#### PE Kit

White T-Shirt or Polo Shirt
Plain black or navy shorts or leggings
Plimsolls For indoor PE - bare feet.
Trainers for outdoor games only
Tracksuit bottoms/sweatshirt for outdoor games

Many of the school uniform items above can be ordered on-line through School Trends or from the school office. Most supermarkets sell the above items too. (without logo)

All clothing and footwear should be clearly labelled with your child's name

#### Jewellery

Children should not wear jewellery to school. The only acceptable items of jewellery are a wrist-watch (not novelty ones!) and earring studs. Should a pupil have pierced ears, plain studs should only be worn and in order to comply with health and safety regulations, must be removed or covered with a plaster during all PE activities. Please note that the school will be unable to take any responsibility for any jewellery that is lost.

#### Hair & Make Up

We recommend that hair should be neat and tidy and worn with no extremes of style or colour. Long hair should be tied back during the school day. No make-up or nail varnish is to be worn to school.

I appreciate that this is quite a list of reminders but appreciate your support with the above.

VII MEICOLLE

Celebrating
Mother's Day
and
Comic Relief
'Coffee Morning'



Friday 13th March 2015 9.00 a.m. — 11.30 a.m.

school hall Donations of cakes welcome

Children may come to school dressed in red and/or any 'Comic Relief' attire! (further details to follow)



## Newsletter — 6th March 2015



#### Dear Parents

Please find below our news for the last few weeks......

- Thank you to everyone who supported the Unicef Day for Change event on 13th February 2015. It was lovely to see parents and grandparents at the event. We raised £198.46. Thank you very much for your continued support.
- Y3 and Y5 took part in their assembly for parents this week.
- Y3 assembly was based on The Stone Age and Egyptians. Children demonstrated their knowledge through a variety of work including art and drama.
- Year 5 assembly was a piece of shadow theatre relating to World War 1. The children have worked with Kando Arts on this project and produced a very sophisticated performance that transported the audience back in time to explore all aspects of life at that time.
- Both performances were engaging and informative and reflected the learning that has been taking place in the classroom. I am sure that parents and grandparents would agree that Y3 and Y5 did a truly fantastic job! Well done —we are very proud of you!
- Y2's Parent Assembly will take place next week— Wednesday 11th March at 3 p.m. We look forward to seeing Y2 parents on Wednesday.

Thank you for your continued support

Wendy Gill and Staff

#### Latest Educational Visits

- A group of children visited Bishop Auckland Town Hall on 9th February to take part in the Febfest Art exhibition.
- As part of history topic work, Y1 children visited Escomb Saxon Church on Monday
   9th February 2015.
- On 10th February Y6 attended sports activities at Bishop Auckland College.
- On 23/02/15 Year 6 visited Newcastle University as part of the 'University Safari' programme which gives children an opportunity to find out more about Higher Education and encourage their aspirations for the future.
- On the 25th February Y4 Children took part in a visit to Cassop Environmental
   Centre to learn about windmills.
- Y3/4 and Y5/6 took part in a Cross Country Competition at Bishop Auckland College on the 26th February. Well done to everyone for taking part and to Tilly R, Ethan S, Molly R and Abigail D for reaching the District Finals. Congratulations and good luck for the finals.

## Rights Respecting Award

#### March 2015

#### **Nominations**

Reception	Amelia O
Class 2	Holly M
Class 3	James D
Class 4	Jake V
Class 5	Matthew H
	Cobi J

Josh A

Overall winners for February

Class 6

\* Holly M and James D \*
Well Done!

# Star of the Week Award

#### 6th March 2015

#### Class Nominations

Reception	Lucy H
Class 1	Olivia C
Class 2	Tom B
Class 3	Harry C
Class 4	Tilly B
Class 5	Niall C
Class 6	Joshua A

### Superstar of the Week!

\* Joshua A

Well Done!

#### ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning:

Year 1/Year 2

98 7

# Good to Be Green Lucky Dip Winners

KS1 Joey Dobson KS2 Katie King

#### STAR OF THE WEEK

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Please note that we have slightly changed what we do for children who are nominated 🔅 for Star of the week. This is because class trophies were not being returned in time for the following week's celebration assembly and they were easily broken. To ensure that the children who are nominated get recognition for their hard work etc we are presenting them with a sash to wear in school for that week. The sashes will stay in school and your child will bring a photograph home of him/herself wearing the sash plus a certificate. This way we can guarantee that every child nominated has their achievement rewarded. The sashes are fabulous—Thank you to Mrs Welford and her  $\stackrel{\wedge}{\Longrightarrow}$ mum for making them!

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#### Before & After School

I am sure that you will have noticed how busy/congested the playground is at the beginning and end of the school day? It would be really helpful if parents could avoid congregating around the gate area as it is difficult to get in and out. Plus at the end of the school day, bus children line up at the gate and it is sometimes very difficult to see who is or isn't in the line!

It would also be helpful if parents could keep the area outside the classroom of the future and the path down to the playground clear. This will enable children who have been dropped off to see a clear pathway down onto the yard and the teacher on duty where they are. We would like to encourage all children to come onto the yard as soon as they come into school. Children who wait with their parents/grandparents should not be going between their parents and the yard. Parents/grandparents should only be responsible for their child.

Parents should not be using the school car park when collecting children from after school clubs. Just a reminder – dogs are not allowed on school premises.

#### Bikes

Currently only year 6 children should be coming to school on their bikes unaccompanied by an adult. Cycling training for year 5 is planned for later this term and after successful completion of this, year 5 will also be allowed to cycle to school.

#### Mobile Phones

An increasing number of children are bringing mobile phones into school. We do have a strict policy regarding this. We appreciate that if children are walking home unaccompanied or get the school bus, then for safety reasons they might need to have their phones. Any phones brought to school must be handed in at the office and they will be kept in a safe place until the end of the day when it is your child's responsibility to come and collect it.

#### School Bags

We are limited to space in our porch areas and an increasing number of children are bringing huge bags to school and it is difficult for us to store them. Could we please ask that your child brings a school book bag and a drawstring type bag for P.E./After School Club kit. Children are also bringing pencil cases that are so full that they are too big to fit in their trays! School do provide children with all the necessary stationary. We appreciate that some children like to bring pens, pencils etc from home, but can this please be kept to a minimum. It also causes unnecessary upset when items brought from home go missing.

#### School Uniform reminders:

School uniform is important in building our children's sense of identity and belonging to our school community. It also instils a sense of pride and supports positive behaviour.

We require all pupils to wear school uniform which consists of:

Navy Blue sweatshirt/jumper or cardigan (with or without the school logo on) sky blue or white polo shirt (with or without the school logo on) Grey or black trousers Grey, navy or black skirt Black, navy blue or brown, flat sensible, safe, shoes or trainers (with no markings) Black, navy blue or brown, flat boots as a winter option.

Summer Options
Plain grey, black or navy shorts
Sandals with socks (no open toes please)
Gingham dresses -blue
Any cap to protect from the sun (School Trends do a one with school logo)