



23rd February 2018 Newsletter

Safeguarding

Please make sure that the side gate to the yard is closed and the latch secure at the top after you enter or exit the playground **AT ALL TIMES OF THE DAY.**

School opens at 8.45am when a member of staff is in the yard on duty.

If you leave your child unattended before this time, we cannot be held responsible for their safety and well-being. Children who attend Breakfast club are of course in the care of Mrs Phillips from 8.00am.

Please do share your concerns so that we are able to act upon them.

Social Media and School Staff

I understand that in a small community friendships between staff and parents are established, however I would ask that you respect professional boundaries with regard to social media sites such as Facebook. As part of our Staff Code of Conduct, we make an agreement that we do not communicate with parents or other members of staff on Facebook or Twitter. Should you need to contact a member of staff, please ring the school phone or email admin or me and I will pass on the message. Many thanks for your help in this matter.

West Northumberland Schools Consultation

There has been a huge amount of press coverage about the three proposals put forward by Northumberland County Council with regard to education in the West.

You will have received an email or letter with information on how to access the consultation documents.

I urge you to read through the document carefully and respond by the deadline. Although we are not one of the schools earmarked for closure or merger, we must not be complacent during this unsettling time.

If the decision is made to convert to a two-tier system then we will embrace the opportunity to become a Primary School and we are currently making plans to ensure that a conversion would be smooth, positive and successful.

Please come and talk to me or other members of staff if you have concerns regarding the future and we will do our best to answer your questions.

If you would like to discuss anything regarding the consultation during the Parent meetings next week, then please mention it to the class teacher. The Governors are planning to hold a meeting for parents and you will be informed of the date and time in due course.

School Lunches

The following amount is now due: **-28 lunches x £2.30 = £64.40**

The cost has been calculated minus the Monday 19th March school trip to The Sill when all children will need to bring a packed lunch from home.

Please send money to Mrs Rowcroft in a clearly labelled envelope.

Milk

If your child has milk, the amount £15.50 is now due for this term.

Please send money to Mrs Rowcroft in a clearly labelled envelope.

Swimming money

The cost of each session is £3 therefore the total cost for the half term 6 sessions is £18.00

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Change of event

We were aiming to have an Art Gallery Open Day on Friday 23rd March, however this is the same day as Sports Relief.

Unfortunately we will have to postpone the Art Gallery for the time being. You are very welcome to look around the school when you come for your Parent Consultation, to admire the wonderful work on display by the children.

Green Monkey Photos

Green Monkey photos will be coming to school on Monday 12th March. They will be taking individual photos, sibling photos and a whole school photo.

After School Club Information

- Outdoor Adventure-Mondays-**3.05-4.15pm**
- Messy Church-Tuesdays- **3.05-4.15pm (NO MESSY CHURCH ON TUESDAY 27TH MARCH)**
- Zumba-Thursdays-**3.05-4.15pm (NO ZUMBA ON THURSDAY 29TH MARCH)**

Writers of the Week

Well done to everyone who completed a half term diary during the holiday. They received a star sticker in Collective Worship today.

Easter Service Wednesday 28th March –school hall-9.15am

We are holding an Easter Service at school. It starts at 9.15am for approximately 30 minutes and everyone is welcome to attend. There will be a 'Decorated egg' and 'Easter bonnet' competition which will be judged prior to the Service.

Prizes will be organised for each year group and the winners will be announced at the end of the Service.

If your child would like to participate please send entries into school no later than Tuesday 27th March, clearly labelling the name on the entry.

Entries can be placed in the hall on the tables provided.

Looking forward to seeing the eggciting entries!

Palm Sunday Service-St Peter's Church-9.15am

Everyone is welcome to attend this Service which should last approximately 20-30 minutes. The children will be delivering Easter gifts to the local pensioners after the Service.

World Book Day-Thursday 1st March

Children are welcome to come dressed up as their favourite book character (although please be mindful that we will be swimming!!). If possible, please allow your child to bring in their favourite book to share with their classmates.

Slippers

Last year we invited children to bring in a pair of slippers to wear during the day. It proved to be very popular and apparently enables children to feel more relaxed in school therefore more ready to learn. You are very welcome to send in a pair of practical slippers that children can change into. This will be until Easter. After Easter, slippers will be sent home.

Attendance

Please ensure your child is in school every day unless unwell. Parents must contact the school office or leave a message on the answer machine giving a reason for absence.

Also, a reminder to all parents that we are unable to authorise holidays during term time as directed by central government.

Routines

Please remember to arrive promptly to school in the morning. **The bell is rung for school to start at 8.50am.**

Parents should bring their children into the playground **for 8.45am (no earlier)** where they will be escorted into school by Mrs Phillips.

Late book-we have had **2 entries** in the late book this week. Children who come into class late are missing vital instructions which delay them starting their activities.

Other dates for your diary.

Monday 26th February/Wednesday 28th February: Parent consultations (We look forward to seeing you)

Thursday 1st March: World Book Day-come dressed as your favourite character (optional)

Friday 16th March: Tynedale Music Festival (Years 1-4) Queens Hall (10am for the first category-be in seats by 9.30am)

*Reception children will come to watch the performance rather than perform on stage. (Letters in book bags today)

Monday 19th March: Art trip (Letters in book bags today)

Wednesday 21st March: Palm Sunday service-St Peter's Church 9.15am- everyone welcome (delivering Easter gifts to pensioners afterwards)

Friday 23rd March: Sport Relief (Information to follow)

Wednesday 28th March: Easter service-in school 9.15am –everyone welcome

Thursday 29th March: Break up for Easter holidays

Friday 30th March: Good Friday (Bank Holiday-school closed)

Monday 16th April: Summer 1st term starts

If you have any questions, queries or concerns about what is happening in school or in the area, please do not hesitate to come and see me.

