

Newsletter — 10th March 2017

Dear Parents

What's been happening since half term

- The second group of Year 5 children took part in a Food Technology Session at Bishop Barrington School on 27th February. Children planned and made a healthy salad. Year 5 enjoyed the visit and eating their delicious salads!
- On Tuesday 28th February members of the choir took part in a Primary Choir festival organised by Bishop Barrington School. Our choir spent the afternoon at Barrington rehearsing and then parents joined us a 4p.m. for a concert. Each primary school taking part performed their own songs and then all came together in a finale song. It was a fabulous evening showcasing lots of talented children. We were extremely proud of our choir who were wonderful! Thank you to parents and grandparents who came along to support our choir. We are hoping that it will become an annual event!

It all seemed to be happening on 1st March . . . !

- Members of St Cuthbert's & Escomb Church came into school and delivered an assembly. They will be in school over the coming weeks re-enacting the Easter story. The assemblies are interactive and involve children taking some of the parts. This makes this important event in the Christian calendar more meaningful for our children.
- Our Cross Country Team did us proud. They took part in the competition held at Bishop Auckland College and I am delighted to say that our Year 5 & 6 Girl's Team got through to the County Finals on 17th March. Well Done to Tilly R, Ruby O, Amelia B, Leah A, Charlotte D and Lucy W. We wish them luck! Although our other girls and boys teams didn't quite make it to the finals, they were very close with some fantastic individual runs (Connie H, Skye M, Kristen T, Amelia W and Freya F / Ethan S, Jamie W, Zak G, Patrick B-A, Daniel S, Michael B, Harrison S, Ethan R, Oliver B, Lewis A, Jack R and Jayden D) Well Done to everyone that took part.
- Our Reception children had a visit from Shonette Bason-Woods who is an Early Years consultant who has devised programmes and ideas to promote learning for young children. She is innovative and creative in her approach and our children and staff had a fantastic time with her. Shonette also delivered an entertaining and informative training session after school for other schools in the Bishop Auckland Cluster.
- World Book Day on 2nd March was wonderful! We had lots of children in fantastic costumes and children with a prop from their favourite book. The children spent the morning in Family Groups reading together and looking in particular at Fairy Tales and how they relate to the UNICEF Rights Respecting Agenda. Please have a look on our website and our Anomaly board in the playground.
- On Friday 3rd March we had a group of musicians called The Wandering Minstrels in school. They performed and then led a workshop for all our children. They were fabulous! They have asked if they can come back into school and perform for parents after school. This will be on Monday 3rd April at 3.25p.m. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please see reply slip overleaf if you would like to attend with your child.

Thank you for your continued support

Kind Regards

Wendy Gill & Staff

- On Wednesday 8th March our gardening Club started again. Amy from OASES worked with the children and delivered a cookery session where the children used some of our produce. Thank you to Mrs Howe (an ex-parent) who continues to support our gardening club—we would be lost without her!
- Year 4 worked with Sarah McAllister on Thursday 9th March. They created a Greek meal to enhance their Learning Challenge work.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- We have had a number of phone calls from residents living on Beckett Close and Foxglove Drive areas complaining that at the end of the school day parents are parking across their driveways blocking access to their properties. Please can parents refrain from causing these obstructions.
- Mobile phones: An increasing number of children are bringing mobile phones to school. Children should only be bringing mobile phones to school if they are walking or bussing to and /or from school on their own. No other child needs to bring a phone to school unless there are special circumstances for that particular day. We do not have the capacity to store them all. All phones need to be switched off when handed in to the office. Phones are left at your own risk!

FUTURE EVENTS

This year we are incorporating our Mother's Day Event with Comic Relief and Fairtrade Fortnight and calling it our

'Spring Fling'

Calling all mams and grandmothers..... come along for a coffee or tea and a cake

on
Friday 24th March 2017

from
2.00 p.m. until the end of the school day
in the
school hall

Your children will join you!

Donations of cakes would be much appreciated. These can be dropped off at school from Thursday. We are also asking for prizes for the tombola—anything red to fit in with Red Nose theme. Thank you.

'Wandering Minstrels'

As mentioned earlier The Wandering Minstrels will be back in school to perform to parents after school. This will be on Monday 3rd April at 3.25p.m. Places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please complete the reply slip below if you would like to attend with your child.

Please return the form to school by 20th March 2017 so that numbers can be finalised. Thank you.

Name of Child/ren _____ Class _____

I would like to attend the following:

Spring Fling on Friday 24th March 2017 ☐ (please indicate number attending—max 2)

Wandering Minstrels on Monday 3rd April 2017 ☐ (please tick)



Congratulations



Star of the Week Award

3rd March 2017

Class Nominations

Reception	Samuel E
Class 1	Joe W
Class 2	Joel A
Class 3	Charlie D
Class 4	Amelia D
Class 5	Zak G
Class 6	Emma P

Superstar of the Week!

* Charlie D *

Star of the Week Award

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Class Nominations

Reception	Nancy T
Class 1	Cruz J
Class 2	Madelyn A
Class 3	Finlay C
Class 4	James S
Class 5	Charlotte D
Class 6	Lucy B

Superstar of the Week!

* Cruz J *

Writer of the Week

10th March 2017

Reception	Aela S
Class 1	Phoebe W
Class 2	Chloe D
Class 3	Finlay B
Class 4	Logan E
Class 5	Nel W
Class 6	Tilly B

Well Done for producing such fabulous writing!

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning:

13/02/2017

Year 4 and

Year 6

98%

Well Done

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning:

27/02/2017

Year 2

100%

Well Done

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting Activekids vouchers in school again this year. Your help in collecting these would be much appreciated.

Vouchers are available in stores now until 2nd May.

Please encourage your family and friends to collect these too as we use these to gain much needed PE and cooking resources for school.

Thank you for your support.

