



Whalton School News

Spring Term

8th February 2019



NSPCC Number Day –

Thank you for your generous donations to the NSPCC. We collected £43.11 in total. The children enjoyed their day, taking part in different Maths activities and games.



Internet Safety Day



We hope that you have all received your leaflet about Internet Safety Day this week. The focus was 'consent', which was developed appropriately within each year group. If you have any concerns about e-safety either in general or for your child in particular, please talk to your child's class teacher.

YouTube Kids - Lots of our children have said that they enjoy watching funny videos on YouTube but are aware that there are some videos which are not appropriate for them. 'YouTube Kids' is an app for tablets that claims to give children: 'A safer online experience for kids'. It says on their website that they use a mix of filters, user feedback and human reviewers to keep videos in YouTube Kids family friendly. It looks worth a visit for peace of mind.

Whole School Church visit – Thursday 7th February

We very much enjoyed visiting the different Christian churches in Morpeth. The children were amazed at the many similarities and differences. We were very proud of their enthusiasm and behaviour; they were a credit to their parents and school! Our grateful thanks go to all the helpers who gave up their

time to accompany us and to the members of the different churches who welcomed us so warmly. Not to mention the 'Memory Cafe' where the Year 5 and 6 children excelled themselves - they took photographs of old Morpeth as a stimulus for talking; sang some songs and took some lovely sweet treats that they had baked. There was a mutual appreciation of the time they spent there.

Two ladies who were helping on the day were very complimentary about the way the children interacted with the adults and commented on how lovely the singing was!

Year 6 Assessments Parents Meeting - Tuesday 12th February

As you are aware your child is required to sit end of Key Stage 2 statutory assessments (SATS) during a week in May.

Date	Key Stage 2 Assessment
Monday 13 May 2019	English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2
Tuesday 14 May 2019	English reading
Wednesday 15 May 2019	Mathematics papers 1 and 2
Thursday 16 May 2019	Mathematics paper 3

As we lead up to these assessments, we would like to give as much help and support to the children as we can, so that they feel as confident and as happy as possible.

We are holding a short 30 minutes Parents' Meeting at 9am on Tuesday 12th February to give more information and to discuss any concerns you may have.

If you are unable to make this meeting, Mrs Elliott/Miss Anderson will be happy to share it with you at another mutually convenient time.



Bags 2 School – Monday 4th March

Bags 2 school is back on the 4th March. If you are having a clear out, we would be grateful of any donations. The bags will be given out just before half term and they list what can be put into them. Please could you return the bags to school on the morning of the 4th March! Thank you.



World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

WORLD BOOK DAY

For World Book Day we would like the children to come dressed in either a character from a book or one complete colour! Our theme for the day will be our 'feelings and emotions' and how they are reflected in the written word. We have Don, from the Schools Library Service, who will tell us stories based around feelings. Watch out for the annual book tokens which will be in your child's bag. They can be used to part-purchase books and to buy the small ones specifically published for World Book Day 2019. There will still be a football lesson that day, so please send your child in with their PE kit in a bag.



Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March

The School Council would like the children to dress in red (or something red) and to hold a red, funny tombola. If you have anything red or funny that you would like to donate to the stall, it would be most gratefully received. The children will be charging £1.00 a ticket! Also we would like to sell cakes for 50p on the day. If you could bake something for the School Council to sell to the children at playtime, that would be great.

Parent Meetings: Pupil Progress Update

There will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress on Monday 18th and Wednesday 20th March 2019. Further information and appointment slots will be sent out nearer the time. Thank you.

Whalton School Association Lottery Draw

Congratulations to Mrs Robinson who won the draw for January!



Dates for your diary -

Tuesday 12th February - Year 6 SATS meeting - 9:00am in school

Thursday 14th February - School breaks up for half term

Friday 15th February - Teacher Training Day

Monday 25th February - School re-opens for spring term 2

Wednesday 27th February - Year 5 Transition Day at Ponteland High School

Thursday 28th February - 1st of 6 sessions - Trident Soccer Football Coaching

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

Friday 15th March - Red Nose Day

Monday 8th - Sunday 17th March - British Science week

Monday 18th March - Wednesday 20th March - Parents' Meetings: Pupil Progress Update

Tuesday 26th March - Cambo Church trail - further information to follow

Friday 5th April - Easter Service - 2:00pm in Church

Friday 5th April - School breaks up for the Easter Holidays



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