

meeting you and your children.

extended services contact the school office, Ms Carlin or Miss Wood—0191 553 6190 (opt 3). We look forward to have had a lot of new resources and a great outdoor space to play in. For more information about any of the above Kid zone breakfast and afternoon clubs has recently moved premises and is proving to be a big hit with the children. We

ing ears are also provided.

nursery or Day care. The session is a good opportunity to meet other parents in the community. Tea, coffee and listen-

only sessions and it takes place while your child is in school,

afternoon to show off your creatively skills. This is an adults

Come and join Day care staff and other parents on a Friday

Kit and Natter...

come in and ask.

into Day care or using us for nursery wraparound care please

and filling up fast, so if you are interested in putting your child

back from parents, staff and visitors. We have limited spaces

their new environment and we have had lots of positive feed-

mer holidays and is looking fabulous! The children are loving

The Day care has had a wonderful make over during the sum-



Kiddyniks & Kidzone

something that we will explore again next year.

this area, we are very excited about this, but unfortunately we won't be running any swimming classes this year. This is

afternoon sessions. The PE curriculum is overseen by Mr Simpson and he is working closely with our coaches to enhance

We are delighted to introduce specialised sports coaches from AP Coaching for all of our children taking place during

children to receive the extra funding, so if you have not yet returned it, please do.

to complete a form as this ensures the school receives additional funding to support children. It is important for our

regarding Pupil Premium. Although all of our school children are entitled to a free school meal, the school needs parents

if your child is in Nursery or Reception, you have probably been bombarded by staff asking for you to complete a form

ly—Well done everyone!

mannered, well-organised and well-behaved. Our Reception children in particular have adapted to lunch times brilliant-

and learning about the school's routines. Despite shortening the lunch period this year our children have been well-

Although we are only through one week at school, the children have been very busy getting to know their new teachers

What's Occurring?

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Sports Coach—Mr and Mr Purewal
Apprentice—Miss Doyle



experience.

Miss Henry and Mrs Ellis have great experience and have both joined us from schools in Sunderland this term. They will be working with children in EYFS. Mrs Potts and Mrs Dorgan spent a lot of time working in Year 2 and Reception respectively and we are delighted to have them continue this year. Rather than swimming this year, the school will be offering specialised sports coaching to all classes from the AP Coaching team. Last but by no means least, Miss Doyle will begin her Apprenticeship in childcare from October. Miss Doyle will be working in various parts of the school, nursery and day care settings, which we know will give her some great

TA—Mrs Potts



TA—Mrs Ellis



TA—Miss Henry



HLTA—Mr Metcalfe



We are delighted to welcome back some familiar faces from last year's teaching team in Mrs Burwood and Mrs Brown and would like to introduce some of our new staff from Sept 15. Mr Simpson joins us in Class 5 after leaving his previous role at a South Tyneside School. Some of you may know Mr Metcalfe from his former role with the Foundation of Light and Adult Learning Programmes.

Class 5 - Mr Simpson



Class 2 - Mrs Brown



Class 1 - Mrs Burwood



Meet Our New Team Members

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Dates for your Diary

- Open Forum (AM) —Opportunity for Parents to meet with staff and governors—25.09.2015 @ 9:00am
- Open Forum (PM) —Opportunity for Parents to meet with staff and governors—25.09.2015 @ 16:00am
- Walkwise—Begins in October/November (more information to follow)
- Flu Jab/Health Checks/Eye Checks— Awaiting dates for Autumn Term
- Open Evening Autumn Term—15.10.2015
- Halloween Party—22.11.2015 (after school, more info to follow closer to the time)
- HALF TERM**—26.10.2015 to 30.10.2015 (Day care will remain open)
- Kids Club DVD for Day care and Nursery children—27.10.2015 (more info to follow)
- School Photography—05.11.2015 (AM)
- Christmas Pantomime—11.12.2015 (AM)
- Christmas Fayre— 11.12.2015 (From 2pm in school hall)
- Christmas Parties— Week of 14.12.2015
- CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**—21.12.2015 to 05.01.2016 (04.01.2016 is an Inset Day, Day care closed)



Parent Newsletter

Head teachers Update

Welcome to what is going to be a fabulous year at New Silksworth Infant school. I am currently substantive Head teacher of a primary school in Sunderland; I have been appointed as Interim Head teacher of New Silksworth Infants from the start of term.

It's a new school year and we will be and have been introducing some new changes and initiatives. Firstly I'm very keen to keep healthy eating high up on the agenda, so we have started giving raffle tickets to every child who either tries something new, something healthy or finishes their choice of food at lunch. At the end of each term we will draw a raffle and the children will win a prize, which this term is a bike!

Nursery parents will be aware that the location has changed, the morning session starts at 8:45 and ends at 11:45, while the afternoon session begins 12:30 and finishes at 3:30. The school start and finishing times have remained the same, please be aware that the entrance door will close at 9am prompt and any child arriving after will need to report to reception as late.

In terms of attendance, we will be continuing to focus on supporting all learners in attending every day. Last year we improved attendance in comparison to 2013 and I am pleased to say that we have got off to a good start this term with 97% of children attending this week. I cannot stress the importance of attendance and the positive impact this has on your child's education. I understand that children may need to attend health appointments during school time, but where possible, we urge parents to organise these outside the school day, otherwise we will need to receive evidence of the appointment to avoid this being reported as an unauthorised absence.

If you are a parent of a child with earrings, you may have noticed that you have not had a phone call requesting you to come into school to remove them. From Sept 15 children are able to attend school if they are wearing studded earrings only, however we ask that they are left out on days when your child has a PE lesson. If your child is wearing earrings on the day they are due to do PE, they will not be able to participate. Can you please check with your class teacher which days this applies to for your child?

We have a rolling programme of building works starting shortly; starting with the alterations to the front yard. Please bear with us while this takes place. I will keep you updated.

Finally, our Friday morning parent group has started again, please feel free to drop in first thing on a Friday morning.

Hip hop happy Friday!

Sarah Nordstrom

Autumn Term

September 2015



Interim Head teacher
Mrs Sarah Nordstrom

We want your feedback?

I am very keen to hear parents views and will be conducting a questionnaire early this term, however I will be present and available each morning on the school yard. I am already getting to know the children and families well and look forward to meeting more of you over the coming weeks.

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