

# SOUTH GOSFORTH FIRST SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 26.2.19

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school in what feels like wonderful early Spring weather! We all hope you managed to have a successful half term and that the children have returned to school rested and ready to impress us with their hard work.



Apologies for the fact that we are sharing last terms news this half term, but we hope you enjoy hearing about what has been going on.

**Bike –it –Breakfast** came around quickly again and we were delighted to see many of our ‘regulars’ in school for that relaxed and sociable start to the day. Thank you all for the donations you make as these add to our whole school fund raising efforts and allow us to put on half termly events.

### Class Assemblies – 3I and 3C

Thank you everyone in class 3I and class 3C.

A class assembly shares just a small amount of the work you have done in your classes and we know how hard you worked to put these together. We also know just how hard you worked over the last half term – keep it up please.



## **Phonics Meeting for Parents of Year One children**

A number of parents visited school on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January to find out a little more about how we approach Phonics teaching in Year One and how to support their children at home. Thank you Mrs Logan and Mrs McNally for sharing practice with parents. Judging by the feedback received the session was very useful.

## **Coffee Mornings**

All of our coffee mornings have had different foci this year. Last half term Y3 held a Bring and Buy and Y4 shared their handmade crafts with their families. We know the children really enjoy welcoming you into school and we hope you enjoyed the occasions. We appreciate that not everyone can attend but send our thanks to everyone for your contributions.

**Reception** have spent some of their funds replacing consumables in the Reception Unit. They are now saving up for larger pieces of role play furniture to replace some of our older pieces of equipment. We will send you photos once we have managed to make our purchases.

**Year One** are due to have their coffee morning on 14th March. They are hoping to use any money raised to buy educational games to enhance the curriculum.

**Year Two** decided to spend their money on a range of Maths resources as requested by the children. They share beautifully but decided that they would like more equipment to go round.

**Year Three** are going to put their funds towards a Science Workshop for their year group. No doubt we will be able to send you photos of that event in a future newsletter.

**Year Four** have yet to discuss this with their children – we will let you know.

**Year Three visited Sunderland Winter Gardens** where they had the opportunity to get close to some amazing plant life. Thank you to all those family members for coming along to support us.





**Year One meet a REAL Explorer and build Rockets!**

Year One children welcomed our very own 'explorer' in Mr Rutter (glaciologist) into their classrooms where he answered so many pertinent questions about his job and travels. He also showed us the clothing he has to wear in cold climates. The children loved having him in school and we appreciated all the hard work he had put into his presentation.

Later that day many family members spent a fabulous afternoon building rockets in the school hall. This is the second time we have done this as part of our Explorers Topic, and it was even more fun than last year.



We were very grateful that adults also brought in a lot of their own materials with which to build their rockets – thank you for your time, energy, skill and enthusiasm.



### **Up and coming events**

**Book Fair (The Book People)** in school from Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February until Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Please feel free to pop in and browse. The children have asked if we can prioritise non-fiction books with any proceeds from the fair and we will send you photos of books purchased so that you can see what your generosity has meant in terms of new resources in school.

**Reception Coffee Morning:** Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February

**Robin Wood Residential for children in Year Four:** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Mr Woodley, Mr Mullick and Mrs Whitehouse will accompany the children. Mrs Elliott will work with 2W in Mrs Whitehouse's absence.

**World Book Day:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – please see an earlier letter from Mrs Burnett for details.

**Bike-it-Breakfast: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** – 8.15 until 8.55am

**Year One Coffee morning:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – 9.00 and lasting approximately 45 minutes.

**Year Two visit to Kirkley Hall:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

**Red Nose Day:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. This year there is a Disney theme – so T-shirts, accessories and/or Disney costumes can be worn on the day.