



"A small school, with big ambitions!"

## Newsletter – 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### Fund our Future Campaign

Please see the information overleaf regarding #FundOurFuture, this is an important campaign for our school and all other schools in our area. We appreciate you taking the time to read this information.

### Cricket Roadshows

The cricket roadshow held on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March was a huge success. Children from year Gibside and Cragside classes took part in cricket sessions throughout the morning supported by cricket professionals.

### St. George's Rededication

Thank you to everybody who was able to attend the rededication. The pupils were a real credit to the school and it was lovely to be part of a community event, I know how much the congregation appreciate our attendance at such events.

### Grandparent's Gardening

On Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April there will be an opportunity for grandparents or other family members to join us after school to help tidy the school grounds. All help is much appreciated and we look forward to seeing you all.

### Best Dressed Easter Eggs

This year we are holding a best dressed egg competition, children should decorate a hard-boiled egg as an animal or character and there will be prizes for the most creative designs in each year group. Please send in your entries no later than the morning of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April for voting to take place. Winners will be announced in assembly on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April.

### Mother's day Courant Feature

Children from Cherryburn have created beautiful pictures for Mother's day which have been published in this week's Courant. Please look out for your child's picture, they really are super!

### Teacher Training Day

A reminder that Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April is a Teacher Training Day and school will be closed to pupils. School will reopen after the Easter holidays on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

### PTA Easter Event

The PTA have organised an Easter Bunny Hunt Trail around the village on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Please head over to the science shed after school to collect your information sheet. There will be refreshments and a cake sale in the school hall from 3.30pm. We look forward to what will be a fun and busy event.

### Lost Property

There will be a lost property table for any unclaimed clothing next week; the day will be dependent on the weather. Any remaining items are free to a good home.

## Fund our Future Campaign

We would like to draw your attention to the following campaign around funding. As you will be aware, funding for schools is increasingly challenging. As a school we have continued to make the best use of the resources we have, however this frequently means making compromises on what we would like to invest in and what we can afford.

Schools North East has launched a national funding campaign on behalf of schools in the North East and beyond who have been hit by the funding crisis in education.

The campaign calls on the Prime Minister to #FundOurFuture, by asking people to create a banknote with a photo or drawing of their child on it, which we will send to No 10 Downing St. This literally puts our children at the centre of the picture and will show the Government the public support for investing in our children's futures.

Over the last eight years, school funding in England has fallen in real terms by 8%, this is equivalent to an average of £500 every student is missing out on each year.

Director Mike Parker spoke to ITV Tyne Tees to launch the campaign.

Mike Parker said: "Put simply, young people are the future of our country, so it's crucial that we give them the best chance to succeed from an early age. Funding cuts are affecting schools across the country, forcing them to remove important provisions, make staff redundant and reduce the levels of care and support each child receives.

Some have even had to turn to parents, asking for donations to help provide the level of support and facilities children deserve. We want to draw attention to the gravity of this situation and demonstrate to Theresa May that we care about our children's future. If you're able to take five minutes to create, submit and share a personalised banknote, we can put pressure on the Government to #FundOurFuture."

Please follow the following link for more information:

<https://www.fundourfuture.org.uk/>