



# Whalton School News

## Spring Term

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



### Cambo Church Trail - Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Reception to Year 4 spent their day on a Creation Trail at Cambo Church and Village Hall on Tuesday. The children took part in some scientific experiments; made water tornadoes; examined rocks and semi-precious stones, to name a few of the activities that were part of the celebration of the creation of the universe. They will bring home their own creations next week. Our thanks go to Mrs Bainbridge, Reverend Dower and the Cambo team for the hard work that went into this.

### Swimming gala and athletics



On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4 children took part in a swimming gala and gymnastics festival held at Willowburn Leisure Centre in Alnwick. They were joined by their friends from Cambo and Longhorsley First Schools. One of the Whalton gymnastics team achieved 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the competition and the older children expertly demonstrated their skills at different strokes in the main pool.

The atmosphere was lovely and the children were exceptionally well behaved. Our thanks go to Mrs Campbell from Longhorsley for organising this.

### Mothering Sunday Service

There will be a service at 10:30am on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at Cambo Church for Mothering Sunday. Please see attached list of upcoming services during Holy week and Easter.



## Young Scientist STEM afternoon - Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April



The children in Year 3 and 4 have been given an opportunity to participate in a Young Scientist, STEM afternoon at school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

The Young Scientists workshop is delivered by Newcastle University, who will present their newest workshop, which aims to take our group of young scientists on an adventure through the world of STEM. They'll be visiting a variety of characters - from Callum the Computer Scientist to Zoe the Zoologist - discovering the diverse range of scientific fields, taking part in lots of fun activities along the way.

The children will be joined by students from Belsay and Stamfordham Primary Schools.

## PE/lunchtime clubs - summer term

We are pleased to be able to offer a lunchtime club for all students who wish to take part, week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> April - 27<sup>th</sup> May for 6 weeks on Tuesday lunchtimes. Please make sure your child has their trainers and a water bottle in school on this day (no need for full PE kit).

PE on Thursdays for the first half of the summer term will be athletics with Davey Hoops. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing school PE kit on this day and brings with them a water bottle.

## Year 3 Tennis on Tuesday mornings

Nick Clark from Ponteland Tennis Club is offering tennis coaching on Tuesday mornings starting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April for our year 3 children. Please could they come in school PE kit that day? Thank you.





## Sun caps, sun cream and water bottles



The summer is on its way and we are all looking forward to spending lots of time outside for playtimes and also lessons. However on really hot days we can't offer the protection of shade to every child so it is incredibly important that children bring their school hats into school every day along with a named water bottle.

We also ask that all children wear sun cream to school which could be applied before they arrive in the morning as this offers protection during the school day.

If you would like to send sun cream into school, please make sure it is clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

If you have any spare sun caps at home that we could use for those children who don't have a cap, we would really appreciate it if you could send them in to school. Thank you.

### **Robinwood - Year 4 Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March**

This year our annual Year 4 residential visit has been arranged for Cambo, Longhorsley, Tritlington and Whalton children from Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> to Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at Robinwood Activity Centre, Barhaugh Hall, Alston.

If you have not already done so, please return your child's permission slip to school. Payments will be added to School Gateway once we have received your consent form.

### **Dukeshouse Wood - Year 5 Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

Our current year 4 children have been invited to take part in a residential visit to the Dukeshouse Wood Activity Centre near Hexham when we return to school after the summer holiday in September.

All of the primary schools across the Ponteland Partnership are joining together for a Year 5 autumn term visit to the activity centre to kick-start the new academic year. The main focus of the visit is to meet new friends across the partnership, promote team work and co-operation skills and to have FUN together as the children settle into their new classes.

Dukeshouse Wood offers pupils the opportunity to embrace the outdoors with a range of fun and adventurous activities led by qualified staff. For our children, the focus will be on having fun whilst making new friends from other partnership schools.

More information about Dukeshouse Wood can be found at [www.kingswood.co.uk](http://www.kingswood.co.uk) (follow the link to Dukeshouse Wood Centre). A full itinerary of the visit will be agreed and available before departure.

## Swimming bus

Parents, carers, grandparents - we need some helpers on the swimming bus!

This would be from 1:00pm until the end of the school day on a Wednesday. There is a rota system in place and it may only be once a half term if we get enough volunteers.



## Parent Readers

We also need volunteers to listen to children read on a Friday morning from 9:00am - 10:00am. This could be every Friday morning or on a rota system.

Please see Miss Johnston in the school office if you are able to help. Many thanks for your continued support.

Parent Helpers



## Dates for your diary -

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** - Year 3 & 4 Young Scientist STEM afternoon

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** - Year 3 tennis coaching starts

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - Easter Service - 2:00pm in Church

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - School breaks up for the Easter Holidays

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** - School re-opens for summer term 1

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April** - Family Church Service - 8:55am in Church

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - May Day

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May** - Non uniform day for Christian Aid

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - Family Church Service - 8:55am in Church

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - School breaks up for half term

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** - School re-opens for summer term 2

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 6 Leavers Service - Newcastle Cathedral

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June** - Family Church Service - 8:55am in Church

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June - Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** - Year 6 trip to France

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July** - Bale Dance - 6:30pm - Village Hall

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July** - Cyclone cake stall

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July** - Sports afternoon - 1:30pm on the school field

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** - Reports to parents

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** - End of year part with pea hunt - 1:00pm in school

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** - Summer end of term service - 2:00pm in Church

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** - School breaks up for the summer holidays

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September** - Year 5 Dukeshouse Wood Residential

