



Head Teacher Mr L Gallon

March 2017

Deputy Head Teacher Mrs N Blackith

Leading Parent Partnership Award (LPPA)



We are pleased to announce, that after nearly a year in the preparation, we have finally gained recognition of our work with parents and carers, by being accredited with the LPPA award. After a gruelling day from the assessor and interviews with staff, governors, parents and pupils, he finally made the decision that we had passed! (With flying colours I may add!). Thank you to all of our staff, governors and parents who were interviewed across the course of the day - with particular thanks to **Senora Mason** for organising the evidence files and managing our application. It proves that working in partnership to give our children the best possible chances really does pay off!

The Big Pedal and Walk to School Wednesdays

The Big Pedal began on Monday, following on from a letter from Senora Mason - where pupils can bring their bikes or scooters into school every day. There will be chances to win prizes for our school and the event lasts for all of this week and next week. We were hoping to have news about our long-awaited covered bike racks and scooter pods for both school yards, however, we are still waiting for an installation date from the City Council.



Pupils are also encouraged to **Walk on Wednesdays** to school - where pupils will receive a special badge for walking to school every Wednesday for a whole month.

Basic Skills Quality Mark



Later in the month, we will also have an assessment from a Basic Skills assessor. The visit will involve demonstrating that we promote the basic skills of reading, writing and maths across our curriculum with all pupils. If successful, we will be accredited with the BSQM (Basic Skills Quality Mark). Mrs Blackith will be leading the application and we look forward to the outcome!

Red Nose Day (Friday 24th March)

Pupils may wear their Red Noses (or have a painted nose) on Friday for Comic Relief. Pupils must wear uniform on this day - however our biscuit sales (from Thursday 23rd March) will be donated to Comic relief.

Our pupils have organised a 'Talent Contest' on Friday 24th March which will replace our Whole School Assembly on Friday morning.



Red Noses are on sale in the office for £1 - all proceeds to Comic Relief! Thank you.

| Attendance from September 2016 to 17.3.17 | |
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| Year Group | Attendance |
| Reception | 94% |
| Year 1 | 96.4% |
| Year 2 | 93.8% |
| Year 3 | 96.5% |
| Year 4 | 95.3% |
| Year 5 | 93.8% |
| Year 6 | 96.9% |
| School Total | 95.2% |
| School Target | 96% |

Mother's Day Lunch

We hope to see many of you mums, aunties, grans and great grans at our Mother's Day Lunch event on Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd March. There are also raffle tickets on sale to win a Mother's Day Pamper Hamper - tickets on sale at 50p per strip. We will draw the winner on Friday's Whole School Assembly.

Staff Updates

Mrs Watson continues to make a speedy recovery and I'm sure she is missing everyone at Farne - but hopes to be back soon!

Mr Gallon continues to support Cheviot Primary School this term, working as their interim Headteacher. Our governors have agreed that this support will now go on until the end of the Summer Term 2017.

Easter Celebrations 7th April

Easter Assembly - 9.15am in the school hall (all welcome) with tea/coffee afterwards. Paste egg decoration - please bring paste eggs into school hall from 8.45am onwards. Pupils may also enter our Easter Bonnet/ Cap competition on the same day too. Easter Bingo 50p strip in the afternoon (max 3 strips).

Good News!

Mrs Diaz has become a grandma - her daughter Jessica giving birth to baby Ana Maria. We wish Mrs Diaz and her family every happiness.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mr I P Gallon Headteacher.

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New Dates Added

| March | |
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| 22 nd | Mother's Day Lunch Day 1 |
| 23 rd | Mother's Day Lunch Day 2 |
| April | |
| 3 rd | Going 4 Gold Spring Assembly (Invite Only) |
| 7 th | Easter Assembly 9.15 School Hall |
| | Paste Egg Competition (Please bring to School Hall from 8.45am) |
| | Easter Afternoon Bingo (50p ticket) |
| | Easter Bonnet/Cap Competition (morning) |
| Pupils break up for Easter Holidays | |
| 24 th | Pupils return to school on this day |
| May | |
| 8 th | Year 6 SATS week (Monday 8 th - Thursday 12 th May) |
| 22 nd | Y5 Y6 Broomley Grange week! |
| 26 th | Break up for Half Term |
| June | |
| 5 th | Pupils return to school on this day |
| 14 th | Dine with Dad Day 1 |
| 15 th | Dine with Dad Day 2 |
| 20 th | Y3 Big Gig @ Sage (letter to follow) |
| 21 st | Healthy Fun Day (PE Kit needed) |
| July | |
| 3 rd | Year 6 Kenton Transition Week 1 |
| 10 th | Year 6 Kenton Transition Week 2 |
| 18 th | Summer Fayre (details tbc) |
| 19 th | Nursery Red + Green Sports Day 1pm (both groups) |
| 20 th | Key Stage 1 Sports Day 9.30-11.30 |
| | Key Stage 2 Sports Day 1-3pm |
| 21 st | Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am |
| | Break up for Summer Holidays |

After School Clubs

The last week for Clubs is this week. There are **NO CLUBS** running weeks beginning Monday 27th March and Monday 3rd April.

A Special Visit....

On Friday 24th March, Dr Helen Roberts and Mr Jim Clark will be visiting our school. Mr Clark is chair of our Trust and Dr Roberts is vice chair of our Trust. Both Helen and Jim will also be attending our Full Governing Board meeting on Tuesday 28th March at 6pm.

Please remember that we break up for the Easter Holidays on Friday 7th April and we return to school on **Monday 24th April 2017.**