



## 11<sup>th</sup> March 2016 Newsletter

### PTA update

Thank you to everyone who supported the Mother's Day gift shop on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. There has been some very good feedback from parents. Thanks to Louise and her team for organising this which raised £70 towards the transport to Bamburgh. The children and staff had a wonderful day on the trip last week. Thanks to Mrs Long for organising the activity and to Louise and Jane for helping on the day.

### World Book Day

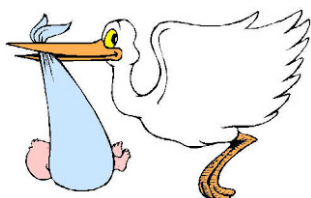
The children had a wonderful time on Friday, dressing up as their favourite book character and sharing some of their favourite stories. We hope they enjoy spending the World Book Day token.

### EYFS update

Pre-school is now the proud owner of a mud kitchen, thanks to Jerome Parker. The children will be able to mix all sorts of wonderful potions and pies, using various natural and recycled materials. Mixing and stirring are good for developing upper arm strength which in turn helps with the development of fine motor skills and early writing. It is also good fun!

### Tempest Photography

The school proof is on display in the entrance to the school. If you would like to purchase a copy, please sign your names on the list in the entrance by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March. You will be sent an invoice once the photographs arrive.



### Staffing update

As you know, Miss Osborne is expecting her second child (another baby boy) after Easter and will begin her maternity leave at the start of the Summer term. Louise Armatage is organising a gift bag for Miss Osborne from parents. If you would like to contribute a present for either mum or baby, please see Louise.

### Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is running at a small profit and so Mrs Phillips has purchased a new toaster so the children can have toast as well as cereals in a morning. Children in receipt of Free School Meals are entitled to a free place. Please see Mrs Phillips for details. Please make cheques for Breakfast Club payable to **Northumberland County Council**.

### Lent Club

This club is proving to be very popular with children. Thanks to Louise Armatage, Judith Sadler and Canon Christine for their input. Here are some of the comments from the children:

It's fun and exciting because we do Art.  
**Bayleigh**

I liked making the chocolate nests.  
**Arran**

We get to do games and painting for mum and dad and play with a duck! **Rowan**

It's not the fun I like, it's learning about God.  
**Harrison**

I go to church and I like to learn more about God. **Hayden**

The biscuits are purple to remember that Jesus died and white for the joy when he came out of the tomb. **Jamie**

Judith is fun and imaginative.  
**Naomi**

### **Lunch and swimming money**

Please remember to send money to school in a named envelope indicating the amount and what the payment is for. Lunch money for this half term is £48 and swimming is £12.50. Cheques should be made payable to Northumberland County Council, please.

### **Morning routines**

Please remember to arrive promptly to school in the morning. The bell is rung for school to start at 8.50am. Parents should leave their children in the playground where they will be escorted into school by Mrs Phillips. Thank you.

### **Tynedale Music Festival**

Mrs Long is busy rehearsing songs with the children in preparation for the Tynedale Music Festival. Please check your child's book bag for a letter about this. Only children in Years 1-4 will perform but Reception children will attend to offer support and encouragement. It would be really appreciated if you could help your child to learn the words to the songs. Thank you.

### **Odd Socks Day**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March is World Down Syndrome Day and we will be taking part in the Odd Socks campaign. This is a fun way to raise funds for the Education Centre for Children with Downs Syndrome. We invite your child to wear brightly coloured non-matching socks and make a donation (suggestion of £1 per child), to show that people with Down Syndrome are different but the same. All proceeds raised will allow ECCDS to help children with Downs Syndrome and their families acquire essential skills.

### **Easter Service**

We will be holding an Easter Praise You Service at 2.15pm on Maundy Thursday followed by refreshments from the Friends of Humshaugh First School. We would like to invite children to decorate an egg or make an Easter bonnet to bring into school. There will be a prize for the most creative entry for each year group. There will also be a parents' competition with a bottle for the best adult entry. Get your creative juices flowing!

### **School Uniform**

Children are looking very smart in their school uniform. Please remember that you can now order stock directly from School Trends at [www.schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk). We are anticipating some lovely warm weather after Easter, so it would be great to see children in shorts and Summer dresses.

### **Other dates for your diary.**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March:** Tynedale Music Festival

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March:** Oddsocks day to raise money for ECCDS (Education Centre for children with Down Syndrome).

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March:** Easter Praise You Service at 2.15pm.

Kind regards,

Cath Newson (Headteacher)

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