



Coxhoe Communicator

March 2019



We thought that spring was coming early but after this very chilly turn – it appears not! However, our spring events are well underway and we have lots to look forward to, including Easter craft events and the performance of High School Musical.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at Parent's evening next week. We hope that you found the new online booking system easy to use and more convenient. Please contact the school office if you have any problems booking your appointment. Remember to bring the information that you need to update your contact information as this will need to be completed in school on the evening. If your child has asthma – there will also be a form to complete. There will be plenty of pens on hand! This is a key opportunity to discuss your child/children's progress and achievements in all aspects of school life. We welcome your input to ensure that they achieve their full potential so please feel free to ask questions.

The Children and Adolescent Mental Health Team will also be in school for the evenings to provide any informal advice.

We also hope to see you at one of our Easter Craft afternoons – come along and enjoy some craft activity with your child and some Easter refreshments such as hot cross buns or a chocolate crispy cake.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Bartle.



Dynamic Dinners!

We are delighted to announce that we have launched the new system this week, enabling children to choose their lunch at morning register. This ensures that all children get their first choice from the menu selection and reduces waste. The launch has gone incredibly smoothly and we are very impressed with the mature way that children have adapted. We welcome any feedback on this initiative.

Sporting Update

The Football season is back underway! Last week, the B team made the trip to Tudhoe to start their league campaign. They started slowly losing the first game but showed great fighting spirit to claim a draw in their second game. The A team will begin their fixtures this week.

A massive well done to our New-Age Kurling teams. All three teams qualified for the Champions League before facing off against each other in the semi-finals. Phoebe and Oliver just edged their game and claimed a fantastic silver medal.

Coxhoe continued to show their breadth of sporting talent at the Swimming Gala last month. Taking part for the first time, a superb team effort saw them finish 3rd overall out of 12 schools. We look forward to entering again next year.

Science Update

Next week we will be celebrating British Science Week 2019. We have lots of fun science activities happening across the school as each class focuses on their Spring Term topics.

As well as our school science assembly, focusing on the theme of Journeys, the children will also take part in this term's whole school science investigation. Without giving away too many clues, this term's experiment will be very floral.

This week, children from all classes have been invited to take part in a national competition to help raise awareness about the risk single-use plastic poses to our environment. All the pupils interested in taking part have already been given an entry form, asking them to design a poster showing how we can reduce the environmental damage these plastics cause. We have asked that all submissions are passed to Mr Hopson by Monday 11th March.



Thank you

We would like to say a huge thank you to Horns Garden Sheds for their very kind contribution to our gardening club. We have great plans for the beautiful wooden planters - including a herb garden that we hope to open up to families in the future.



Healthy Growing

Our Healthy Growing Gardening team have already planted strawberries, made bird feeders and carefully located them into the trees and conservation area, as well as preparing the beds for planting fruit and vegetables.

School uniform

School uniform is important in promoting our school family ethos and preparing us for later life. Please ensure that children are wearing the correct school uniform at all times. Please note that different coloured cardigans/jumpers, leggings, tracksuit bottoms, hoodies and trainers are not part of the school uniform. If you have any difficulties or concerns around this – please come and talk to a member of staff. If families are facing difficult circumstances we may be able to support in a variety of ways.

Easter Crafts

We are delighted to offer a new event this year; Easter craft afternoons will run from Monday 1st April to Thursday 4th April 1.30 – 3.00pm. The event is designed to offer the opportunity for you to come into school and work with your child/children in an informal setting. The event is free of charge - it is funded by school and the PTA. Refreshments will be on sale at a small cost. Please look out for the letter and sign up as slots will fill quickly.

Our Easter Egg competition will also be a little different this year. It will be a family Easter Egg competition; you are welcome to work together at home or use the resources at a stand on one of our craft afternoons and work together there. We hope that you enjoy being creative together and look forward to seeing the wonderful competition entries.

Attendance

As mentioned on the last newsletter we have tried to plan CPD days into the 2019 – 2020 calendar to allow more flexibility at May half term. Friday 22nd May and Monday 1st June have been allocated as CPD days to create a longer break at this half term. - Please note that the changes to CPD days at May half term is for the next academic year: 2019 – 2020. The dates are Friday 22nd May and Monday 1st June 2020.

High School Musical

We are nearing the end of our High School Musical rehearsals and the cast and crew couldn't be more excited to perform on the huge stage at Whitworth Park School. The staff are so impressed with the time and effort the boys and girls have put in – they are superstars and are about to blow your socks off with the most amazing production!

Tickets are now on sale at a price of £3 and can be purchased at the main office. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Punctuality

We have recently noticed a small increase in lateness. Children arriving promptly make a better start to their day in school. If a pupil arrives after the main entrance is closed or after 8.45, they need to get their registration mark at the school office as registers will have been completed by the time they arrive in the classroom. Adults should accompany children into the office unless they walk independently.

Children Get Cracking with Maths!

In the lead up to our Easter break, children across the school will have the opportunity to get involved in a 'Maths Easter Egg Hunt'. In groups, pupils will search for clues and questions around the school grounds with the most successful team being rewarded with Easter goodies! This follows the wonderful success of our whole-school Maths Challenge in the Autumn term, where children used bubbles to make Maths in many different ways.

Enrichment

Class 8 have really enjoyed their Now>>Press>>Play session this half term. They have loved being in the character of a young Roman by listening to a story through wireless headphones. They were able to act out the story as they listened. What a fun, exciting and active way to learn!

Competition Time!

Thank you to those of you who entered the NatGeoKids plastic pollution poster competition. There were some fantastic entries which have all now been sent off. Mr Hopson and Mrs Richardson have a difficult job of choosing an in school winner and this will be announced in assembly next week. Fingers crossed one of the fabulous entries from our school will be a winner of the NatGeoKids competition too!

Reminder- Class assembly dates

Class 4- 21st March

Class 3- 28th March

Class 7- 9th May

Class 8- 23rd May

Class 10-13th June

Class 11- 20th June

Class 5- 27th June

Class 6- 4th July

Class 1 & 2- 11th July

Monday 18th & Wednesday 20th March– Parents Evening

21st March– Class 4 Assembly

25th March- High School Musical at Whitworth Park Rehearsals

26th & 27th March– High School Musical Production

26th March– Dance Festival

28th March– Class 3 Assembly

2nd April– Art day 4

4th April- Reception Hall Hill Farm visit

4th April—Year 1 Phonics Parents Meeting

8th-19th April- School Holidays

22nd– Bank Holiday

23rd– Return to School

26TH April– Class 8 Bake Sale

2nd May– Weardale House Parents Information Evening 3.30pm

10th May– Class 7 Bake Sale

13th May– School Nurse Drop in Sessions 2.30pm

