



20th January 2017 Newsletter



CBeebies Stargazing

Very well done to Maya, Hayden, Tristan, Aimee-Leigh, Alana and Rowan who had an amazing experience filming some episodes of Stargazing to be aired later on in the year. I am very envious that they got to meet Robert the Robot from Justin's house!

Year 4 Lunchtime clubs

For a while, the Year 4 children have been asking me about leading lunchtime clubs in school. From next week, there will be a Story club on a Monday, run by Naomi; a Sports club on a Tuesday, run by Bayleigh; a Book club on a Wednesday run by Kayla and Arran and a Dance and Singing club on a Thursday, run by Heidi. I am delighted and proud of the way they have taken on the responsibility of presenting their ideas to the pupils, writing their registers and organising activities. We have divided the school children into 4 groups and each child has either their first or second choice of club. The clubs will run on a 5 weekly cycle so all children have the opportunity to experience at least 2 or 3 different clubs.

Parent evening dates and letters

A letter detailing information about the next Parent evening will be sent out on Monday so please check your child's book bag and return your preferred choice of times as soon as possible. Times are allocated on a first come first served basis. It would help Mrs Blythe and me if you indicate more than just one choice.

500 words competition

BBC Radio 2 has recently launched their 500 words writing competition. If your child is interested in submitting a story, go to www.bbc.co.uk/500words for more information.

Parking on zig zags

It has been brought to my attention that many parents are parking on the yellow zig zag lines when dropping off and picking up children from school and pre-school. Please try to avoid parking on these areas, particularly just before 12 o'clock as our Catering assistant delivers lunches at the front door which are transported in heavy boxes.

Building work

As you know, the building work has started opposite the school. I have already been in contact with Duchy Housing and they have assured me that the Site Manager will be visiting our school to discuss safety and how the children can be involved with the building project, for example running competitions.

Swimming money reminder

The cost is £21.00 (£3 per session). Please send your money to the office in a clearly labelled envelope with your child's name and class.

Outdoor Adventure Club

The after school club has started again on Mondays from 3.05pm-4.15pm. The children will be learning all about First Aid. There is no need to sign another consent form, but if your child is not attending, please inform their class teacher so the register can be updated.

Lunch money

Please send lunch money to the office in a clearly labelled envelope. The amount for 6 weeks and 4 days is £68.00. Many thanks.

Reading volunteers

We would very grateful if anyone could spare some time to read with children in Class 1 and 2. We are completely flexible with when this could be. If you would like to volunteer, please let Mrs Blythe or Mrs Long know as soon as possible.

Nut and sesame seed allergy

Just a reminder that we have several 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.

PE Kit

Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school. PE is on a Friday every week. This half term will be Gymnastics and it is vital that children are wearing appropriate kit.

If your child does not have a PE kit, they will not be allowed to take part in the lesson and will have to sit and watch.

Attendance and Punctuality

We have had no late marks in the book since the beginning of term which is brilliant thank you.

Other dates for your diary.

Thursday 16th February 2017: Break for Half Term

Friday 17th February 2017: Teacher Day

Monday 27th February 2017: Spring 2nd Half Term starts

Tuesday 28th February: Parent evening

Wednesday 1st March: Parent evening

Wednesday 1st March: Green Money Portraits: Formal photographs (individual, siblings)

Friday 17th March: Tynedale Music Festival, Queens Hall, Hexham Time TBC

Thursday 6th April: Easter Service 9.15am School hall

Friday 7th April: Break up for Easter holidays

Monday 24th April: School starts -Summer 1st term

Kind regards,

Jude Long (Headteacher)