



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Ofsted
Outstanding
2011|2012

nace
National Association for
Gifted Children in Education



Challenge Award
FOR EXCELLENCE IN PROVISION FOR
ABLE, GIFTED & TALENTED PUPILS
JANUARY 2014

Dear Parents,

Winter is definitely upon us and we are hoping it soon leaves again! The children of course are delighted to see the snow and are making the most of it. Lots going on in the coming weeks and we have had some amazing feedback from the visitors we have had in school this week congratulating the children on their manners and listening and attention - making us all feel so proud of our children. Well done!



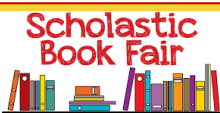
Rights Respecting Week - 11th - 15th February

We will launch our annual Rights Respecting week on Monday 11th with a whole school assembly outlining our activities during the coming week. Our focus this year is Article 2 that 'The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status.' During the week, each class will focus on different Rights from the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The whole school theme will link to our work on the Educate and Celebrate project looking at diversity and inclusion.

We would like all children to come to school on Monday 11th with their team coloured tops to work in teams during the morning session. On Friday afternoon, we are also planning a celebration event - in a rainbow theme, representing that everyone is unique and that the UN CRC Rights apply to *all* children. Children are invited to wear any brightly coloured top to reflect the colours of the rainbow. Parents are invited to join us at the assembly at 2.30pm where the children will share the work that has been completed during the week. Please respond on the app if you would like to attend. If you do come along, why not join us by wearing rainbow colours too?

£5 Book Fair 4th - 8th February

We will be holding a Scholastic 'High 5 Book Fair' here at school next week. There are a huge range of books titles on offer - all for £5 or less! The fair is open every afternoon straight after school until 3.45pm. The winners of the £5 book vouchers from the bookmark/poster competition are Kathryn from Y6 and Ayla from Y2



Savings Club - £5 free!

I hope that you took advantage of our savings scheme promotion this week and encouraged your child to bring along at least £1 to kick off the 4-week savings incentive. If they continue to save at least £1 for a further 3 weeks, they will receive a £5 bonus into their account - courtesy of Livin'. Great habits to get into. (If you did forget today, then Livin' have kindly extended the offer to Monday 4th Feb - but that really is the last chance to earn your £5 bonus)



Head lice - please check!

We have had further outbreaks of head lice in school and I do understand how frustrating it can be as a parent to having to keep treating children. However, we can only control outbreaks if everyone is really diligent in checking hair - preferably on a weekly basis - and treating thoroughly if needed. Please make an extra effort to check your child's hair this weekend.



Half term holiday activities Mon - Wed 18th, 19th and 20th February.

Thanks to all that responded to the message about holiday provision. There were almost 30 parents that said they would like us to offer provision so we have put an offer out.

Details are in the letter on the app. Please do book places as soon as possible as we do need a minimum take-up for us to run the club. If we don't get a minimum of 10 children each day, we would not be able to run the provision.



Chinese New Year - Tuesday 5th February

We are delighted to welcome Lip Lee to school on Monday 4th Feb to present a whole school assembly and then join our EYFS children to enjoy some Chinese arts and crafts.

And if you would like to join in further with the new year celebrations, then visit Durham on Saturday 9th February where there are lots of activities at venues across the city that celebrate 2019 - The Year of the Pig. See Chinese lion dancing, storytelling, calligraphy, music and dance performances as well as craft stalls and enjoy a tea ceremony! Free entry to all activities

Safer Internet Day - Tuesday 5th February



If you have requested a place to watch our Internet Safety Assembly, then we look forward to seeing you next Tuesday at 2.30pm. (all current applicants for spaces can be accommodated). Our new 'Lions' group (Leaders in Online Safety) will lead the assembly production and all classes will contribute towards the session. Don't worry if you can't make it, we'll put lots of pictures and information online and on twitter.

Social media and online access is such a huge issue - and causes lots of discussion and arguments both at home and at school - it would be great to see lots of parents here to share our work.

Valentine Disco Wed 13th February



DJ John is hosting our annual Valentine Disco on Wednesday 13th. It will run from 6.00pm - 7.30pm. Entry is £1 and refreshments will be available. Younger brothers and sisters are welcome as long as parents stay to take care of them!

Beamish Visit Monday 18th Feb



Thank you for your positive response to the trip to Beamish offer. I am sure that you and the children will have a great day. We are expecting the tickets into school on the 12th February and will ensure that they get to you as soon as we have them.

Reception Class Assembly - and Stay and Play Thursday 14th February 9.15am - 11.15am

Reception Class parents are invited to join us for the morning of 14th February to allow us to show off our talents. Stay after Assembly and do some Valentine themed arts and crafts in class too.

Hats, scarves and gloves....and snow!

Just a further update on being prepared for the weather. Now that snow has arrived, it is advisable for children come to school wearing boots or wellingtons and bring along a change for the classroom - either shoes or slippers would be fine. The children do go outside daily, unless it is raining or snowing heavily at the time. They are allowed on the school field if they have wellies and they go on the yard if they don't. There can still be quite a bit of snow on the yard, so please make sure children come to school well prepared for the weather.

Hats, gloves and scarves are also advisable...probably for the next few weeks at least!

