in school and a poor attendance record.



Sainsbury's launch Active Kids on 29th January 2014. PLEASE nominate us on line. We will be creating a wish list.

<https://activekids.sainsburys-live-well-for-less.co.uk/get-involved/find-an-organisation/n>

As we continue to develop our PE provision and extend even further the opportunities for children, we would appreciate your support in collecting vouchers for the purchase of equipment. We received £8,885 funding from the government to support PE provision. To date, we have spent £4,521 on additional equipment, coaching for gymnastics, little dribblers lessons. Further spend will include lunchtime football coaching for year 1 and 2 children in the summer term. After school clubs now include street dancing, as well as football, and Robbie will lead a reception after school little dribblers club during the summer term.

**P.E.  
update**

### Anti-bullying charter mark

We have registered with City of Sunderland to work towards an award for anti-bullying. Lots of discussions with children over the last few weeks have initiated the appointment of a 'behaviour champion' in each class. They will wear a badge to support easy identification and be models of exemplary behaviour, nominated by class members for half a term. We plan to hold regular meetings with these children to support current work in PSHEE and address any emerging issues before they become a problem. We plan to hold a non uniform day at the end of February to support this work.

### Class 8 real life super heroes...

Class 8 children have some very talented mums and dads who have spent time in school talking to the children about the important jobs they do...



**THANK YOU**

10 bike racks were installed on Wednesday. When the weather improves we hope they will be used. We have space for more racks, if needed. As the summer term approaches, we will extend them if the need arises although they won't be under cover...



No cycling around school...

### February Birthdays up to 14th

Congratulations children. We hope you have a very enjoyable day!

- Eleanor Caile
- Chapman Li
- Nathan Thirtle
- Harry Cornelius
- Poppy Henderson



**Coming Events:**

24.2.2014	RETURN TO SCHOOL
28.2.2014.	Reports to parents (Year 1 and 2 classes)
6.3.2014	Little leaders training (Y1 and Y2) 15 children. 1.45-4pm
10.3.2014	Sports challenge day (City Space) Year 1 30 children
14.3.2014	Class 5 assembly for parents 9.15am



Our year 2 gymnasts won a first ever trophy for the Academy in an inter school competition on Thursday, at Monkwearmouth. WELL DONE team— a brilliant performance by all members.



# Team Fulwell success...



And the staff have been practising their PE skills too...

