



8TH DECEMBER 2023 | ISSUE 12

# FERRYHILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

INTEGRITY | CREATIVITY | EXCELLENCE

## GO WELL ATHLETICS EVENT

Students from Year 7 and 8 attended Go Well's indoor athletics competition at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. Although there was meant to be lots of competition, their only rivals on the day were Greenfield. The afternoon consisted of many events from shot put, vertical jump and speed bounce to many running events such as the 8 lap paarlauf, individual 6 lap race and the 4x1 relay race. The level of competition between the two schools was high as a place to compete in the finals was the play for. Our students gave their all, with some amazing talent on show. The Year 7 boys claimed gold along with the Year 8 boys and just narrowly missing out a place in the finals was our Year 7 girls team and Year 8 girls team who both claimed silver. The day was a huge success with personal bests and podium finishes. A huge well done to all that took part and thank you to the Go Well staff for another great event!



# ATTENDANCE

The link between good attendance and exam results has been well-established. A report by the Children's Commissioner shows that just 5% of children who had 50% attendance or less achieved grade 4 or above in five GCSEs. Only a third of students who had less than 90% attendance got five good GCSE passes this summer. This compared with 80% of students who had at least 95% attendance who achieved good grades. The report also found that students whose attendance improved in Year 11 did better than those whose absence did not improve. The Commissioner also highlighted that the impact was even greater on those pupils eligible for free school meals, or who had been identified as having special educational needs. All students should aim for 100% attendance whenever possible.

## RETURN TO SCHOOL DATE

AFTER THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Students return to school on Thursday 4th January which is a Week A.

## 'JOB OF THE WEEK'

As part of the Year 9 tutor programme and to help expand student knowledge and understanding of some of the many different job roles available to them after school, students have been looking at different job roles.

This week's 'Job of the Week' is a Marine Biologist.

Further information about this job role can be found by following this link

[JOB OF THE WEEK - EPISODE #13 - MARINE BIOLOGIST](#)

Why not also check out a range of Careers Packages for secondary schools

<https://bit.ly/5YrCareers>

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)





# AFRICAN ADVENTURES

## FUNDRAISING SUCCESS

On Tuesday 5th students and their families met with Will from African Adventures to discuss the upcoming volunteering visit to Zanzibar.

Students were praised for their amazing fundraising efforts, and it was noted that Ferryhill School have one of the most successful African Adventures programs at present.

Any student volunteering in Zanzibar should regularly check their TEAMS account for information and updates.

Thank you to Ferryhill Sports and Education Centre for hosting the evening and to Mrs Langdale, Mrs McGuiggan and Mr Wood for being on hand to speak to students and families.



# YEAR 11 PARENTS EVENING

Year 11 Parents Evening – Tuesday 9th of January 3pm until 6pm

Our parents evening will take place at:-  
Upper School Site, Coulson Street, Spennymoor, DL16 7RS

Students will be given slips and are to arrange their appointment times with their class teachers.

# DO YOU WANT TO HELP TO PROMOTE READING IN SCHOOL?

## BECOME A READING AMBASSADOR

SHARE YOUR LOVE OF  
READING WITH PEERS

TAKE PART IN READING-BASED  
ACTIVITIES IN SCHOOL

ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO  
READ MORE

MEET LIKE-MINDED NEW  
FRIENDS

MAKE BOOK  
RECOMMENDATIONS &  
SHARE IDEAS

TAKE PART IN SPECIAL READING  
ASSEMBLIES

REPRESENT THE SCHOOL IN ALL  
THINGS READING!



OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS IN YEARS 7-9.  
PLEASE SEE MISS GIBBS FOR DETAILS OF  
HOW TO GET INVOLVED!





# Christmas Lunch

Thursday December 14<sup>th</sup> At Gateway and  
Main School Site  
Friday December 15<sup>th</sup> At Main School Site  
Only

Roast Turkey  
Roast Vegetable and Cranberry Parcel

Sprouts, Parsnips and Carrots  
Roast and Mashed Potato  
Pigs In Blankets  
Stuffing Balls

Christmas Pudding  
Cupcakes  
Festive Cheesecake  
Sweet Mince Pies



£2.55

# STRAY AID COLLECTION

Dear parents/carers

We are collecting items to support our school charity; Stray Aid. They are looking for donations of the following items if you are able to help:

- Towels
- Blankets
- Sheets
- Duvet covers
- Toys (especially larger toys for bigger cats and dogs)
  - Cat food & treats
  - Dog food & treats
- Collars, leads, harnesses and coats

\*Sensitive/grain free food and treats are especially welcome for those animals with sensitive stomachs.

