

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to everyone. We welcome you all back to the start of the Spring Term and are looking forward to working with you and your children.

Please find below our news so far

- Year 6 went on their residential visit to Robinwood, Alston on 4th—6th January. An enjoyable, challenging and exhausting time was had by all! As always, the children were a real credit to our school and themselves and were a pleasure to be with. It is always reassuring when people from outside our school comment on the excellent behaviour, manners and attitude of our children. So 'Thank You Year 6'—we are very proud of you! Thank you to Mrs Collings, Mr Salmon and Miss Potts for accompanying the children.
- Year 4 & 5 have began their training with the FISCH Project this week. This is a ten week project that aims to improve children's health and lifestyles.

Reminders

- Weather: Please refer to the information overleaf regarding school closure procedures in the event of any adverse weather. (Fingers-crossed we don't get any!)
- Year 3 swimming sessions started on Monday. The sessions will continue until the Easter holidays. Please ensure that your child has their kit with them each week.
- PE kits: please ensure that your child has full PE kit in school for the appropriate days.
- After School activities—please ensure that your child has an additional PE kit for this.
- Breakfast Club starts at 7.45 a.m. Please ensure that children are not dropped off before this time.
- Uniform: please note that children should wear black shoes/trainers for school.

Star of the Week Award

13th January 2017

Class Nominations

Reception	Noah G
Class 1	Kibbi-J M
Class 2	Amber C
Class 3	Ethan O
Class 4	Max A
Class 5	Alfie J
Class 6	Whole Class

Superstar of the Week!

*** Ethan O ***

Writer of the Week

13th January 2017

Reception	Heidi D
Class 1	Ryan S
Class 2	Jacob C
Class 3	Daisy J
Class 4	Brooke H
Class 5	Mia H
Class 6	Tilly B

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Wendy Gill & Staff

Good to Be Green

Lucky Dip Winners

13/1/2017

KS1	Daniel B
KS2	Sol B

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning:

4th January 2017

Class 6

100%

Winter Weather Procedures

As the weather is becoming more wintery please find below important information regarding arrangements.

There is a Local Authority procedure for schools to follow to inform parents etc when a school is affected by severe weather conditions or closed for other emergencies. Before a decision can be made with regard to school closure, many factors are taken into consideration e.g. staff ratios, health and safety issues including heating and paths etc, and the future weather forecast.

As a school we will remain open wherever possible and this is in line with Local Authority policy. However if we make the decision to close the school before the start of the school day, then this information will be given out on local radio stations and should be then available on their websites. We will also endeavour to upload information onto the Durham County Council website as soon as we possibly can.

We do try to be in school as early as possible but as you can appreciate, we also have the weather to contend with.

The following options may be used to check the school's status

- Radio stations—Metro, Star
- Durham County Council Website (<http://www.durhamlea.org.uk/schoolclosures.aspx>)
- Telephone (office hours 8.30 a.m.— 4.30p.m.)

During times of such inclement weather, Mr Jones works very hard to clear footpaths to the main entrances to school but we remind parents and children to be extra vigilant as it is difficult to avoid excess water on the hall floor!

If weather conditions worsen during the course of a school day, then our procedure is to contact parents via our text messaging service as soon as we can so that they can make appropriate arrangements to come and collect their children. Please ensure that we have up to date contact details in school to help us with this.

We do like the children to go out and play in the snow during break-times wherever possible so we would advise that children wear strong boots or wellingtons to school and have a change of indoor footwear with them, as well as wearing a warm coat, gloves and a hat! A spare pair of socks is also very handy!

Hopefully this information should help to make arrangements a little smoother, particularly if we are in for a spell of bad weather!

MANY THANKS