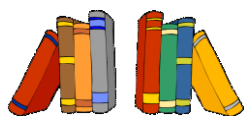




## **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017 Newsletter**



### **World Book Day**

Everyone looked fantastic in their costumes and the children enjoyed rummaging in the Jumble sale for various goodies. It raised an amazing £70 for the school. Thank you to Louise for organising the Jumble Sale and to parents and staff who donated items.

### **Friends events reminders**

**Mother's Day Stall**-Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

Please return envelopes to school as soon as possible

**Pub Quiz-Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

It would be great if you could get a team together and if possible donate a prize for the raffle such as a bottle of wine. Please give your donation to Louise Armatage or leave in school for us to pass on.

### **AGM**

The Friend's AGM will be on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 8pm in the Crown Inn, Humshaugh**. All parents are very welcome. The Friends provide an amazing support to the school and many activities and events are enabled because of the fund raising organised.

### **Cbeebies Stargazing**

You may remember that some of our children were chosen to take part in the filming of Stargazing back in January. I am delighted to inform you that the first set of episodes will be aired every day at 5.45pm between Monday 27<sup>th</sup> to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March on CBeebies.

### **British Science Week**

As part of this Science week, the children have taken part in an afternoon of activities based around the theme of 'Change'. They had a fantastic afternoon observing, predicting and investigating. Thank you to Mrs Carney for organising the activities and resources and Mrs Phillips, Mrs Parker and Miss Bell for assisting. (Photos on the website)

### **Kathakali Dance Session**

We have just started to work towards gaining an Arts Award in collaboration with the Queens Hall in Hexham. To fulfil some of the criteria, the children needed to try a new art form and were very fortunate to meet Vijay and Barbara, both experts in the Hindu dance genre Kathakali. All the children were enthusiastic and engaged and their exceptional behaviour was commented on many times by the visiting artistes. (Photos on the website)

### **Green Monkey Portraits**

We hope you were pleased with the latest photographs taken by Green Monkey Portraits. Although the last day to return orders was today, Lindsay is more than happy to receive orders after today. The next photo shoot will be on our Family Picnic Day on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June. This will include outdoor photos of individuals, friendship groups, siblings and family groups.

### **Parent consultations**

It was great to meet with you to discuss your child's progress. Mrs Blythe and I are very proud of all the children and the positive attitude they have to their learning. We really appreciate all the support you give at home, particularly with reading. It is invaluable. Please do not hesitate to contact us through the year if you would like further discussions about attainment and targets.

### **Tynedale Music Festival**

This is one of the highlights of the year for parents, children and teachers!

The children will be performing in two categories at the Queens Hall in Hexham on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**The following performance times have been confirmed by the organisers but are approximate.**

**Hymn Singing-approx. 9.55am**

**Choral Singing-approx.10.15am**

We would love as many parents as possible to come and support us. I think the Sele singers will be performing from approx. 9.30am so if you can arrive before this time, you will hopefully get a seat! Please remember that taking photos and videos is not allowed in the Queens Hall.

### Slippers

Many children have brought slippers into school and are really enjoying the relaxed feeling.

If you would like your child to wear slippers in school, **please provide a suitable, practical pair** in a bag to stay in school through the term. This will be on a trial basis. If we find it is taking too much time to organise for play and lunchtime then I will let you know.

### Parent visits

To inspire children to be aspirational, we would love parents to come into school to share their experiences with children about their jobs and professions. If you are a doctor, vet, builder, health visitor, social worker, plumber, electrician, care worker or lawyer...or any other, please contact Mrs Long to arrange a suitable time. There would be a teacher present to lead the question and answer session. We are so far looking forward to welcoming Shona Wood (Vet) in school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

### Nut and sesame seed allergy

Just a reminder that we have a couple of children with a nut allergy in school. We ask that if you are providing a packed lunch for your child that you are mindful of food containing nuts or sesame seeds. The allergic reaction is severe even if the children come into brief contact with nuts or sesame.

### Attendance and Punctuality

No late marks recently which is fantastic!

### Other dates for your diary.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March:** Tynedale Music Festival, Queens Hall, Hexham- Approx. start time 9.55am

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Pub Quiz at The Crown Pub, Humshaugh

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** Comic Relief Red Nose Day- Wear Red to school (£1 donation please)

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** Mother's Day Stall (after school)

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** RE Day

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April:** Easter Service 9.15am School hall (Easter bonnet competition and Easter egg hunt)

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April:** Church Easter Service at St.Peter's led by Revd. Steve at 9.15am-all parents welcome (afterwards, children to deliver Easter cards and gifts to people in the village)

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April:** Break up for Easter holidays

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April:** School starts Summer 1<sup>st</sup> term

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May:** Parent e-safety meeting- time TBC

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May:** History Day (Robin Hood and Medieval times)

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June:** Family Picnic Day 2pm on the field (weather permitting) Green Monkey Portraits available for outdoor family photos.

### Kathakali Dance



### British Science Week



Best wishes

Jude Long (Headteacher)

