



Allendale Primary School
Weekly Update 24/02/2020

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring Term; hopefully the weather is going to take a turn for the better and spring will soon be upon us, although today has not started well.

Tomorrow, Curlew and Kestrel Classes are going to The Sage in Gateshead to see the Royal Northern Sinfonia perform Beethoven Live which we're very much looking forward to. If the children have not ordered a school packed lunch they should bring one from home.

Mr Rose has now joined us to cover Miss Honeyman's maternity leave. Her baby has not yet made an appearance.

We have 2 trainee teachers undertaking their teaching practice in Curlew Class with Mr Vincent. Miss Marshall and Miss McGlasson will be with us for 4 weeks this half term.

Next **Thursday 5th March** is World Book Day, always an annual favourite. The children will be bringing a WBD token home this week which they can exchange for a special WBD book or use to get £1 off a book or audiobook costing over £2.99. We will be running book based activities and the children are welcome to come dressed as a book character on that day.

We are a very animal friendly school and have no objection to parents bringing their friendly dogs into the playground at the end of the school day; however, please can you ensure that your dog does not use any part of our site as a toilet as the children play near the sheds and on the grass and barked areas to the side of school.. Also if your dog is partial to bringing sticks into the yard, please do not leave them on the playground as if a child riding a scooter or bike hits them, it will cause an accident.

We do have a school uniform policy, available on our website. All children should wear our school uniform. The PTFA have a second hand uniform rail, currently in the hall where school tops, jumpers etc. can be bought for a small donation. We do get a lot of unclaimed lost property; if items are named we can return them to their owners. That would apply to water bottles as well.

Finally we now have a new shed in the playground to store all the donated playtime equipment. Please be mindful of any unwanted items which may be useful to school for the children to be creative with and watch out for future appeals as we develop what's on offer.

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