

# Newsletter

17th February - 21st February - Half term  
24th February - Parent/Carer consultations 3pm-6pm  
26th February - Parent/Carer consultations 3pm-5.30pm  
28th Feb - Year 4 Hygiene talk - School nurse visiting  
5th March - World Book Day - Movie night (until 5pm)  
6th March - Breakfast Club - Bacon/sausage sandwiches being served  
10th March - Year 6 to Safety Works  
11th March - Year 2 class assembly 9.15am. Parent/Carer invited  
20th March - Year 1 to visit Captain Cook Musuem  
25th March - Easter Production 9.15am (Year 5 parents/carers invited to attend)  
1st April - Easter Bake off  
2nd April - Easter bonnet parade for Nursery and Reception 9.15 am  
3rd April - Last day in school  
20th April - School reopens summer term  
22nd April - Year 4 to visit Gibside (residential)  
6th May - Year 1 class assembly 9.15am  
7th May - Year 3-4 VE day celebration 2pm (Parents invited to attend)  
**8th May - Bank Holiday School Closed**  
11th May - SATS week  
18th May - Nursery sports morning 9.15am  
18th May - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports afternoon  
19th May - Year 3,4,5,6 Sports afternoon  
**22nd May - School Closed - Inset Day**  
25th May - Half term holiday  
1st June - School reopens  
1st June - Book bus in school  
3rd June - Reception class assembly 9.15am  
5th June - Year 3/4 Swimming Gala  
5th June - Headteacher's coffee afternoon 2.15pm  
8th June - Phonics screening week Year 1  
8th June - Health and fitness week  
11th June - Year 3 School nurse visiting-Healthy Eating  
23rd June - Whole school summer event  
25th June - Year 5 to visit Cragside  
30th June - Year 6 Surfing at Tynemouth  
10th July - Reports to parents/carers  
13th July - Drop in for parents/carers 3.15pm  
15th July - Year 6 leavers 5pm  
17th July - Break up for summer holidays (last day in school)  
1st September - School closed to children (**Inset Day**)  
2nd September - School reopens

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## Headteacher's Update

As the half term holiday quickly approaches, I would like to thank you all again for your support. Our children have enjoyed their new learning experiences and we are looking forward to another busy half term leading up to the Easter holiday.

Today we are having our Headteacher's coffee afternoon. We always have a theme at this event and this month is 'Love is in the air!'. Come along and join us for a bingo, quiz and a children's raffle—lots of prizes to be won. Miss Hepplewhite and Year 4 will be sharing their music work and performing a song.

We look forward to seeing you all at parent/carers consultations on Monday 24th February and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. The children have been adding a post it note to highlight work that they are particularly proud of for you to take a good look at. At the meetings the class teacher will share your child's mid term report and half year attendance sheets. Our attendance figures are lower than usual figures due to the many winter bugs that have been about prior to Christmas. We are having a focus on raising these figures as every day does really count and makes a difference to your child's education. Congratulations to our spot prize attendance winners this half term.

Enjoy the half term break when it comes - I know that many of the children are hoping for snow!

With very best wishes,  
Julia Watkins



Well done to Daniel Lamming, Chloe Butler, Matthew Sykes, Lyta Carr, Arthur Ralph, Lily Harper, Thomas Platts, Janine Richardson, Jasmine Maginnis, Harry Platts, Jay Smith, Kaci Leigh Hindhaugh, Bella Orwin, Oliver Riley, Matilida Williams and Oliver Marr who were chosen by their teachers for demonstrating risk taking. Children were presented with a plaque and certificate for their achievement.

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## Movie Night/World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March in conjunction with World Book Day, a movie night will be held after school. The choice of films will be Peter Rabbit, Diary of a Wimpy Kid or How To Train Your Dragon. The cost for children to attend will be £2.50. Children will receive a hotdog /crisps and a drink. **All children will need collecting by an adult at 5pm** (unless the office or class teacher has been notified that children can walk home unaccompanied). In order to ascertain numbers a letter will be sent out on Monday 24th February. This will need to be returned with money and their choice of film. Nursery children are invited to return to school at 3.15pm if they wish to join us. The school menu will change to celebrate World Book Day. A themed lunch with a competition has been arranged through City Catering. Please check the school website or notice board for the menu. Children on packed lunch can pay £2.20 if they would like a meal on this day. Please inform the school office.

## Breakfast Club

On Friday 6th March Breakfast Club will be serving bacon or sausage sandwiches for breakfast. Breakfast club runs daily from 7.45am. There is always lots of choice of activities to choose from or children can join Andy from Championships Sports in the hall for sports agility. The cost is only £2.50 per session. If your child would like to join us please let the school office know. If your child already attends we will be taking orders for their choice of sandwich.

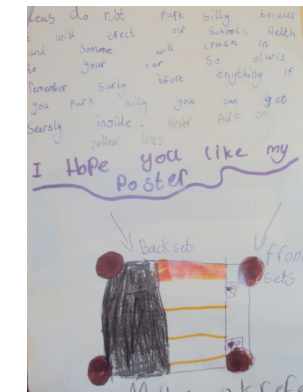
On Tuesday 11th February, all children took part in Safer Internet Day. Children in Early years completed a range of activities linked to fairy tales, raising their awareness of who we should trust online and what they should do if they are ever unsure when using the internet. In Key Stage 1 and 2, children completed a range of activities linked to CEOP (The Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command) and Year 6 children completed the Google Internet Legend course. All children's work will be displayed in our computer suite as a reminder to children to keep safe online and to know what to do in different online scenarios. We were also joined by Northumbria Police in the afternoon, who shared with children how to keep safe online and emphasised the importance of seeking help and how to report a concern to adults when online. All children ended the day by taking home a safer internet agreement to share with parents/carers, we hope this is a basis to supporting your children when online. All signed agreements should be returned to school before the 28th February, children will then be entered into a prize draw to win a £10 Amazon voucher. If you have any concerns regarding online safety some helpful websites are: <https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-ntre/>, <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk> and <https://www.nspcc.org.uk>



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## Walkwise

Well done to Ava Warrilow and Mya Okorefe who were selected by Walkwise as runners up in a competition. Children were asked to design a poster about parking safely around school. Both girls received a goody bag filled with prizes which were presented in celebration assembly.



## Nursery/School Places

We currently have spaces in our Nursery starting after Easter or from September. Once a child reaches the age of two years old you can register them at school. Children can start with us when they turn three. If you would like to visit our Nursery for a look around please contact school to make an appointment. We also currently have school places in our current Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5.

## Sport

A fantastic achievement by Year 3 who won the tennis festival at the Puma Centre. The trophy is on display in the trophy cabinet in the main school entrance. Year 4 also played really well, coming runners up - only beaten by 6 points. Year 2 recently attended the infant agility at Oxclose Academy and finished second. The children had great fun participating against other cluster schools. The school football team will resume their matches after half term playing their first game on Thursday 27th February.