



Friday 25th May 2018



This week, Year 5 celebrated the end of their fantastic and

fascinating First World War project with an assembly. All of the children outdid themselves during an extremely busy week by perfecting their performance with only two rehearsals. It was the ideal way to look back on a wonderful experience which has been a highlight of the year, whilst commemorating the lives of local men who fought during the War. Well done everyone.

## Royal Wedding Celebrations

Last Friday, Reception spent an afternoon celebrating the royal wedding. They hosted a regal tea party and as you can see they had a wonderful time making crowns, flags and eating cake!



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've arrived at the end of another half term! It coincides with GDPR Day which you will know varying amounts about. We have a Service Level Agreement with Gateshead Council to be our DPO (Data Protection Officer). All members of staff have had training and there will be some changes to how we operate. We will have to ask for more permissions for visits and other activities that we do in school – so please help us when we send these out. Some aspects of how it will impact on schools will become clearer as we work with the legislation.

Today is a busy day in school as we have just started another Thrive 10 day course led by Leanne Pearson with staff from other schools. We also have the final day of our sixth Vocal Leadership 5 day course – again with staff attending from other schools and Voices of Virtue, a local gospel and human rights choir. It has highlighted the amount of expertise that we have amongst our staff at Hotspur. Kevin McVittie has been working with ten other schools to facilitate maths development this year as part of the North East Maths Hub. Additionally next year Christine Brett, a Lead practitioner for the Ouseburn Learning Trust, will be supporting West Jesmond a day a week with Spanish provision. Jenn Findlay is currently carrying out moderation of EYFS assessment for the Local Authority and Steve Crosthwaite chairs the east end children's board. Other members of staff are also involved in other ways with colleagues in other schools and regional networks. I am very proud of the professionalism and talent that we have on our staff team and pleased that our children benefit from this.

**Miles Wallis-Clarke**

Headteacher



## Going for Green

Green Day will be Friday 8th June. Our Eco Warriors have been organising lots of exciting activities. It is sure to be a brilliant day. To help us achieve the Green Flag please come to school in the most environmentally friendly way possible. Please can children also wear something green to show their

## Staff Training Day

Reminder that school will be closed Friday 22nd June for staff training day.

W/C 4th June

Monday

- Y6 Writing Camp
- Y5 Cap a Pie

Wednesday 6th June

- 09:00-11:00 Family Thrive Course
- Y6 Writing Camp

Friday 8th June

- Green Day
- Year 6 Ice cream Van

Please note we will break up Friday 25th May and return to school Monday 4th June.

### Gymnastic Competition at Walker Activity Dome

On Thursday, some of our children took part in a Gymnastics competition at Walker Activity Dome. The children rose to the challenge and performed well despite some nervous excitement. The children represented Hotspur well as always. We will find out the results in the coming weeks. Thank you to everyone who attended and the parents who came to support!



### Golden Children This Week



### Cricket Tournament at Ravenswood

Thursday afternoon, the cricket team took part in a tournament at Ravenswood. They played really well winning one match and losing the other. Well done to all those who competed.

### SOUTH AFRICAN WORKSHOP FOR YEAR 5 & 6 PUPILS.

10am - 11:30am  
Friday 1st June  
Hotspur Primary School  
(children to attend without parents)  
FREE

Take part music filled workshops with South African artists. Learn South African songs, play games and watch some theatre. No previous experience necessary. No booking required, just turn up!

For more info, email [admin@curiousmonkeytheatre.com](mailto:admin@curiousmonkeytheatre.com)

### Shoe Boxes!

Reception would be really grateful if unwanted shoe boxes could be donated for an upcoming project. Please feel free to drop them off at the school office.