



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Our Rights Respecting theme for this week's newsletter highlights the importance of Article 15 - the Right to meet with others and join groups to enjoy discussions and activities that they share an interest in. We provide many opportunities at school for them to do this and I know many children are involved in a wide range of groups outside of school too.

World Book Day - March 5th

I am sure that you will have seen from Twitter that we have had a really busy week this week. Author Adam visited today and the children really enjoyed his story telling, props and characters. Yesterday we had great fun creating our favourite book characters from wooden spoons! There were some amazing creations and they will hopefully spark more interest in reading and creativity around play and books generally. Children are able to bring them home with them or they can keep them at school for use in our outdoor play/drama/small world areas. Either way, it was a lovely creative morning enjoyed by all.

The winners in each class were: Nursery - Evie and Esme, Reception - Amelia, Year 1 - Will, Year 2 - Avarnie, Year 3 - Thom, Year 4 - Jackson, Year 5 - Hannah and Year 6 - Alice.

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea - Saturday 21st March at Ferryhill Village Methodist Chapel

It's back again by popular demand. Approach Too are delighted to offer children the chance to take their mam's to a special Mother's Day Afternoon Tea absolutely **FREE of charge!** We have been given 25 tickets to this lovely occasion, which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. You can pick up a ticket application slip from the school office. The application needs to be completed fully including child and parent signatures - and then returned to the school offices. Be quick!



Parent Interview Appointments - starting 12th March

We are looking forward to meeting parents - starting next week - 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. The whole school evening appointments run from 3.15pm - 6.00pm on the afternoon of Monday 16th March. You will receive appointment times on Tuesday once we have co-ordinated times for families across school. The afternoon appointments run from 12th until 20th March. 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 to ensure we see everyone.

Mother's Day lunch 20th and 24th March

Thanks to all that have requested places for our Mother's Day lunches. I can confirm we are able to accommodate all requests that we have had up to and including the cut-off date last Friday. We will send slips out confirming your days and arrival times next week. The payment of £2.50 per adult can be paid on the day, as you arrive and 'check-in'. Unfortunately, we will be unable to add any additional places to the list now as we are bursting at the seams already! Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you for a lovely lunch.



Sri Lanka visit to our twin school

Mrs. Hilton and I have been lucky enough to make another visit to Tittagalla Atanikitha school in Sri Lanka, during the last week of half term. The children have enjoyed looking at our photographs of us teaching and learning more about life in school and around the school area. We have lots of photos that we can share on our website and Year 2 and Year 4 will enjoy this aspect of their curriculum with first-hand accounts of life on 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 their world beyond our country.

Ferryhill's 75th Anniversary VE Day Commemoration Book

This book is now at our school for the next week and everyone is welcome to add their family's details.

Our Ambassadors for Community Change are asking all families to write about their family members in the book, whatever their role during the second world war. The idea is to capture a little bit of social history, so they are asking for details of people who served, were on the home front or were even children during WW2 to be added. Whether it's a line, a paragraph, page or why not add a family photo to this very special Ferryhill book.

The book will be given to the Ferryhill branch of the British Legion for safe keeping.



Sports Relief - all next week

We will be taking part in Sports Relief 2020 next week at school. Mr Blood will do an assembly on Monday morning to launch Sports Relief and we will be linking this to our 'Travel to Tokyo' in time for the Olympic Games 2020. Throughout the week, classes will be doing different activities to encourage children to become more active in a variety of ways. On Friday 13th March, children can come into school with their sporty gear on and 'Get their kit on for Sports Relief'. A £1 donation for Sports Relief should be brought in on Friday. Wristbands will also be on sale from Monday 9th which are £1, with any profits going to Sports Relief.



Friday 13th March 2020

Lunchtime Supervisor vacancy

Are you interested in a part-time role that fits in with school terms, is interesting, rewarding and gives you the opportunity to be part of our great school team? We have a vacancy for a lunchtime supervisor and if you are interested, we would love to discuss the role further with you. More details are available on our website or in the letters home section of our app. Please pass on this opportunity to friends and family and don't hesitate to get in touch if you need further information



Important recall information - washing machines

We have recently received a letter from Whirlpool regarding the recall of washing machines. As you will have heard in the media, Whirlpool alerted customers to a safety risk concerning certain models of Hotpoint and Indesit washing machines. They are now urging owners of appliances purchased since 2014 to contact Whirlpool immediately to check if their machine is one of the models affected. You can do this in 2 ways: visit washingmachinerecall.whirlpool.co.uk or call their freephone hotline 0800 3161442 where an advisor can assist seven days a week.

Upcoming events/visits during March

- 10th March Football fixtures after school (children on team have been told)
- 10th and 12th - Y2 visits to Hardwick Park
- 12th March Y3 and Y4 visiting Ferryhill Library
- 16th March Y2 - visiting Ferryhill Library
- Whole school parents' evening
- 17th March Y5 - Easter Journey, Methodist Chapel
- Football fixtures after school (children on team have been told)
- 19th March Y1 and Y5 visit Ferryhill library
- 20th March Mother's Day lunch KS1
- 24th March Mother's Day lunch KS2

