



3rd February 2017 Newsletter



Swimming

Just to let you know that

Thursday 9th February will be badges

Thursday 16th February is **WATER SAFETY** week so children will need to bring T-SHIRTS AND SHORTS to wear in the swimming pool.

Parent consultations

The letter with your date and time was sent out yesterday. Please check your child's book bag and ensure that the date and time is convenient for you. Please let the class teacher know if you need to book an alternative appointment.

On both days you are very welcome to come into school and have a look around at the new displays. Children's books will be available if you wish to arrive early to take a look. Teachers will discuss your child's progress and aims for the next term.



Library makeover

My aim for the library is to create an inspirational writing area for the whole school while keeping a comfortable reading zone and library area.

To realise this vision, I will need the following items. If you have or know of anyone who has any of these items, please could you let me know...

- **Wooden tables (round, square or oblong)**
- **Wooden chairs (adult size)**
- **Trinkets and bric a brac (e.g. jugs, unusual bottles, candle sticks, unusual items and artefacts)**
- **Old bookcases**
- **Long curtains or material (suitable to drape or swag!)**
- **Vintage maps or posters**

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

LIBRARY BOOKS- Many children are choosing books from our library but not returning them when finished. Please ensure that library books are returned to school once finished.

Request from Mrs Carney

As part of their Science topic Teeth and Eating, Mrs Carney will be using disclosing tablets with Class 2 next Wednesday 8th February. Please send your child to school with their toothbrush and toothpaste.

Slippers

You may have recently heard that some schools are inviting children to bring slippers to wear in school. It apparently allows children to feel more relaxed thus more likely to learn and progress. 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 The Crown on Tuesday 21st 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.

Year 4 Lunchtime clubs

The Year 4s started their clubs last week with great success. The clubs are as follows: 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. The Year 4s are demonstrating great organisational and leadership skills and I am very proud of them.

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.

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 two late marks in the book this week. Please ensure your child is at school for when the bell rings at 8.50am.

Other dates for your diary.

Thursday 16th February 2017: Break for Half Term (Water Safety day-bring t-shirt and shorts as well as costume)

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)

Thursday 2nd March: World Book Day-children to dress up as favourite book character

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

Tuesday 21st March: Pub Quiz at The Crown

Friday 23rd March: Mother's Day Stall

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

Friday 7th April: Break up for Easter holidays

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

Kind regards,

Jude Long (Headteacher)