

# Whalton School News

## Spring Term

### 9<sup>th</sup> February 2018



We are delighted to see Mrs Brannen and Mrs Casper back at school. Hopefully after half term they will be back to full strength!

### Federation Day – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Years 3 and 4 had a fun day at Longhorsley on team building and problem solving challenges, all based around number.

Reception, Years 1 and 2 welcomed their Longhorsley friends for maths activities based around books. In the afternoon they went on a 'treasure hunt' with maths clues! Year 5 children supported all these activities before they went to Ponteland Primary for their sport and were a credit to Miss Anderson.

### French Breakfast – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February



Our French breakfast today was delicious! Thank you so much to the PTA who raised over £200.

### E-Safety/Keeping Safe Online



On Tuesday this week it was 'Safer Internet Day'. During that day the children took part in activities associated with keeping safe online and making the internet a better place. The resources we used can be found on the very informative site - :

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/> But don't forget <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> which is a parents' guide to social and game network sites. It reviews the sites and gives you helpful information about them such as recommended ages, privacy settings, children's opinions etc.

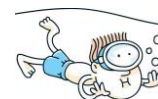
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> is a site where everyone can find out more about keeping safe online.

More information can be found on our website under the 'E-safety' tab.

## Swimming and Football



Next half term there will be swimming on Wednesdays for Reception to Year 4 as usual and football for all children on Thursdays. Please ensure that your child has the correct sports kit in school and that he/she has warm PE clothes and trainers on Thursdays.



## Family Church Service - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Thank you to all who attended the last Family Church Service. The next service will take place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 8:55am. Please do join us.

## Enrichment Day: Year 5 Visit to Ponteland High School Ponteland Rotary Club

There has been a lot of positive feedback from the children about this day. We received certificates for our 'Fire Safety' after testing the different colours found in fireworks using Bunsen Burners. In English, we investigated a 'murder mystery' linked to Shakespeare's Macbeth. We looked at 'line' in Art and painted with everyday objects thinking about the quote: 'Art is just a line going for a walk'. There were also Geography and German activities. To link it all together, there was a question and answer session with the Year 9s.

## Year 4 Parents Meeting for Robinwood 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> March 2018



There will be a short meeting at 9am on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February for all parents of Year 4 children going to Robinwood. For any parents who cannot make this meeting, Mrs Elliott will pass on the relevant details.

## Village Hall Jumble Sale - Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February

There will be a jumble sale at Walton Village Hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2pm. Entry is £1 which includes a cup of tea or coffee. Funds raised will go to the Village Hall and the Church.



## Star Writers



Each week we identify a child who has either showed significant progress or has produced an exceptional piece of writing.

Last week our star writers were Josh, Oscar E and Theo. This week our star writers are Craig, Holly, Lily and Chloe. Well done!

## Ponteland Rotary Club donation

A big thank you to Ponteland Rotary Club for their kind donation of £100 to Whalton School Association.

## Whalton School Association Lottery Draw

Congratulations to Mrs Walder who won the Lottery Draw for January!



## Dates for your diary -

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February** - Teacher Training Day

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February** - School re-opens for spring term 2

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February** - Year 4 Parents Meeting for Robinwood at 9:00am

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** - 1<sup>st</sup> of 5 weeks of Football

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** - Year 5 Netball Tournament - Ponteland/Darras Primary Schools (Ponteland Primary School)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** - Family Church service - 8:55am

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February** - Jumble Sale in the Village Hall - 2:00pm

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** - Start of Fair Trade Fortnight

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** - return Bags2School by 9:00am (front gates)

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March** - World Book Day

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> March** - Robinwood Residential for Year 4s

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March** - Warburton's Healthy Eating and Practical Food Session - Reception, Year 1, 2 & 3

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 5 visit to Ponteland High School - Science Show

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Sport Relief

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - Parents' Meetings: Pupil Progress Update

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Whole School Project at St Mary Magdalene Church and Whalton Village Hall

**\*\* Please note change of date\*\* Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March** - Whole School Swimming Gala - Willowburn Leisure Centre

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** - Easter Service - 2:00pm St Mary Magdalene's Church

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March** - School breaks up for Easter holidays

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April** - School re-opens for the summer term 1

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