

SOUTH GOSFORTH FIRST SCHOOL

EASTER NEWSLETTER

1st April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Please take note of the changes to Sports Day and information relating to Mr Adams, the newly appointed Head Teacher of SGFS as of September.



Sports Day

During the week beginning 8.7.19 the children will be engaging in several sporting activities in school. The aim is to be as active as possible! We will be able to tell you more about these closer to the time. This year we will not have a sports afternoon in the usual way but will instead invite families for a joint home/school Zumba session followed by a picnic on the yard and the field. We appreciate that some families may feel a little disappointed not to be able to share in a traditional sports session – but we felt it would be good to try something different. We look forward to seeing some of you on 9th (date on the school calendar on the website).

New Head Teacher

Our Chair of Governors emailed you all a few days ago to inform you that Mr Adams (currently Deputy Head Teacher at Cragside Primary School) will be joining the school as Head teacher in September. Mr Adams and the team here at school will be working together over the next term to ensure that school makes a smooth transition from one Head Teacher to another and he will be popping in to meet the children and the staff this week. He will also be attending the New Reception Parents Meeting on Wednesday 19th June at 6pm and will be in school to meet any parents who can make themselves available on Wednesday 3rd July from 9.00 – 9.30 and Thursday 4th July from 2.30 – 3pm.

Parent Pay

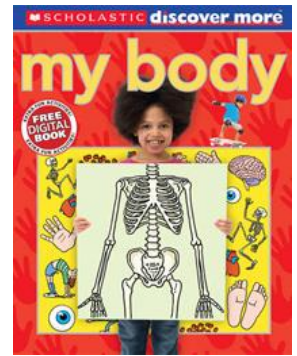
Many parents frequently ask if they are able to pay for lunches, visits etc online. The school has signed up with Parent Pay which many of you will know from the middle school. We are hoping to go live after the Easter holidays so please watch out for further information.

We are hoping that by September school will be able to go cashless which will relieve a lot of pressure on the School Office. We hope you will all find this method of payment more convenient and don't worry if you don't have online banking as there is a way around this.

What has been going on?

Book Fair

As ever we send huge thanks to our parents and carers for supporting the latest book fair. We now have £260 to spend on new material. School Council have consulted with their classes and there is a request for more non-fiction material. Mrs Burnett will be working with a groups of representative children to select some titles.



Robin Wood Residential Visit for Year Four

Year Four had a wonderful visit to Robin Wood Activity centre – staying two nights away from home. They were accompanied by Mr Woodley, Mr Mullick, Mrs Whitehouse and Miss Parker. The children took part in a range of activities and had many ‘brave tries’ to conquer their fears of heights, water and small spaces.

Our teachers were extremely proud of everyone and delighted with the comments from Robin Wood staff who said our children had behaved in an exemplary way. Well done everyone!!!

We have booked Robin Wood for next year, and current Year Three children will have received information about that. We hope everyone will make the trip as super fun will be had by all.





World Book Day and Red Nose Day.

Once again we were delighted to see so many family members in school sharing books with their children. Thank you everyone for giving up your time. We raised £315.00 for Red Nose Day – thank you all.



Year Two visit to Kirkley Hall

Year Two had a very busy visit to Kirkley Hall linked to their Spring Topic all about Living Things. We spent time finding out about all kinds of creatures, their habitats, diet, life cycles, similarities and differences. We learned lots and had a great time doing it!



Year Four visit to the Botanical Gardens

Year four had a wonderfully informative visit to the Botanical Gardens in Durham. The staff were so knowledgeable and enthusiastic that the children came back full of new information. Mr Mullick and Mr Woodley were delighted with the way in which the children listened carefully and asked so many relevant and thoughtful questions. A member of the public also commented on how impressed he was with our children's attitude towards their visit.



Year One Class Assembly

Mrs Logan and Mrs McNally were bursting with pride after their children's fabulous class assembly. They delivered their parts with brave voices and great confidence – well done children. We hope all the adults loved it too.

Assembly and Workshops from the National Marine Aquarium

We had a visitor from the national Marine Aquarium and she delivered an assembly all about the 'plastic seas'. She then worked with Year Three to explore this issue further. Apart from the smell left by the squid used in the workshop – it was a brilliant morning.



It feels as though we have had such a busy half term so far – lots of learning and lots of fun!

Future Events

Monday 1st April: A group of Y4 children to take part in a Spanish experience at Gosforth Central Middle School

Tuesday 2nd April: Pet Shop to visit Y1 with all sorts of creatures

Wednesday 3rd April: Mr Adams in to see the staff and children

Thursday 4th April: Y3 to share some of their music with families (9.15am)

Football Tournament pm (group from Y3 and Y4)

Reception to Hall Hill Farm

Friday 5th April – Break up for Easter and return to school on **Tuesday 22nd April**