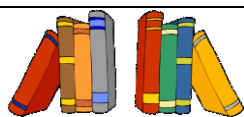




## Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2017 Newsletter



### World Book Day-Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Children are very welcome to come to school dressed up as their favourite character.

On the same day The Friends will be running a **JUMBLE SALE** in the hall.

Parents are welcome to come and have a 'rummage' after drop off.

Children may bring a small amount of pocket money to spend on toys and books.

They can also bring a book to swap as long as it is in good condition.

### JUMBLE REQUEST

If you happen to be having a 'Spring' clean at half term then we would appreciate any clothes, books, toys and nearly new goods.

Please bring your jumble items into school from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February. There will be some tables set up in the hall for bags of items.

### Green Monkey Portraits **Date change!!**

Now Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February for individual and group photographs.

This will start after the bell has rung and will include Pre-School children as well.

If you wish to have a family portrait including children who are not of school age, Lindsay and Paul will be ready from 8.15am in the hall. To assist with organisation, please inform us if you will be arriving early.

### Parent consultations

Mrs Blythe and I look forward to seeing you on either Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February or Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March.



### Swimming

Well done to all children who achieved a badge. Take the paper slip to the Wentworth Leisure Centre to get the badge. The badge will cost a small amount if your child does not take part in after school swimming lessons.

### Library makeover

I am delighted with the progress of the library makeover. We already have tables, chairs, some bookcases, a lovely red rug, some curtains and a few trinkets and curiosities.

**Thank you** to Shona Wood, Rebecca and Julian Christopher, Jane Pesarra-Parker, Mark Davison, Karen Blythe, Kirsty Carney, Jennifer Goff and my husband Will for donating various items and helping with collecting tables and chairs from various houses in the area!

We still need the following items-particularly material and bric a brac.

- **Wooden chairs –dining or kitchen, any colour, shabby or shic! (We only need two or three)**
- **Trinkets and bric a brac (e.g. jugs, unusual bottles, candle sticks, unusual items and artefacts)**
- **Long curtains or material (suitable to drape or swag!)**
- **Vintage maps or posters**
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Items can be delivered to school or I am happy to come and pick them up.

When the area has had its makeover, parents will be invited to come and see-the big reveal!

**\*THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON A WEDNESDAY AFTER SCHOOL UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE\***

### 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 hopefully will get a seat!

### 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.

### Friends

Louise and the Friends are planning some super events in the next few months such as a Mother's Day Stall, a jumble and book stall on World Book Day and an Easter bonnet competition and Easter egg hunt at the end of the term.

There will also be a **Pub Quiz** at The Crown on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March which will raise funds for school.

**It would be great if you could get a team together and if possible donate a prize for the raffle.**

### 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. **Thank you to Shona Wood and Tom Schatzberger for volunteering their time after half term.**

### 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](http://www.bbc.co.uk/500words) for more information.

### 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> February 2017:** Teacher Day

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017:** Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term starts

**Date change!! Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February:** Green Money Portraits: Formal photographs (individual, siblings and Pre-School)

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February:** Parent consultations

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March:** Parent consultations

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** World Book Day-**children to dress up as favourite book character** (JUMBLE SALE)

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> March:** Mother's Day Stall (after school)

**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:** Break up for Easter holidays

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

Have a very happy half term and see you on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February.

Kind regards,

Jude Long (Headteacher)