Pillows and duvets cannot be accepted.

Deadline for donations is Friday January 19th 2024

Years 10 & 11 students can leave any items in the LSC for Miss Hanson and Years 7, 8 & 9 can leave items at reception at the main site for collection

Many thanks in advance for your support Miss Hanson



**STRAY AID CHARITY COLLECTION**

To support our school charity,  
we are collecting the following items:

- Towels
- Blankets
- Sheets
- Duvet Covers
- Toys (Especially large toys for cats & dogs)
- Cat food & treats
- Dog food & treats
- Collars, leads, harnesses, coats

Sensitive/grain free food and treats are especially welcome for those animals with sensitive stomachs

**\*Pillows and Duvets cannot be accepted\***

**STRAY AID**  
THE NORTH EAST DOGS & CATS HOME

# AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

After school activities will continue at Ferryhill site,  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.  
Sessions will run from 2:50 - 3:30pm, unless stated otherwise.



**Monday - Trampolining :-  
Week A - Year 7 Week B - Year 8**



**Wednesday - Football**

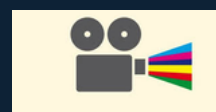


**Wednesday - Board Games Club  
Wednesday - English Club 3:00-3:30pm**



**Thursday - Netball**

**Thursday - Film Club 3pm - 4pm in room 6.**



## NEW - READING CLUB

**Started Monday 27th November**

## NOTICE TO PARENTS/CARERS BUS PASSES

All students allocated to buses should all have a Durham County Council (DCC) issued bus pass except those Y10/11 students who are currently transported to and from the Gateway site. Students need to show their bus pass when boarding the bus on a morning and when boarding the bus for the journey home from school every day. Students need to show their bus pass when boarding the bus on a morning and when boarding the bus for the journey home from school every day. If a student loses their pass, they need to apply for a new one at a cost of £5, which DCC charge, by contacting them on 03000264444 option 4. Once the pass has been ordered a temporary pass can be obtained from the school which can be used until the new pass arrives.

Please be aware that students may be refused travel if they fail to show their pass.

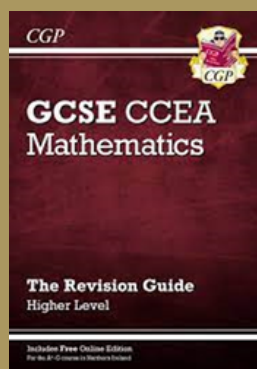
School equipment now available to buy on ParentPay.

Casio scientific calculator and pencil case (pencil case, 3 black pens, 2 green pens, 2 pencils 2 small & 1 large ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, compass, protractor, glue stick & 2 highlighters - £10.00.

FINAL STOCK Casio scientific calculator - £8.55.

Pink Casio calculator - £9.10.

Pencil case (pencil case, 3 black pens, 2 green pens, 2 pencils, 2 small & 1 large ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, compass, protractor, glue stick & 2 highlighters - £2.50.



# PARENT NOTICES

## **PARKING AT FERRYHILL**

Parents are not to park in the school car park or enter the site on foot to collect their child unless they have been provided with a permit from School. Due to ongoing works around the area, we have a designated exit to ensure students can leave the site safely.

## **COLLECTION OF STUDENTS FROM FERRYHILL SITE**

When collecting or dropping off a student during the school hours of 8:30am – 2:45pm, can we ask that parents/carers come to the new reception entrance based in room 10 which is signposted. The PE entrance used by students will be locked throughout the day and will not be manned by staff.

## **COLLECTION OF STUDENTS FROM UPPER SCHOOL SITE**

For parents picking up their child from the Upper School site, please do not park directly outside of the building as the school buses need space to park. By parking there it prevents students being able to board the buses safely. Please park on the opposite side to the Upper School building. Thank you for your support with this matter.

## **LATE BUSES**

Please note late buses will not run for afterschool clubs. Your child will be expected to make their own way home.



## **LOLLIPOPS**



Lollipops are not allowed in school, they are a potential choking hazard.

## **BEHAVIOUR ON SCHOOL BUSES**

Please ensure students are aware that their behaviour while waiting for and while travelling on the school bus is subject to the schools consequence system.

