

# Shaftoe Trust Academy



## Newsletter

February 2018

**We made it! We are officially WISE Shaftoe Trust Academy!**



**It seems to have been a long time in the pipeline but it's now official. I would like to thank so many people for all their hard work over the years at Shaftoe Trust Primary School, not least the governors for all their dedication and support, and, for some of them, this has been quite a long time. Thank you especially to Geoff Jackson. Geoff has been associated with the school for many, many years and is now going to still be helping us with woodwork sessions for the school.**

Many, many thanks to all the people who came to our celebration event! We were very pleased to welcome so many parents, visitors and governors. The children had a great day and the staff and I were so proud of them all. Many people commented on their fabulous singing and also how well behaved the children all were. Zoe thought that the event had such a friendly community feel to it and she is looking forward to seeing you all again at future events. The other heads were also impressed with our house captains; how confident they were, and all the baking!

The children all look fabulous in their new uniforms and several parents have remarked on what good quality they are. Should you wish to order more items, then Mrs Storrie has the details and FOST are also looking into other suppliers, too, for us. Watch this space!

We are hoping to organise a celebration event for the village, too, so that more past pupils of all ages can come and visit, in the summer or possibly early September. There are so many changes planned or that have been made to the school in recent years, several of our visitors asked for a trip around so we were happy to oblige and that set me thinking that we need to have an open day for the village. I also found lots of photographs of the 300 year celebrations whilst preparing for the display in school, which looked so much fun so we shall see what we can do!

At the moment, there are plans to put up new fencing and also change the signage around school. Everything is out to tender or with the county, waiting planning permission as the school is in a conservation zone!

There will be some other changes, too, and the staff and I will endeavour to keep you informed of all of them. We are all looking forward to working more alongside the other WISE academies. The staff have been amazing, as always, throughout this turbulent time and hopefully now we can all just settle down and concentrate on the job that brought us all into teaching, that of making a difference to children. I am sure you will all work with us on this.

### **Important change to the Easter holiday dates.**

Before we joined WISE, five days staff training had been booked for Inspire Maths, which is the new Maths scheme that we are using more extensively throughout school. However, it was all booked to be covered mostly by WISE training days! Our training days don't match up and so Zoe has given permission for one of our training days to be changed just for this year. We currently have a training day on the first day back after the Easter holidays.

**This will now take place on the day before the holidays THURSDAY, 29th MARCH and the children will return back to school on MONDAY, 16th APRIL.**



This will enable all the staff to attend the last day of the training at least and some staff will be out the day before.

### **Parking**

It has been brought to my attention again that some parents are being less than safe when parking their cars, particularly at the beginning of the day. **Please, please do not park on the edge of the pavement at the entrance to the estate opposite or on the bend.** It is very dangerous and makes it difficult for the children and parents crossing the road there. I am sure that no-one wants to be responsible for a child being injured. I have asked the County Council to increase their patrols in the area.

### **Dates for your diary for the rest of this term**

**Monday, 19th February** - Everyone back!

**Thursday, 22nd February** - Alnwick class to Sunderland.

**Friday, 23rd February - Friends of Shaftoe Trust (FOST) event - Beetle Drive!** 6pm - 8pm - On Golden morning all the children played Beetle with me and so they all know what it is and great fun was had by all! Please support this event! There will be flyers out soon.

**Week beginning 26th February - Book Week!** The children will be visiting the library and Cognito Books in Hexham, where some work from our children will also be displayed.

**Thursday, 1st March - Reception Celebration assembly**

**Friday, 2nd March - Alnwick Gymnastics display as several classes out at Cogito Books and Library 6pm - 8pm - Bedtime story night** - Come in PJs and bring a teddy if you want! Staff reading stories to children ---with hot chocolate and cookies supper!

**Tuesday, 6th March - Reception Book Look** - There will be more details shortly about this.

**Tuesday, 6th March and Wednesday, 7th March - Parent consultations evenings 3.20pm onwards**

**Friday, 5th March - Kielder Class Celebration assembly 9am**

**Week beginning Monday 12th March - Science week.** Miss Fawcett and the staff are busy planning the activities for this week. More information to follow! If you are a scientist and are able to help us that week, please contact Miss Fawcett!

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

**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**

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