



Friday 7th April 2017 Newsletter

Easter Service

We had a fabulous service yesterday and lots of parents, grandparents and friends came to support us. Thank you to Revd. Steve for his kind words and Louise, Gwyn, Rebecca and Friends of Humshaugh who organised tea and delicious cake afterwards. We really appreciate your invaluable contribution. Special thanks to Louise who arranged an Easter egg hunt for the children after the service.

Lots of children decorated eggs and bonnets and the following children were awarded prizes for their entries.

Reception

Bonnet-Callum

Egg-Evie

Year 2

Bonnet-Hayden

Egg-Lloyd

Year 1

Bonnet-Jackson

Egg-Abbie

Year 3

Egg-Jamie (and sisters)

Year 4

Bonnet-Heidi

Egg-Naomi

After the service, the staff agreed that a special prize be given to Aimee-Leigh for her amazing stargazing egg display-well done. All children who took part were given a small chocolate treat.



Easter Service at the Church

Today the children and staff joined Revd. Steve for an Easter service at St. Peter's Church. One of our governors Richard Dodds kindly brought in two of his new born lambs which added to Revd. Steve's talk about Palm Sunday. The children sang and behaved beautifully.

Afterwards, we all delivered small Easter gifts and hand made cards to the people who live in Orchard View and East Lea. They were really appreciative and had fabulous smiles on their faces when they saw the children.

PE

We are sad to say goodbye to Mr Chapman today. He has been a fantastic PE teacher and the children will really miss him. They made a super card and he was awarded with a golden egg!! We welcome back Barry Collins for the summer term. PE will still take place on a Friday afternoon. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS THEIR PE KIT IN SCHOOL –IT CAN BE LEFT ON THEIR PEG FOR THE HALF TERM, TAKEN HOME AND WASHED IN THE HOLIDAY AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT HALF TERM. PLEASE ENSURE TRAINERS ARE PROVIDED FOR OUTDOOR PE.

Summer Production (Y4 Leaver Production)

This year the children are going to dazzle you with a production of Hoodwinked which is the story of Robin Hood. We have already started to learn the songs and after Easter we will start on the staging.

We would really appreciate help with costume this year. If you have any suitable Robin Hood/Merry men costumes or medieval style princess dresses, please can we borrow them!

Also we will need some costumes made for example the Friars' habits and numerous tunics. If you know of anyone who is good with a needle, please ask them if they could help us.

After school club

Well done to those who received certificates for completing the basic First Aid course.

After School club will resume **on Monday 24th April**. The children will experience a range of outdoor activities during the summer term. Unless weather is horrendous, they will be outside every Monday.

Please provide your child with wellington boots and a waterproof coat every Monday.

New look library

Thank you to everyone who has been involved with transforming the library space, staff, parents and in particular Julie Thompson.

Many people have kindly donated various bric-a-brac and items of curiosity, however we could do with some more!

Please send in your item for the attention of Mrs Long.

Broomley Grange

The letters have gone out about the Year 4 residential. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask.

Water bottles

As the weather is hopefully getting warmer, please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day. They must be taken home to wash on a regular basis but children can refill their bottles in their classroom.

Parent visits

To inspire children to be aspirational, we have invited parents to come into school to share their experiences with children about their jobs and professions. If you are a chef, hotelier, builder, health visitor, social worker, plumber, electrician, care worker, 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 Tom Schatzberger who talked about his career as a Doctor on Tuesday. We are looking forward to welcoming Liane Atkin and Sarah Martin-Maughan in the summer term.

Slippers

Many children have brought slippers into school and are really enjoying the relaxed feeling, however as the weather is getting warmer, big thick slippers are not so practical. Slippers will be sent home today until the beginning of the Autumn Term.

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 do not include 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

There have been a few late marks in the last two weeks. We are still using our Late book to record and monitor punctuality.

Other dates for your diary.

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 19th May: Pupil Voice Conference at Sele First School

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.**

Wednesday 21st June: Y4 Leaver Service at Newcastle Cathedral

Tuesday 4th July: Transfer Day

Wednesday 5th July: Sports Day: 1.30pm (Weather permitting)

Thursday 13th July: Hoodwinked Summer Production 9.15am and 5.30pm

Saturday 15th July: Wall Fete-children singing -time TBC

Monday 17th –Wednesday 19th July: Broomley Grange, Year 4 Residential

Friday 21st July: Leaver Service at school 9.15am

Hope you have a very Happy Easter! We look forward to seeing you again on Monday 24th April.

Best wishes

Jude Long (Headteacher)

