



Allendale Primary School March 2018 Newsletter

A huge thank you to all the parents, staff, governors and members of the local community who came in yesterday to clear the school site of a considerable amount of snow so that we could open safely this morning. I was just so impressed by the response and very grateful to you all.



We managed to hold the Tuesday Parents' Evening appointments. Some parents were understandably unable to attend and new appointments will be made. Parents' Evening will now be held on **Wednesday 7th March**, same appointment times for those parents who were due last week.

The PTFA are running a Mothers' day Chocolate Shop on **Thursday and Friday** of this week. Children can bring in £2.00, (preferably supplied by someone other than mum!) and can purchase a Mothers' day gift.

Because of the snow last Thursday, World Book Day celebrations will now be held on **Thursday 15th March**. Children can come dressed as a favourite book character. WBD special themed lunch and Film Night will also be held on this day.

We are pleased to report that we have been successful in gaining the Silver Award from Modeshift Stars, which recognises schools' efforts to promote active lifestyles and travel to school. Children are encouraged to walk or park and stride at least once a week and log this in their travel tracker to earn that months' badge. Lapwing Class are still proudly top of the leaderboard!

We have applied for reaccreditation of our Green Flag Eco school status. The assessor from Eco schools will be visiting school on **Tuesday 20th March**, so fingers crossed.

Zoolab are visiting school on **Thursday 22nd March**; Kestrel, Curlew and Lapwing Classes are having Rainforests workshops and Skylark and Pipit Mini-Beats workshops.

The local schools Dance Festival will be held in the Sports Hall on **Tuesday 27th March** from 10.00am.

When we come back after Easter, swimming will start for Y2, Y3 and Y4 children first thing on a Monday morning; we will send out more information later this half term. Due to the numbers, Y1 children can go swimming this year but will be on a rota as there are not enough spaces to take the whole group. Swimming lessons and transport cost £3.50 per week.

Mr Hopper will be working with Skylark Class on **Wednesday 18th April** at Allenbanks.

Also, in the first week back, Lapwing and Kestrel Classes are visiting the Jewish Synagogue in Newcastle on the morning of **Friday 20th April**. The transport for this trip is also being funded by the PTFA.

Over, the last few months, the PTFA have held a number of fundraising events which pay for the trips and workshops above as well as many resources and improvements around school. The PTFA have just purchased new resources to create topic boxes for each major world religion, which will benefit every class in school. They paid for the Theatre Company visit before Christmas and Yoga workshops during Health Week. This term they are funding the various trips that classes are making as well as the Zoolab workshops mentioned above. This is a breakdown of the fundraising events that the PTFA have organised and the money raised:

Christmas Film Night	£155
Elf Shop	£172.50
Wreath making workshop	£230
Christmas Fair	£1,858.07
Mince Pie sale	£23
Marble Night	£207.50

Every penny that the PTFA raise is spent on the children, providing enrichment activities or resources which is why we appreciate parental support for the PTFA and their events.

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