

# Christ Church CofE Primary School



Friday 9th February 2024



## KEY DATES

### February Half Term Holiday Food Support

North Tyneside Council knows that this has been a very difficult year for many people across our borough, and we have worked hard to ensure that families and individuals who need our help get as much support as we can give. More information on support available from the Council, advice, and signposting to other relevant organisations can be found by visiting the Cost-of-living pages on the North Tyneside Website available via the link below:

<https://my.northtyneside.gov.uk/category/1652/cost-living-support>

The government has provided us with some Household Support Grant funding to support families with the cost of food in the school holidays. This is part of a wider approach across North Tyneside by the council to help people in response to the rising cost of living. We are using the Household Support Grant funding to help those families whose children are in receipt of free school meals because they meet the income related benefits criteria. We have used the Household Support Grant to ensure that all eligible families receive £15 per child for use during the half term break.

The voucher code will be paid for each child through an online account managed by Edenred, a company well-known for working with schools and other organisations to provide this kind of help. The voucher codes can be used in most supermarkets, either in store or online, please check this when choosing your preferred retailer. The codes have activation dates, this will be Monday 19th February, families must redeem the voucher during the half term holidays.

This is a one-off food grant to support families and help to manage the additional expense they will have during the half term holidays when children do not receive free school meals. The codes on the Edenred system must be used one month from receiving these. Any not redeemed will be removed from the Edenred system and will not be able to be reissued.

Edenred will contact you by email to let you know your voucher is ready to be downloaded.

Instructions will also be included when they contact you and details of the help desk to support you if you need it. If you have a general query about the vouchers over the half term holidays, you can contact the Social Inclusion Team on the email above. Queries will be dealt with 10.00-11.00 and 3.00-4.00 Monday to Friday until Monday 18th March. Please ensure that your email contact includes all the relevant details including your child's name, school, and the issue you have.

Please make sure that if you have changed email address, or telephone number you have updated the school office.

### School Meals Service

I received an email in December to tell me that North Tyneside Council would no longer be providing school meals. Since then, I have been working through a tender process to find a company that will be able to provide us with school meals from the 1st April. Please ensure that you do not have a balance left on your account by the 31st March with North Tyneside.

We should have a named provider by next week and I will provide further information after half term.

13th February- Shrove Tuesday

Wednesday 14th February- cake sale to raise money for OPAL playground equipment- donations very welcome!

15th February- Valentine's Disco.

Friday 16th February- School Closes for Half term

Monday 26th February- School Opens for Spring Term

Thursday 29th February - Mental Health drop in Coffee morning at 9am in school

Thursday 7th March-World Book Day "bedtime stories" Pj day non uniform

Wednesday 13th March- Coffee Morning in school at 9am held by Educational Psychologist

Friday 15th March- Red Nose Day. Non uniform £1 donation.

Wednesday 20th March - Coffee Morning in school at 9am held by Educational Psychologist

Thursday 21st March - House treat trip to Shiremoor Adventure Playground

Week commencing 25th March Parents Evenings

Thursday 28th March- School Breaks up for the Easter holidays

Tuesday 16th April- School Re Opens for Summer Term.

# Goodbye Glyn!



On Thursday, we said a fond farewell to Canon Glyn during his last service with us before he begins his retirement. At the end of a lovely service, Glyn was treated to a 'This is Your Life' memory book where we shared with school Glyn's wonderful achievements throughout his life and career. Each class also included their happy memories of Glyn. The choir then treated Glyn to a rendition of "May the road rise to meet you" - a Celtic blessing which was beautifully sung. We will miss you very much Glyn - thank you for all you have done for our school. Thank you also for the fantastic joke book - your legacy will continue!





# School Council



Our school councillors met this week to think about how we can make school even more eco-conscious. They will be working with their classes to come up with a range of ideas to promote eco-friendliness around school.



**2:15-3:15**

**Nursery & Reception**

# **SCHOOL DISCO!**

**Thursday 15th February**

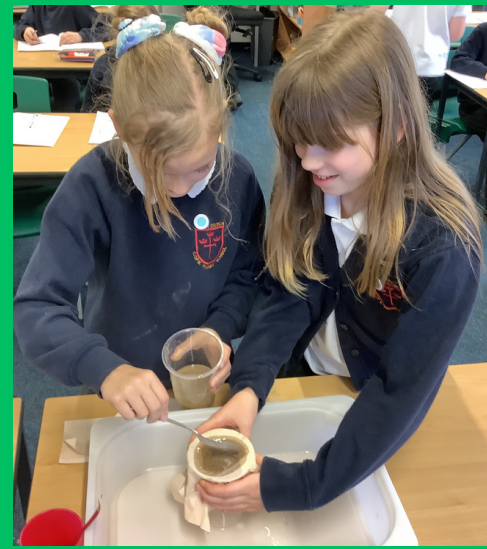
**3:15-4:30 Years 1-6**

**Tickets**

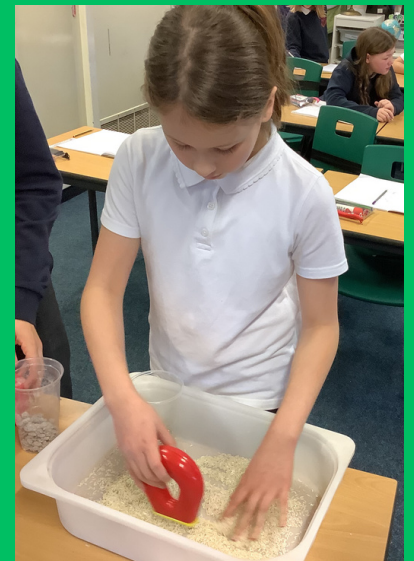
**£1**







# Year 5 Science



In our lesson this week, we looked at the ways in which materials can be separated. We used a variety of different methods to separate the materials from sieving and filtration methods to magnetic attraction. We even evaporated water into vapour to separate it from the salt solution we had created. We learned that all the materials we had mixed together were reversible and that we could repeat the process again and again and still get the same set of results. Check out the pictures of us all being investigative lab scientists for the afternoon.

