

St Helen Auckland Community Primary

Newsletter

‘Where learning is a lifelong adventure’

Dates for your diary

Last Day of Term Friday 18th July. Children finish at normal time.

First day back in September Wednesday 3rd September

Year 6

We would like to extend our very best wishes to our Year 6 pupils as they take the next exciting step in their journey. It has been a privilege to be part of their primary school years, and we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved. We wish them every success and happiness in the future.

Update on Staffing for Next Year

Reception/ Nursery / 2's– Mrs Airey/Mrs Slater/ New member of staff/ Mrs Bays/ Mrs Hardwick, Miss Sumpton, Miss Bradford/ Apprentice

Year 1- Mrs Brown/ Miss Hall

Year 2 – Mrs Walker / Mrs Gauchi

Year 3 – Mrs Spark- Davies/ Miss McGowan

Year 4 – Mrs Thompson/ Mr Brentnall

Year 5 /Year 6 – Mrs McGeary/ Miss Parker/ Mrs Brown/ Mrs Owen

New PE timetable for September

Rec – Friday

Year 1 – Monday, Thursday

Year 2 – Monday, Thursday

Year 3 -Tuesday, Thursday

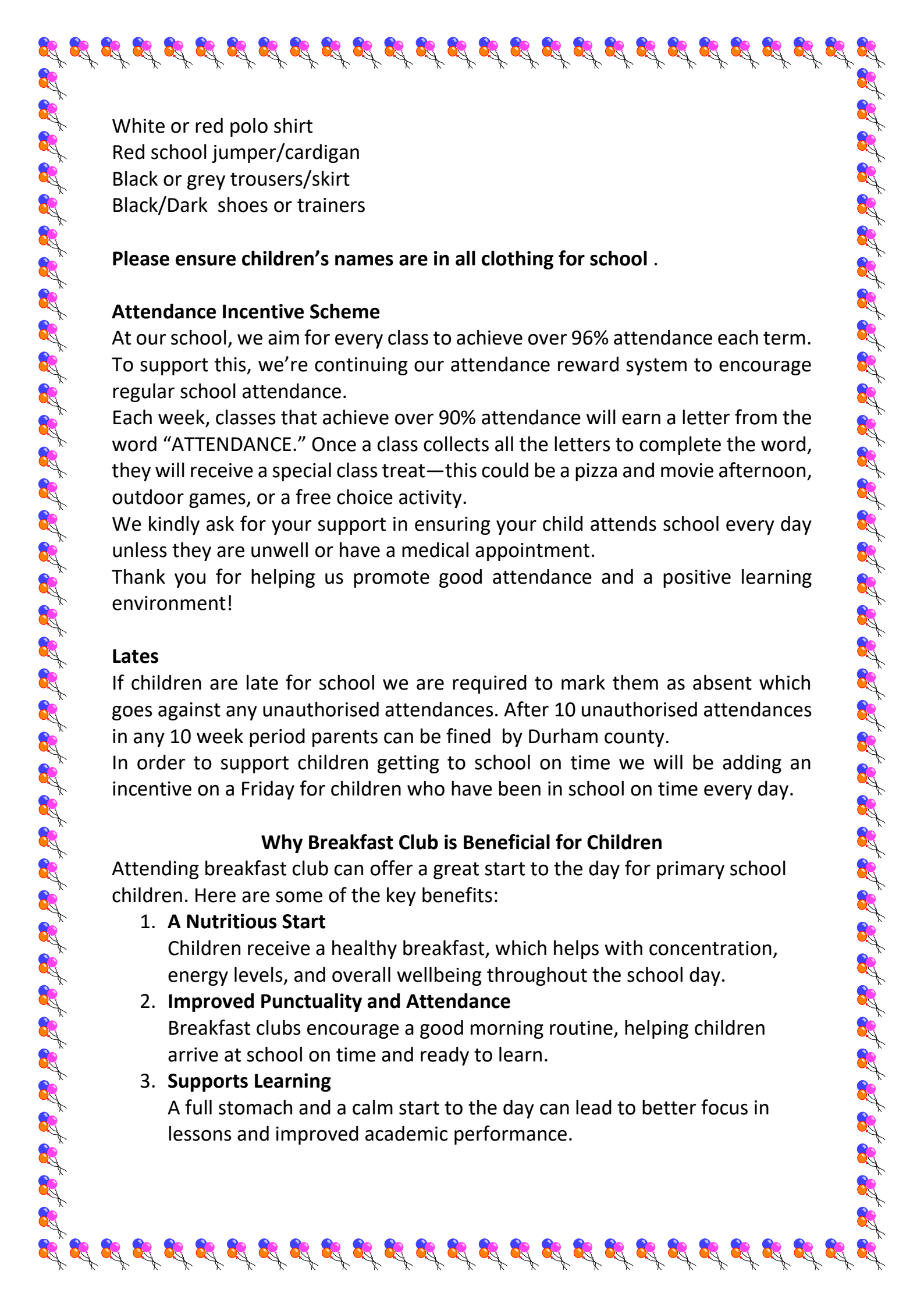
Year 4 – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

