



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Right of the Fortnight

With lots of our children taking part in a variety of visits and great attendance at our after-school clubs, we want to focus on Article 31 - Children have the right to join in a wide range of activities.

Dear Parents,

As always, we endeavour to keep you updated with everything we do at school, either through these newsletters, the website and on our social media pages.

Parking

Again, just a friendly reminder that you cannot park or drop off outside school. This includes on the pavement or the grassed area opposite. It is a national clearway and it ensures the safety of our children and families. Registration numbers will be recorded and passed onto the police. I would also like to remind you of the speed limit through the chicanes, which is 20mph. The barriers once again have been crashed into and we are waiting for Durham County Council to replace them. Please be respectful when driving and parking and ensure that we are all kept safe. Thank you

Big Garden Bird Watch

The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch is happening from 24th to 26th January. Can you spare an hour to do a bird watch in your garden and let the RSPB know which birds are in our area? Many of our classes in school are also taking part in the 'Big Schools' Birdwatch' to learn more about the species visiting our school grounds.

For more information, and to sign up, visit www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch/how-to-attract-birds-to-your-garden

We would love to see some photos of you taking part - send them into your child's class email.

Scamps Holiday Childcare - February Half-Term (Mon 24th -Fri 28th)

A reminder that you can now book for our childcare provision this coming February. Childcare runs from 8.30am until 4pm. The cost of the childcare is £12.50 per day or £50 if you book all 5 days in advance with a 10% discount for any siblings. This means that any sibling booked in for all 5 days would cost £45. If you are interested, and your child already attends Scamps, then please book and pay via the school gateway. If you are not registered with Scamps and you would like your child to attend one or more of the holiday club days, then please contact the school office to request details of how to register and pay online.



Recycling Plastic Tubs

We have a fantastic collection of tubs in our hall - thank you for sending them in. You may still be working your way through your last tub from Christmas but once it is empty, please send the tub into school. It is for a worthwhile cause that is close to our hearts. Greene King is running 'Tub2Pub', a recycling campaign to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support and recycle plastics. If you have got any plastic tubs from Christmas that you would like to recycle, send these into school before Friday 31st January and we will drop them off at one of the collection sites. For all tubs that are recycled, some money will be donated to Macmillan. Any plastic boxes such as sweet, biscuits, crackers can be accepted. For further information follow the link:
<https://www.tub2pub.co.uk/tub2pub/>

Year 6 SATs Information

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the SATS information evening this week. For those that weren't able to attend, the information slides have been put onto the app and shared. Please note the dates of the Easter Holiday study class: Wednesday, Thursday & Friday of the second week (23rd, 24th and 25th April).

Key Dates to Remember

- Wednesday 29th January - Year 3 and 4 Careers Day
 - Thursday 30th January - Year 1 Hometown Visit
 - Thursday 30th January - Reception Parent Storytime
 - Friday 31st January - Year 5/ 6 Netball & Cricket Event
 - Friday 31st January - Year 1 Parent Storytime
 - Tuesday 4th February - Year 6 Parent Storytime
 - Thursday 6th February - Year 2 Parent Storytime
 - Thursday 6th February - Year 4 Ferryhill Library Visit
 - Friday 7th February - Year 5/6 Basketball Cup and Shield
 - Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day
 - Tuesday 11th February - Year 4 Parent Storytime
 - Wednesday 12th February - Year 3 Parent Storytime
 - Thursday 13th February - Year 1 Class Assembly
 - Thursday 13th February - Reception Stay and Play
 - Friday 14th February - Nursery Stay and Play
 - Monday 17th - Friday 21st February - Rights Respecting Week
 - Thursday 20th February - Valentines Disco
- KS1 - 15:30 till 16:45 KS2 - 17:00 till 18:30

Monday 24th - Friday 28th February - Half Term

- Monday 3rd - Friday 7th March - National Careers Week
- Wednesday 5th March - Exploring Careers - Year 2-6
- Wednesday 5th March - KS2 Sportability
- Thursday 6th March - World Book Day
- Thursday 6th - Year 3 Library Visit
- Friday 7th March - KS2 Girls Football Session
- Tuesday 11th March - Nursery Parent Storytime @ 2:30pm
- Monday 17th March - Year 2 Library Visit
- Wednesday 19th March - Year 2 Visit to Washington Wetlands
- Thursday 20th March - Year 6 Library Visit
- Thursday 27th March - Year 1 Library Visit
- Thursday 27th and Friday 28th March - Mother's Day Lunches
- Monday 17th - Friday 21st March - Parent Discussion Week
- Friday 21st March - World Poetry Day
- Friday 21st March - Red Nose Day
- Friday 4th April - Northern School of Art Workshops (whole school)
- Thursday 10th April - Adam Bushnell Visit
- Friday 11th April - Easter Egg Competition

Friday 11th April - Last Day of Term

