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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new half-term to all of our families. Thank you to everyone who came to the Harvest festival before half-term – I hope you will agree it was a wonderful occasion based on the theme 'Charity starts at home'. If your family need extra support with anything please come into school at any time to discuss this with myself or the staff.

Reading at home
A reminder that one of the most beneficial things you can do with your child at home is to read with them. If you do read their school book then please comment in their reading record.

Darlington Library is also a wonderful place to take children to read and to choose books. Children are allowed up to borrow up to 15 books for free. The address is Crown Street, Darlington, DL1 1ND.

Children in Need
On Friday 16th November we will be supporting Children in Need. Children can come to school in their own spotty clothes and bring in a donation. We will also be holding a cake sale where cakes will be on sale for 20p each.

Parent/Carer groups
We have several groups for parents, which you are welcome to attend:

Mondays: between 9am and 10am we hold a coffee morning for parents. Everyone welcome.

Wednesdays: Mrs Jafar runs a group for parents/carers wishing to improve their English. This runs from 9am to 12pm. Speak to Mrs Jafar for more details.

Thursdays from 15th November for 5 weeks there is Festive Art & Crafts course from 1:15-3:15pm in school. This is free and open to all, but booking is essential. Contact the Learning & Skills team on (01325) 405601, or text 07932 869325.

Thursdays at 11am: Nursery parents and carers are welcome into our Nursery for story-time

On the 2nd Friday of each month: an international group for parents/ carers of children with English as additional language. Babies and young children can come too. No need to book, just drop-in. The next session is: Friday 7th December, 9:15-10:30am, in school.

2 and 3 year old 'Stay and Play' session
Every Friday between 1:30pm and 3pm we have a FREE drop-in session for parents of 2 and 3 year olds to stay and play. This is run by Mrs Harper and Mrs Brennan. There is no need to book, just turn up. This is open to families outside of Corporation Road as well, so please spread the message.

Nursery and school places
If you have a child who is three years old, or turning three soon, then please ask the office for an application form. We currently have a morning session that runs 8:30-11:30am. We also have spaces in classes in other year groups.
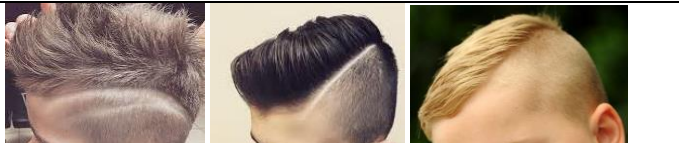
Medical appointments
Where possible, please try to book doctor and dentist appointments outside of school hours. If children have to leave lessons it can be disruptive to their learning.

School uniform
Please ensure all uniform, including PE kits, is named. If you would like to buy any new school uniform please speak to the school office.

Hair
A reminder that pupils' hair should be neatly groomed and professional at all times. Long hair should be fully tied back. Hair styles cannot have words, lines or designs shaved into them and they should also not be very short on the back and sides and long on top. Please see some examples below:

✓ Acceptable	X Not acceptable

School dinners
Our menu is available on our school website, along with photos of some of the lovely food our kitchen staff prepare for the children. Our Curry Fridays are proving very popular with children and staff.

Please inform the school office if you would like your child to change between packed lunches and school dinners. This should be done in advance, so that our kitchen can provide the correct number of meals and there is no wastage. Also, payments for school dinners should be made on the Monday of each week, unless agreed with school.

Nuts
Please can we ask that children do not bring nuts of any kind into school. This is to keep all of our children safe who have allergies.

Film Club
This runs every Friday (apart from the final Friday of term) for Year 2 to Year 6 children. Children are allowed to bring a small snack and a drink. If you would like a consent form please ask at the office. Children are collected from the Wilkes Street gates at 5:15pm.

Twitter and Facebook
We have an active Twitter account, which features news and photos of all the great things we do in school. Follow us on www.twitter.com: @CorporationRoad. If you do not have Twitter, then the latest updates appear on the homepage of our website.

We have also started a Facebook page. Please note: if you would like to ask a question then please do this via the school office, rather than through social media. Thank you.

Junior parkrun
Every Sunday morning at 9am in South Park there is a FREE 2km run/walk for children aged 4-14 years old. Adults can also run/walk with their children if they wish. This is a great opportunity for children to exercise and it is fun too! Everyone meets near the bowling green at 8:50am for a warm-up. You will need a printed barcode to get a result – if you need help getting a barcode then please see Mr Colley. More details can be found here: http://www.parkrun.org.uk

Diary Dates

Friday 16th November	Children in Need - own clothes and a cake sale
Tuesday 18th December	EYFS Nativity in school
Thursday 20th December	Whole school Nativity in the Baptist Church at 10am
Friday 21st December	School Christmas Lunch and Christmas jumper day
Monday 24th December – Friday 4th January	**Christmas holiday**
Monday 7th January 2019	School re-opens

(Term dates and news can also be found on our school website.)

Yours faithfully

Ann Pringleton