## **RECORDING ABSENCES/ATTENDANCE**

All student absences must be reported to school by 8:30am each day. This can be done by contacting (01740) 651554. Please then select **option 1** to be directed to Student Support. If there is no one available to take your call, please leave a message on the answer machine provided. Alternatively, you can email any attendance related queries to [attendance@ferryhill.school](mailto:attendance@ferryhill.school).

## **PE KIT REMINDER**

Can we please remind parents that students must have their PE kits in school on their PE day. Please remind your child to check their timetable daily.

## **AEROSOLS**

Aerosols are NOT allowed in school in any form ie deodorant, hairspray, dry shampoo etc. If your child is found with this in their possession, the item will be confiscated and will have to be collected by parents.





**Family Hubs provide support to families from pregnancy to the age of 19, or 25 if your child has special educational needs and/or disability (SEND).**

**Our Start for Life offer covers everything you need during pregnancy, right up until your child turns two. This includes support and groups to help you:**

- During pregnancy and after your baby is born (antenatal and postnatal)
- With feeding your baby – from support with breastfeeding, to weaning and eating healthily as a family
- Understand your child's wants and needs and how to support their development
- Get your child ready to start school or nursery

**We don't stop at the age of two, we offer support as your child grows, through puberty and into adulthood. This includes information, online programmes and groups to help with:**

- Understanding your child/teenager's behaviour
- Your child's wellbeing, both for you and your child
- Supporting your child with additional needs
- Your relationship and your family relationship
- Your child's health

## We can also provide advice and support around:

- Domestic abuse
- Debt and access to financial support
- Housing
- Stopping smoking
- Help with childcare costs
- Emotional wellbeing
- Healthy eating
- Drug and alcohol support
- Employment and training

Ask us  
about our  
sensory  
rooms

## Everyone is welcome, why not drop in and see what's on offer?

### There are 15 family hubs right across the county:

#### **Bishop Auckland**

📍 Walker Drive  
Bishop Auckland  
DL14 6QL  
☎ 03000 266 390

#### **Brandon**

📍 Carr Avenue  
Brandon  
DH7 8NL  
☎ 03000 269 820

#### **Chester-le-Street**

📍 Gray Avenue  
Chester-le-Street  
DH2 2EL  
☎ 03000 268 643

#### **Consett**

📍 Chester Road  
Moorside  
DH8 8EQ  
☎ 03000 268 634

#### **Durham**

📍 The Woodlands  
Gilesgate  
DH1 2EY  
☎ 03000 269 833

#### **Easington**

📍 Whickham Street  
Easington Colliery  
SR8 3DJ  
☎ 03000 268 486

#### **Ferryhill**

📍 Beaumont Street  
Ferryhill  
DL17 8PH  
☎ 03000 269 021

#### **Horden**

📍 Ocean View  
Horden  
SR8 4EQ  
☎ 03000 264 973

#### **Newton Aycliffe**

📍 Stephenson Way  
Newton Aycliffe  
DL5 7DD  
☎ 03000 263 666

#### **Peterlee**

📍 Ellison Road  
Peterlee  
SR8 5NJ  
☎ 03000 266 391

#### **Seaham**

📍 North Terrace  
Seaham  
SR7 7EU  
☎ 03000 267 470

#### **Stanley**

📍 Clifford Road  
Stanley  
DH9 0AB  
☎ 03000 266 150

#### **Tudhoe**

📍 Tudhoe Moor  
Spennymoor  
DL16 6EX  
☎ 03000 267 488

#### **Wheatley Hill**

📍 Jack Lawson Terrace  
Wheatley Hill  
DH6 3RT  
☎ 03000 269 850

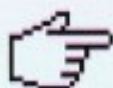
#### **Willington**

📍 Chapel Street  
Willington  
DL15 0EQ  
☎ 03000 268 445

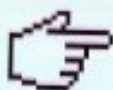
# LOOKING TO IMPROVE YOUR CYBER SKILLS?

There are countless games and competitions to practise your cyber skills in a fun and legal way.

Access them by visiting our website and following our social media accounts.



[www.cyberchoices.uk](http://www.cyberchoices.uk)



[r/CyberChoices](https://www.reddit.com/r/CyberChoices)



[@NCACyberChoices](https://twitter.com/NCACyberChoices)



**CYBER  
CHOICES**