

# Shaftoe Trust Academy



## Newsletter

March 2018

### Easter??!! So Soon??!!

I have no idea where this term has gone but amazingly we are only two weeks away from the end of term so I thought I would bring you up to date about forthcoming events. The school's website has been updated and so you can find out details from there, too. We hope to have the new WISE Academy Trust website up and running over Easter but at present it is still under construction.



### Trips out

#### Winter gardens

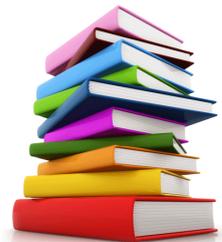
Year 4 recently visited the Winter gardens at Sunderland to see the tropical rainforest area there. Their guides were very impressed with how much the children knew already yet Alnwick Class were still buzzing with lots of new facts they had learnt when they got back to school! So that will be a trip to be repeated! Well done to you all for being such super ambassadors for the school, too! Mrs Whitfield and Miss Fawcett were very pleased with what super listeners you were.

#### Year 2 trip to release salmon !

Yes, we are babysitting some salmon eggs at the moment! Mrs Binovec and Aydon Class will be releasing the newly hatched aelvins into the stream nearby under the watchful eyes of the River Trust shortly.

#### Trips to Cogito and the Library

The new dates for the trips to Hexham that had to be reorganised due to the snow have now been set. Years 4,5 and 6 will be visiting on the afternoon of Wednesday, 21st March and Years 1,2 and 3 will be visiting on the afternoon of Friday, 23rd March. At these sessions the children will be able to purchase a special World Book Day book with their book voucher or they will be able to get £1 of another book if they bring some more money. There will also be a visit to the library. Visits to the local library are also being re-planned.



### Bedtime Story event



The very popular bedtime story event will now be held on the last day of term, that is Wednesday, 28th March from 6pm to 8pm. Please see letter arriving in your child's book bag soon. This is an event which is enjoyed just as much by staff as by children I think! Reading to children is so important, as I am sure you all know and we all love doing it! So please add that date to your calendar.

### **Consultation on Education in West Northumberland**

At the recent parents' evening, several parents were asking about the different proposals and what they should do. There are lots of discussions going on at the moment between headteachers, governors and all interested parties. WISE Academy Trust are a party to those discussions, being a member of the local community and they have always said that they want to work with the local community to build the best education that we can for our young people. At some point in the near future, Zoe, members of the board and the team from headquarters would like to hear your views of what you would want for your children and the village. We will let you know when this will be as soon as possible. In the meantime, please just stay steady. This is not a done deal and, unlike in the past when the LA seemed to have already made up its mind before a consultation happened, this time, it does really seem like the LA are open minded about a solution. It will be up to us to come up with what we would really like for our village and then work with all parties to ensure we have the best possible deal for the children of the village, now and in the future. This really is a once in a lifetime chance to shape the future of education and we need to make the right decision.

### **Non uniform days**

We have had a recent suggestion from a parent that we have regular non uniform days to raise funds for each class. Any money collected in would go towards reducing the costs of trips out. The staff and I think that is a great idea and so our first non-uniform day will be on Golden morning Wednesday, 29th March. Children may come in their own clothes that day for £1 donation! Several staff will be out of school on Maths training that day but the rest of us plan to have some fun. There will be a sports theme to the day as Mr Ricketts and Mrs Whitfield are both in so sports gear would be a good choice of non uniform!

### **Dinner Money**

A plea from Mrs Storrie - Please can parents paying through ParentMail pay in multiples of £2.10 for dinners. The system can't cope with you paying a rounded amount such as £20.

### **Dates for your diary for the rest of this term - see also the front page!**

Due to closures due to the snow, it being a short term and visits from WISE etc. in the next two weeks, we have decided to postpone Science week until next term. Also, unfortunately with an already packed diary, we are unable to fit in the reception celebration assembly this term so instead it will be the first week back

**Wednesday, 14th March - Alnwick Class Celebration assembly - 9am**

**Thursday, 15th March - Football match V Allendale Primary School**

**Friday, 16th March - Langley Class Celebration Assembly 9 am**

**Thursday, 22nd March - Aydon Class Celebration Assembly 9am**

**Friday, 23rd March - Bamburgh Class Celebration assembly 9am**

**Some Yr3/4 children going to Golf Festival at Close House am**

**Also - Easter Discos - 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm and 7pm to 8.30 pm - with supper!**

**Tuesday, 27th March - Easter assembly 9am in church, with coffee back at school afterwards.**

**Also - at 2.40pm , Parents welcome to come and see the finals of the Egg Jarping competition!!**

**WEDNESDAY, 28th March - Non-Uniform and Golden Day!**



**Break up for Easter and return on MONDAY, 16th APRIL 9am**

**We hope to see you all at the end of term Easter Celebrations but if not, enjoy the holidays!**