



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Our Rights Respecting theme for this week's newsletter highlights the importance of Article 29 - that 'Education should help you learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people. This week's activities have certainly covered many aspects of the article - as do the coming events outlined below.

World Book Day - March 7th

I am sure that you will have seen from Twitter that we have had a really busy week this week. Author Adam visited on Tuesday and the children really enjoyed his story telling, props and characters. Yesterday was amazing - I am sure the best and most enjoyable World Book Day ever! The costumes were unbelievable - both staff and children. Thank you for supporting the day.

The class winners who all receive a £5 voucher to spend from our book club leaflet - that was sent home yesterday - are:

Nursery: Isaac Reception: Tom Year 1: Beau Year 2: Thom Year 3: Faith
Year 4: Lucie-Elle Year 5: Charlie Year 6: Jessie

Staff winners were - The Nursery Team with their Alice in Wonderland theme.



Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

Saturday 30th March 2019 at 1pm to 2.30pm or 3pm to 4.30pm @ Ferryhill Village Methodist Chapel.

Back by popular demand - Mother's Day Afternoon Tea -the perfect gift! A chance to treat mams, grandmas, aunties and friends to a lovely afternoon of scrumptious food and good company. A selection of freshly made sandwiches, scones, sweet treats and tea or coffee at a beautiful venue.

Tickets only £3 per person available from Broom Cottages, Cleves Cross, Dean Bank and Ferryhill Station Primary Schools and Ferryhill Village Methodist Chapel.

Tickets are limited and will be sold first come first served.



Parent Interview Appointments - starting 20th March

We are looking forward to meeting parents in a couple of weeks' time to share with you the children's successes and targets so far this year. We do like to meet with every parent and can offer either an afternoon or after-school appointments to try to accommodate everyone. Please make your choice on the app form as to which date you would prefer to meet with your child's class teacher. The whole school evening appointments run from 3.15pm - 6.00pm on the afternoon of Monday 25th March.

The afternoon appointments run from 21st until 29th. It is really important that we get to have these discussions with everyone and, as always, we will do our very best to accommodate parent needs. Where possible we will timetable sibling appointments close together if Monday 25th is chosen.

Mother's Day lunch 29th March and 2nd April

Thanks to all that have requested places for our Mother's Day lunch. I can confirm we are able to accommodate all requests that we have had so far. We will send slips out confirming your days and arrival times next week. We can probably still fit in a small number of additional places so if you haven't yet requested a space, please let us know as soon as possible that you would like to join us and we will do our best to fit everyone in.

Connecting Classrooms - Sri Lanka visit

Thanks to funding from the British Council Connecting Classrooms project, Mrs. Hilton, Mrs. Atkinson and myself have made another visit to Sri Lanka, to our partner school, during last week and half-term week. I managed to Facetime again during Assembly last Monday, alongside one of the Sri Lankan teachers. The children enjoyed asking questions and seeing a little of the scenery around the school area! We have lots of photos that we can share on our website and Year 4 and Year 5 are following up on the shared projects we completed - with new pen pal friends and sharing lots of information about the island of Sri Lanka and its people. The children in Sri Lanka certainly enjoyed their English lessons and I hope that our children here at school will enjoy developing their understanding of the world beyond our country.



Ambassadors for Community Change

Are the children keeping you up to date with the Five Ways to Well-Being challenge? This week they have been 'taking notice' of their thoughts and feelings of the world around them. And next week's challenge is to 'keep learning'. We are encouraging pupils and staff to embrace new experiences, see new opportunities and surprise themselves with just what they can do - perhaps even learning a new skill?



Comic Relief - School Comic Quiz Day

We know children love to take part in activities such as Comic Relief and next Friday - 15th March is the big day. We are organising a school quiz day with 'Red' prizes available to win in each class. There will be a variety of classroom games from quizzes to 'word races' and a 'snufflekins' beetle drive. We will ask for a £1 contribution from children to take part in the quizzes and this will be donated to the Comic Relief fund.

Waste week

The theme for 2019 is plastic waste! We will be discovering the pros and cons of plastic and how we use it in our everyday lives. As part of this week, we will be discussing 'single use plastics' and the impact they have on the environment. We will think about a small change we could make in our use of plastic and what a huge impact this could have on the environment.

Can you support us?



Upcoming events/visits

- 15th March Y6 Mining Art Gallery Bp Auckland
- 18th March Y2 - Locomotion, Shildon
- 20th March Y5 - Easter Journey, Methodist Chapel
- 21st March Reception Class - Hall Hill Farm
- 3rd April Reception Class - Easter Stay and Play 1:30pm
- 28th March Nursery Mother's Day Tea 10:30am & 2 pm