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Newsletter - March 2015

## Well done Green Team!

Well done to Green Team who won the chance to come to school in non-uniform on the last day of half term. Pupils are given stars for excellent work or fantastic attitude so it is always great to report on how well they have done. The scores were as follows: Green Team 21 stars, Blue Team 13 stars, Yellow and Red Team 10 stars.

#### Parents' Evenings

Just a reminder that Monday 23rd March and Tuesday 24th March are the dates for Parents' Evenings. If you would like to arrange an appointment you can telephone the school office or speak to the class teacher directly.

## Safer Internet Day - 10th February 2015



Children completed a range of activities on E-safety Day to help reinforce the vital message of being safe on-line. The local press came along to see what the children were learning about and reported about it in the Northern Echo, Chester-le-Street Advertiser, Newcastle Radio Johnathan Miles' Show, Durham County Council website and also on Made in Tyne and Wear. Well done to all the pupils who featured in these reports. They were a credit to the school and showed great e-safety awareness.

## Litter Collection a Success - 2<sup>nd</sup> March



Many thanks to the pupils who worked with the police, Cestria Housing and local council worker to improve our local area. They worked alongside adults to safely collect litter and showed what great citizens they are.

## <u>Year 5/6 Pupils Work with Dr Ledra - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</u>



Dr Mike Ledra, a lecturer in Geology and Science Ambassador, will be working with pupils in Y5/6 to share his expertise in the area of 'Evolution and Inheritance'. During his visit they will get the chance to learn about fossils as evidence of life millions of years ago and how they link to evolution. They will be given lots of opportunities to ask questions and draw on his expert knowledge.

## World Book Day - Thursday 5th March 2015



We are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. On this day children can come dressed as their favourite book character. Miss Knox, our Literacy co-ordinator, has organised a day full of reading activities to promote pupil's love of books. In addition The Mad Alice Story Company will bring stories to life when they perform them to the children.





Year 4 would like to invite parents/family members in to see their class assembly. The theme of the assembly is 'The Romans' and they will be sharing what they have learned in this topic. Year 4 were particularly pleased recently to have a Roman soldier come to school in full armour and teach them about the Roman way of life.

## Red Nose Day - Friday 13th March



We are supporting Red Nose Day this year which means children can come dressed in red and may wish to have red hair or wear face paints to show their support. Donations are welcome.

# Science Week - 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> March



This year Mrs Parks will be introducing Science Week. During this week pupils will complete a range of activities to develop their scientific and mathematical thinking. We look forward to feedback from pupils about their favourite parts of this themed week.

#### Easter Lunch - Wednesday 25th March 2015



If you would like to come along to our Easter lunch then please return your slip by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March indicating your meal choices.

## Easter Egg Competition



It is time to start thinking about designs for Easter Egg competition entries. Each pupil can enter an imaginative design (maximum A4 size please) that they have made. There is a prize for the winner in each year group. Entries need to be in from Monday 23rd March as it will be judged on the morning of Wednesday 25th March. Good luck!

#### Year 2 Class Assembly - 9am Friday 27th March



Year 2 would like to invite parents/family members in to see their class assembly. The theme of the assembly is Castles and they will be sharing what they have learned in this topic, including their visit to Lumley Castle.

# County Competition Entrants for Sport



We are entering teams to the county finals for gymnastics and netball. Pupils who showed particular flair at the recent competition at Louisa Centre, Stanley have been chosen to represent the school. We wish them the very best of luck when they compete on Friday 20th March and look forward to hearing how well they get on.

Easter holidays: school closes at 3.30pm on Friday 27th March and re-opens 9am on Monday 13th April. We hope you have a very happy Easter holiday.

Mrs Laura Snowdon, Headteacher