

## Allendale Primary School May 2018 Newsletter



We've had a busy couple of weeks since the Easter holidays.

Well done to the netball teams who beat Henshaw Primary 17:0 and 9:0. They play Shaftoe Trust Primary next Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May after school.

Lapwing and Kestrel Classes were made very welcome at the Synagogue in Newcastle last week.; the visit leaders were very impressed with the children's knowledge and enthusiasm.



Skylark and Lapwing Classes have had their outdoor learning day at Allenbanks with Mr Hopper; both classes had fantastic days, much enjoyed by children and adults alike.



Curlew Class are going to the mines next Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May, on their outdoor learning trip with Mr Hopper. Pipit Class then have their outdoor learning session with Mr Hopper on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May.



Kestrel Class will then go to Allenbank with Mr Hopper on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

The gazebo in the playground is now finished. We've fundraised for a couple of years and money from such things as the bucket collections at Christmas have contributed towards this.

Swimming has started on a Monday morning for Y2, Y3 and Y4. Some Y1 children are able to go this term, (we don't have room on the bus for all), so after May half term, the other half of Y1 will attend swimming lessons. Swimming is £3.50 per session.

Mr Ricketts is teaching PE to Y5 and Y6, Pipit and Skylark Classes on a Monday morning. He is aiming to do PE outside this term so children should have their school PE kit, including trainers / sand shoes and jogging bottoms/ tracksuit / sweatshirt.

Lapwing and Skylark Classes are having cricket coaching on a Thursday afternoon each week this half term.

The Y3/4 tennis team will be taking part in the Tynedale final tomorrow; hopefully they will do well.

Skylark Class are going to St Cuthbert's Church on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April.

Before Easter the assessor for the Green Flag Award visited School. He was impressed by the Eco Committee and all the work that the classes have undertaken. Y5 and 6 Pupils from last year's Curlew Class were also presented with their John Muir Awards which they had successfully worked towards with Miss Guttridge in outdoor learning.



Y6 SATs week is from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May. I'm sure all the Y6 children will do their best during the week. As a celebration of completing the week in one piece, (hopefully!) we are having a Y5/6 sleepover on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

We are taking part in the Northumberland Day celebrations this year. Each class will be learning about a different aspect of Northumberland life, especially relating to the Allendale area. On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May we will be holding an exhibition of the work and coffee afternoon for the community to come and visit.

Unfortunately, Monday is Miss Pearson's last day at Allstars, we will still see her around and thank her for all her hard work. Mrs Little will be taking over and working with Mrs Atkinson.

Please can I remind parents that it's important to check their child's hair regularly for headlice; even older children can be prone to having them.

Also a reminder that school starts at 8.55am and children can arrive at school from 8.45am onwards when a member of staff is on duty to supervise them in the playground. There does seem to be an increase in the number of cars parked outside school which is especially evident after school, with the volume of traffic. If possible, parents are encouraged to 'park and stride' to enable a safe exit from the school site for parents and children. The bus park should also not be used for parking or turning around for the same safety reasons.

We have received some information from the school health team regarding their immunisation programme

The immunisation team now have a link to their services which provides information to schools and parents regarding their vaccination programmes and further information regarding the vaccines that are given to children.

<https://www.northumbria.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-services/immunisations/>

Please follow us on Twitter @allendale\_sch. It is regularly updated with announcements, events in school, news about our sports things or work that a class has been doing and does provide an insight into daily school life.

**Future dates for your diary:**

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Hotdog Film Night, (run by Y4 as a Wastwater fundraiser)
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	School Photographs
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Book fair all week
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Kestrel outdoor learning with Mr Hopper
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	PTFA Marble Night
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	PTFA meeting 6pm King's Head - new parents always welcome
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Whole School Football Tournament
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 residential to Wastwater
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 Residential to Lockerbie Manor
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Skylark trip to the Roman Army Museum
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Day
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Northumbria Water pantomime
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Duck Race
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Early Years New starters parents meeting
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Show
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Show
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Lapwing, Curlew and Kestrel trip to Adventure Valley (extended school day)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Pipits and Skylarks trip to Crackers
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Leaver's assembly