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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's already Week 3 and it feels like the term is flying by!

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for OPAL play, as well as Easter eggs for our Charity Tuesday donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and all donations will be put to very good use.

Book Fair

Our recent book fair has been a great success. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported it by purchasing some fantastic books. It was a lovely way to round off a great week celebrating World Book Day.

Tesco In-Store Vote – Successful Application

We are delighted to share that our application to the Tesco Grants Programme has been successful. Our project, *Enhancing Pupils' Outdoor Learning*, will now go forward to a public vote in selected Tesco stores.

Voting will run from Tuesday 28 April 2026 until the end of July 2026.

The project with the most votes will receive up to £1,500, second place £1,000, and third place £500.

Participating stores include:

- Benton Road Esso Express
- Jesmond Express
- Gosforth Newcastle Express
- Chillingham Road Express

To vote, simply make a purchase of any value in store. You will receive one token per transaction to cast your vote.

School Disco

Children attending the school disco can bring party clothes to change into at school. There is no need for a supervising adult – the disco will be supervised by school staff. Entry is £2, and sweets will be available to buy for 50p.

OPAL Play

We continue to make great progress with our OPAL play initiative, developing and sustaining exciting play opportunities for the children. We are also gathering pupil voice through regular surveys.

We would be very grateful for donations of:

- Gym balls

- Weighted blankets
- Carpets or rugs
- Wheelbarrows
- Old suitcases

Attendance

Good attendance makes a real difference to a child's experience and success at school. Being in school every day helps children build routines, develop friendships, and fully engage in learning.

Our current attendance figures are: 94.21%

- Nursery: 95.9%
- Reception: 93.3%
- Year 1: 95%
- Year 2: 91.7%
- Year 3: 96.9%
- Year 4: 95.4%
- Year 5: 93.9%
- Year 6: 96.1%

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring children attend school regularly and on time.

Staffing Updates

Mrs Tierney will be taking up a new post at another school And will be leaving us on Friday 20th March. We thank her for all her hard work and contribution during her time with us — she will be greatly missed. We wish her every success in her new role.

I will be absent from school from 25th March due to a planned surgery. During my absence, please continue to contact the school in the usual ways via your child's class teacher or the school office.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Key Dates Coming Up

- **Monday 23rd March** – Easter Disco (Early Years and KS1) 3:20–4:15pm
- **Tuesday 24th March** – Easter Disco (KS2) 3:20–4:15pm
- **Wednesday 25th March** – Parents' Evening
- **Week beginning 30th March** – Easter Raffle draw
- **Monday 30th March** – Easter Egg and Bonnet Competition entries brought into school
- **Wednesday 1st April** – Easter Egg and Bonnet Competition winners announced

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Yeoman

