



## 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 Newsletter

### **Outdoor Learning (Forest School)**

Please ensure that your child has a full kit in school including warm waterproof coat, waterproof trousers, wellingtons, hat and waterproof gloves-EVERY WEEK.

### **After school club information**

- Outdoor Adventure-Mondays-**3.05-4.15pm**
- Messy Church-Tuesdays- **3.05-4.15pm**
- Zumba-Thursdays-**3.05-4.15pm** NB. There are 3 sessions before half term and 5 after half term (**NO ZUMBA ON THURSDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH**)

### **Writers of the week**

One of our main priorities on our School Development Plan is to raise standards in writing. Every week, teachers will award stickers or pencils to children who have demonstrated improved skills such as use of ambitious vocabulary, paragraphs or a range of punctuation. We want to celebrate all children's success as writers and hope to display more writing around the school for parents and visitors to see.

### **Piano**

We have a new (secondhand) piano which means that we need to find a home for the old one. If anyone is interested in having the piano for free then please speak to Mrs Long. We would need you to arrange transport and delivery.

### **A message from Mrs Carney and the School Council**

#### **Pennines Wildlife Rescue Charity**

When your smarties tube is full, please seal it securely and bring it in to school so that we can add it to our Smarties Totaliser. Thank you to those children who have already returned their tubes.

#### **The deadline for returning all Smarties tubes is Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

If you haven't managed to fill your tube by then, please don't worry, just seal it and send it back in-any amount will be gratefully received. Thank you for your support.

### **500 words short story competition**

BBC Radio 2 has recently launched their 500 words writing competition. If your child is interested in submitting a story, go to [www.bbc.co.uk/500words](http://www.bbc.co.uk/500words) for more information. Mrs Blythe worked with both classes to use resources provided by the BBC to encourage every child to write a short story.

### **Easter Service Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March –school hall-9.15am**

We are holding an Easter Service at school. It starts at 9.15am for approximately 30 minutes and everyone is welcome to attend. There will be a 'Decorated egg' and 'Easter bonnet' competition which will be judged prior to the Service.

Prizes will be organised for each year group and the winners will be announced at the end of the Service.

**If your child would like to participate please send into school no later than Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, clearly labelling the name on entry.**

**Entries can be placed in the hall on the tables provided.**

**Looking forward to seeing the eggciting entries!**

### **Palm Sunday service**-St Peter's Church-9.15am

Everyone is welcome to attend this Service which should last approximately 20-30 minutes. The children will be delivering Easter gifts to the local pensioners after the Service.

### **World Book Day-Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

Children are welcome to come dressed up as their favourite book character (although please be mindful that we will be swimming!!). If possible, please allow your child to bring in their favourite book to share with their classmates.

### **School lunches**

The money for Spring 1<sup>st</sup> half term is now due. The amount for 4 weeks and 4 days (24 lunches at £2.30 per meal) is **£55.20**. Please send money to Mrs Rowcroft in a clearly labelled envelope.

### **Free School Meals information for parents**

If you think your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, you can apply for this benefit

\*online [www.northumberland.gov.uk/fsm](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/fsm),

\*over the telephone on FSM 01670 623592 or

\*by completing a paper application form which is available from our school office or FSM office, Wansbeck Square, Ashington NE63 9XL

Email: [FSM@northumberland.gov.uk](mailto:FSM@northumberland.gov.uk)

### **To be eligible for help you need to be in one of the following categories:**

- Receive Income Support (IS) or Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Receive Income Related Employment Allowance (IREA).
- Have an entitlement to Child Tax Credit (CTC), but not Working Tax Credit (WTC) and the family's annual income (as assessed by the Inland Revenue) is not more than £16,190
- Receive support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Receive the guarantee credit element of Pension Credit.

**Reception, Years 1 and 2 – why you should still apply for Free School Meals** - Since September 2014, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 have been eligible for free school meals. If you are entitled to claim for FSM as detailed below, no matter what year group your child is in, it is important to our school that you register for this benefit.

**Where a child is entitled to and claims FSM we can register them for Pupil Premium funding – this is currently worth £1,300 a year per pupil for our school.**

### **Slippers**

Last year we invited children to bring in a pair of slippers to wear during the day. It proved to be very popular and apparently enables children to feel more relaxed in school therefore more ready to learn. You are very welcome to send in a pair of practical slippers that children can change into. This will be until Easter. After Easter, slippers will be sent home.

### **Attendance**

Please ensure your child is in school every day unless unwell. Parents must contact the school office or leave a message on the answer machine giving a reason for absence.

### **Routines**

Please remember to arrive promptly to school in the morning. **The bell is rung for school to start at 8.50am.**

Parents should bring their children into the playground **for 8.45am (no earlier)** where they will be escorted into school by Mrs Phillips.

**Late book**-we have had **4 entries** in the late book this week. Children who come into class late are missing vital instructions which delay them starting their activities.

### **Other dates for your diary.**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February:** Break up for Half term

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February:** Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> term starts

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February/Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February:** Parent consultations (Letter will be sent out next week)

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** World Book Day

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March:** Tynedale Music Festival (Years 1-4) Queens Hall (usually about 9.30am-TBC)\*Reception children will come to watch the performance rather than perform on stage.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Palm Sunday service-St Peter's Church 9.15am- everyone welcome (delivering Easter gifts to pensioners afterwards)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** Art Gallery Open Day for parents (9.00-9.45am) and (2.15-3.00pm)-more information to follow.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March:** Easter service-in school 9.15am –everyone welcome

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March:** Break up for Easter holidays

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March:** Good Friday (Bank Holiday-school closed)

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April:** Summer 1<sup>st</sup> term starts

Best wishes

Jude Long

