



Friday 10th 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 24th March

Please return envelopes to school as soon as possible

Pub Quiz-Tuesday 21st 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 23rd 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 27th to Friday 31st 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 8th 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 17th 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 13th 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 17th March: Tynedale Music Festival, Queens Hall, Hexham- Approx. start time 9.55am

Tuesday 21st March: Pub Quiz at The Crown Pub, Humshaugh

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

Friday 24th March: Mother's Day Stall (after school)

Monday 27th March: RE Day

Thursday 6th April: Easter Service 9.15am School hall (Easter bonnet competition and Easter egg hunt)

Friday 7th 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 7th April: Break up for Easter holidays

Monday 24th April: School starts Summer 1st term

Thursday 4th May: Parent e-safety meeting- time TBC

Friday 26th May: History Day (Robin Hood and Medieval times)

Thursday 8th 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)

