



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Here we are again at the final newsletter of the term already! We're always optimistic that the coming Easter Break is the start of a long and sunny summer term ahead, although the snow this week and freezing temperatures aren't filling us with optimism! I hope that the children enjoy their break, accessing lots of Article 31 - the *Right to Play and Rest*.

## Easter Egg success!

Following yet another successful Easter egg competition this morning, we want to pass on our congratulations to the winners. Thank you to all who entered and also to the Castle Residents Association for donating the prizes and doing the difficult job of judging!

Well done to - Will, Harley, Phoebe, Ruby (Nursery) Autumn, Mia, Finley (Reception) Louis, Ennis, Milla (Y1) Ollie, Ava, Mya (Y2) Kate, Faith, Ben (Y3) Evie, Connor, Hannah (Y4) Lexi, Kian, Charlie, Finn (Y5) and Abbie, Addison, Robyn (Y6).



## Holiday Activity Days - 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> April

Sedgefield Sports Partnership and SCOUTED are each providing clubs during the Easter holidays here at school.

SSP are providing a 'Sports camp' in the first week - places available by booking directly through their website <https://sedgefieldssp.org.uk/holiday-camps/>.

The Sports camps are a new venture and, if successful, we will look to providing them during each holiday period. The cost is just £12 per day or £20 for both days. There are still plenty of places available - and you can book right up to the day before the club. Children from other schools are also welcome to join. Check out their website for further details.

**SCOUTED** are doing bushcraft activities in the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of the holidays. Everyone who requested a Bushcraft Day has been allocated one day each (we had too many requests to give everyone both days). **Please ensure that your booking form has been returned to school prior to the end of today. Thank you.**

## Mother's Day lunch

Thank you to all of our mams and grans that came along to join us for lunch last Friday and this Tuesday - I hope you enjoyed it!

It was very busy and we appreciate your patience whilst everyone was served. We had over 90 extra people to serve and added to all of the excitement, there was a lovely atmosphere.



### Mining Art Project - exhibition

Y6 are working hard on their art project and would like to invite their grown-ups to an exhibition of their art work on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm. Children have studied the art of both Norman Cornish and Tom McGuinness and used this as inspiration for their own pieces. As part of the project, children have to present their work to an audience before we send our logbooks off to be moderated. We hope you can join us to share the children's work and to talk to the children about what they have enjoyed about the project. Refreshments will be available.

### Easter Study Class

Just a reminder that all of our Y6 pupils have been invited to our Easter Study Class. The classes are held on the Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning (10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> April) 9am - 12pm. The Friday session lasts until 12:30pm as we treat the children to lunch. There is a pirate theme for the sessions and we would like to see as many children as possible dressed up.



### Parent Interview Appointments

Thank you to those who have already attended the meeting with your child's class teacher. I hope that you found it valuable and that you were pleased with their progress. If you do feel that you still have some questions following your meeting, you are very welcome to get back in touch and follow things up.



### Upcoming dates and events

26<sup>th</sup> April - Y5 Mini-police (15) to visit the control room  
30<sup>th</sup> April - Guitar Event at FBEC - more details to follow  
7<sup>th</sup> May - NSPCC workshops  
9<sup>th</sup> May - Y5 Science Ambassadors to Rolls Royce, Washington  
Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May - KS2 SATs  
13<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> May - Reception Class Bikeability (more details to follow)  
16<sup>th</sup> May - Y3 visit to Oriental Museum



### After school activities - next half term

To commence the first week back and run for 5 weeks (except for the Monday club). Please respond via the app to request a place on the club of their choice. Children will receive a note (where needed) confirming if they have been allocated a place.

Tuesday 3.15pm - 4.15pm  
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Thursday 3.15pm - 4.15pm  
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Eco and gardening club - new Key Stage 2 members welcome  
Key Stage 2 Multi-sports  
Year 1 and Year 2 Science Club (ran by our Science Ambassadors)  
Key Stage 1 Tennis