Weekly Bulletin

Headteacher's Message

Many thanks to all of you who attended parents' consultation evening appointments in order to meet with your child's class teacher earlier this week. Regular contact between home and school is vital in ensuring that we are able to work in partnership to support the progress and development of your children. The staff look forward to working with you over the coming term and implementing the strategies and approaches discussed at parents' evening.

Best wishes

Mr Tait

Diary Dates

Tuesday 14th February 2017 – Key Steps Gymnastics Competition (gymnastic club members)

Wednesday 15th February 2017 – Y5 Viking Village Day

Friday 17th February 2017 – School closes for half-term

Monday 27th February 2017 – School re-opens for Spring Term2

Wednesday 1st March 2017 – 10am School Eucharist for Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 1st March 2017 – Mixed Football League starts (4 weeks)

Thursday 2nd March 2017 - World Book Day

Thursday 2nd March 2017 – Zambia Fun Run (KS2)

Friday 10th March 2017 – Y4 Football Trophy

Safer Internet Day

We marked Safer Internet Day on Tuesday with an awareness-raising assembly and class-based activities for the children. It is hoped that events such as these, together with our regular programme of e-safety lessons in each class, will enable all children to make safe and sensible decisions when online. Should parents want any further information or advice related to e-safety, please see the relevant section of the school website.

Driving to School

Parents bringing cars into *Heathways* to access the school- please do not mount the kerbs to pass other cars. This is an on-going safety issue for pedestrian children and parents.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers will be available from 25th January from Sainsbury's stores or on-line. Please bring any vouchers you are able to collect to school in order to support our sports provision. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Christian Values

We continue to explore the value of *hope* and worship will be led by Mr Tait, Mrs Matthews, Fr Bill and our Key Stage Two pupils. We will be thinking about how Martin Luther King offers us an example of the power of hope in difficult circumstances.

Sport

Next week our gymnastics club members will be competing in the Key Steps Gymnastics competition at the Louisa Centre, Stanley. They have been working hard and we wish them the best of luck.

At the beginning of Spring Term 2 we have a number of sporting events; the Mixed Football League restarts at Durham Johnston School; some of our Key Stage 2 children will participate in the Zambia Fun Run and we have the Y4 Football Trophy. We will let you know more about these events as they happen.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on 2nd March and the children will be celebrating in school by dressing up as characters from a favourite book. Our pupil librarians have asked that the children bring a small donation to contribute towards the cost of the new books they are selecting for school. Reading is a healthy habit to acquire for life and as a school it is good to value opportunities to promote the love of reading.

After School Clubs for Spring Term 2

In addition to the letter sent home, an up to date list of new and ongoing clubs available after half term can be found on the website. Please ensure that you complete the reply slip form and return it to school by Monday 13th February 2017.

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