Year 5, - Tuesday, Wednesday

Year 6 - Monday swimming, Thursday PE

Children will no longer be coming to school in PE kit. They will need to bring their PE kit in a bag to get changed for PE.

School uniform- the children look so smart in their school uniform and I know it helps getting them ready on a morning. We want to see everyone in uniform so we ask that children wear either:-



White or red polo shirt
Red school jumper/cardigan
Black or grey trousers/skirt
Black/Dark shoes or trainers

Please ensure children's names are in all clothing for school .

Attendance Incentive Scheme

At our school, we aim for every class to achieve over 96% attendance each term. To support this, we're continuing our attendance reward system to encourage regular school attendance.

Each week, classes that achieve over 90% attendance will earn a letter from the word "ATTENDANCE." Once a class collects all the letters to complete the word, they will receive a special class treat—this could be a pizza and movie afternoon, outdoor games, or a free choice activity.

We kindly ask for your support in ensuring your child attends school every day unless they are unwell or have a medical appointment.

Thank you for helping us promote good attendance and a positive learning environment!

Lates

If children are late for school we are required to mark them as absent which goes against any unauthorised attendances. After 10 unauthorised attendances in any 10 week period parents can be fined by Durham county.

In order to support children getting to school on time we will be adding an incentive on a Friday for children who have been in school on time every day.

Why Breakfast Club is Beneficial for Children

Attending breakfast club can offer a great start to the day for primary school children. Here are some of the key benefits:

- 1. A Nutritious Start**

Children receive a healthy breakfast, which helps with concentration, energy levels, and overall wellbeing throughout the school day.

- 2. Improved Punctuality and Attendance**

Breakfast clubs encourage a good morning routine, helping children arrive at school on time and ready to learn.

- 3. Supports Learning**

A full stomach and a calm start to the day can lead to better focus in lessons and improved academic performance.



4. **Positive Social Time**

Children can spend time with friends in a relaxed setting, helping to build social skills and confidence.

5. **Reduced Morning Stress for Families**

For busy parents and carers, breakfast club can ease the pressure of the morning routine.

Breakfast club starts at 8am. If you would like your child to attend please just ring the office and they will be added to the list.

Breakfast Club Update – Price Change from September

As with many services, rising costs are having an impact, and our school continues to heavily subsidise the running of Breakfast Club. Unfortunately, to help cover some of these increasing expenses, the Governing Body has agreed that the daily cost of Breakfast Club will rise from **£1.00 to £1.50** starting in September.

We remain committed to providing a high-quality, affordable service for our families and appreciate your understanding and continued support.

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe from harm is our number one priority. We will always act upon any concerns individuals have, or any disclosures from children.

However, if you have any concerns outside of school, or if you have a concern about a child or young person's welfare, it is essential that you call First Contact on: 03000 267979.

No kid is unsmart. Every kid's a genius at something. Our job is to find it. And then encourage it.

Robin S. Sharma

As always, if there is anything at all you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you have any concerns about a child's safety our Designated Safeguarding lead is Mrs Elmes. Deputy Safeguarding leads are Mrs Brown and Miss Parker