



# Whalton School News Spring Term 2nd March 2018



## SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS

We made the decision to close school on Wednesday following the snowfall on Tuesday; throughout the following night and then again on Thursday and Friday giving as much advance warning as possible. The wind and the snow together made travel dangerous and in some places impossible. We hope the Gateway text messaging worked with everyone being notified in good time after the initial delay (which the company have apologised for - due to the sudden increase in usage at the same time). The closure was also posted on our website and that of Northumberland County Council. Teachers put together work for children to do at home if they so wished and this was made available through our website, again advised by text. Thank you for bearing with us during this time - we do try to stay open whenever possible but there are times when we have to make that very difficult decision to ensure the safety of children and staff and adhere to official warnings

## Robinwood Residential for Year 4s: Monday 5th - Wednesday 7th March 2 - **\*\*Postponed\*\***

Huge apologies, the Year 4 residential trip to Robinwood has been cancelled next week due to weather conditions and the health and safety of the children and staff. It will be re-arranged and might be at a different venue.

## Bags 2 School Monday



Many thanks to the PTA and everyone who donated their unwanted clothing on Monday. There was quite a pile when it was added to the left-over jumble from the Village Hall Sale on Saturday. We will let you know the total amount raised as soon as possible.

## World Book Day



This has been postponed until Thursday 8th March.  
Do come wearing your Bible Character costumes on this day.

## Warburtons' Healthy Eating and Practical Food Session - Tuesday 6th March 2018

This will take place on Tuesday 6th March for Reception, Years 1, 2, 3 and 5.  
Please remember to return your child's permission slip and photographic/dietary consent to school before this date. Thank you.

*(NB we shall provide a similar activity for the Year 4s as they will now be at school on this day).*

## Year 5 Science Show \*New date\* Wednesday 14th March 2018



The Year 5s are looking forward to attending the Science Show at Ponteland High School on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March (*not* Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March). It is a real treat. We are setting off promptly at 9am (*not* 8:30am) from school to arrive at 9:30am. The children will return to school in time for lunch.

## **Year 4 and 5 Maths Team - Wednesday 14th March 2018**

A small Maths team from Miss Anderson's class will be taking part in a Maths Challenge Event on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March in the afternoon. The children who are involved have been given a letter containing the relevant details. If you have not already done so, please return your child's permission slip to school. The remaining Year 4 and 5 children will be able to go swimming that afternoon, which will be good preparation for the Swimming Gala in 2 weeks' time. Don't forget your kit!



## **Sport Relief - Monday 19th - Friday 23rd March 2018**



'GET ACTIVE. RAISE MONEY. CHANGE LIVES.'

We would like the children to 'get active' every day of this particular week, as part of 'Daley's Challenge'. Each day, weather permitting, we intend to do at least 15 minutes of physical activity. Please could the children ensure that they have their trainers at school all this week? Each day we will be taking part in the 'Daily Mile' which is a fun 15 minute run/jog around the playground and there are also various other PE sessions dotted about the week. There will be a celebration of all the sporting achievements at the end of the week, when the children can come dressed in sports kit and there will be a collection for the Sport Relief charity. £1 is a suggested donation.

<b>Monday</b>	Daily Mile
<b>Tuesday</b>	Daily Mile Cricket taster: Chance to Shine
<b>Wednesday</b>	Daily Mile Swimming
<b>Thursday</b>	Daily Mile Trident football
<b>Friday:</b> <i>Come dressed in PE kit</i> <i>Bring a donation for Sport Relief.</i>	Daily Mile Circuit training: how many can you do in a minute?



## **Pupil Progress Update Meetings - Monday 26th March 2018**

This is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher and peruse their school books on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please complete the appointment slip with your choices of available time slots (these will be sent home with children on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March) Of course we do operate an 'open door' policy and, if you have any concerns before then, the staff will be very happy to make an earlier appointment with you.

## **Easter Journey at St. Mary Magdalene and Whalton Village Hall: Tuesday 27th March 2018**

Remember the much loved trip to Kirkwhelpington Church and Village Hall last year? Well this year, the organisers have moved the location to Whalton! Our St. Mary Magdalene Church and Whalton Village Hall will be the setting for an Easter Journey. The day will be full of Easter themed activities, organised by Reverend Frances Dower and the members of the Kirkwhelpington Church, as last year.



# Swimming Gala at Willowburn Leisure Centre - 28th March 2018

Please ensure that the children have their swimming kit for this day - they swim in the morning at Willowburn Leisure Centre in Alnwick and will not be going to their usual swimming lessons in the afternoon. Please could they bring a small named bottle of water but we will provide a small biscuit snack for after their swim.

## 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 *Georgina, James and Scarlett*. Well done!

## Dates for your diary -



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

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

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 4 & 5 Team Maths Challenge

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March** - Sport Relief

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

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

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** - Easter Journey at St. Mary Magdalene Church and Whalton Village Hall

**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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