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# Newsletter



Choppington Primary School  
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## PTA Easter Coffee Afternoon

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2-3pm

Your child has brought home a polystyrene egg to decorate. The completed egg should be returned in the bag provided by the morning of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Winners (best boy and girl design) will be announced at the Easter Coffee Afternoon. Hope to see you all there.

## Easter Writing Competition

Due to the success of the Writing competition at Christmas, it has been decided to repeat the activity in April. Further details will follow with your children. Many children participated at Christmas and we hope you will all encourage your children to take part during the Easter Holidays. Many thanks.

## STAFFING NEWS

Mrs H Blythe has made the decision to retire in July 2017, following 9 years of Headship of this school. We are well underway with the appointment of a new Headteacher. We will update you with news of a replacement by the Easter Holidays.

Mrs Straughan has also decided to retire after the Easter Holidays. She has worked here for over 33 years as School Cook. Everybody in Choppington Primary School community wishes her a long and happy retirement after her dedicated years of service within our school. Mrs Wallis has been appointed and will start on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

Mr Zobel has recently welcomed another addition to his family. A healthy baby boy was born a week ago. He is enjoying two weeks of paternity leave and will return on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

## Red Nose Day

We raised £83.20. Many thanks for your support.

Choppington Matters



## ATTENDANCE

Reception to Year 6 = 96.9%.

However - if we include Nursery and Little Learners, this reduces to 95.6%. We realise that young children are often prone to pick up germs. We would urge you to bring them to school whenever possible so that they benefit from the activities in the setting. Please remember to contact school with any absence. Many thanks for your support.

### Dates for your Diary

Date	Time	Event
4 <sup>th</sup> April 17	9-10am	EYFS Easter Open Learning Morning
5 <sup>th</sup> April 17	2-3pm	PTA Easter Coffee Afternoon
6 <sup>th</sup> April 17	AM	Class Photographs
6 <sup>th</sup> April 17	PM	Coquet class last swimming session
7 <sup>th</sup> April 17	3.00pm	School Closes for the Easter Holidays
24 <sup>th</sup> April 17	8.50am	School Opens for the Summer Term
1 <sup>st</sup> May 17	All Day	School closed for May Day Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup> - 11 <sup>th</sup> May 17		KS2 SATs week. Please ensure your Year 6 children are in school every day.
15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> May 17	2-3pm	Parent and Children Workshops - details to follow.
26 <sup>th</sup> May 17	3.00pm	School closes for half term holiday
5 <sup>th</sup> June 17	8.50am	School opens

### Reception Placement Offers Day

National Offers Day for First and Primary Admissions has been publicised in the Admissions Handbook as the 16th April 2017.

Due to the Easter Bank Holiday weekend, the 16th April is Easter Sunday, therefore the offers day date has been changed to **Tuesday 18th April 2017**, which is also in line with our neighbouring authorities.

