

ESCOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter — 23rd March 2016

Our news for the last few weeks

- On Tuesday 15th March a representative from Magical Maths came into school to deliver an assembly to children. Leaflets were given to children with regard to a maths club starting in school after the Easter holidays. **Please note that we have had confirmation from Magical Maths that the club will begin on Tuesday 19th April not the 12th April 2016 due to staff illness.**
- Our Parent's Meetings which were held on the 15th and 16th March were well attended. Thank you to all parents for your continued support with your child's learning.
- On Friday 18th March 2016—Children took part in various sporting activities for Sports Relief. We raised **£240.00** for the charity. Thank you to parents and children for their kind donations.
- School will be closed for the Easter holidays on Thursday 24th March and will re-open on Monday 11th April.

We hope you enjoy your break.

Wendy Gill & Staff

School Dinner Information

Please note that payments must be made on a Monday. Text messages will be sent to parents on a Monday if we do not receive payment. This will avoid any confusion with payments. At the moment payments come in throughout the week and it is becoming increasingly difficult to manage for Office staff. Payments must be in an envelope that is clearly marked with your child's name and amount. No purses please as this is causing confusion. (Please do not send loose money in also!)

Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

Music, Dance and Drama

On Monday 14th March our 'After School Dance Club' took part in a Dance Festival at Bishop Barrington School. They performed really well and we have had lots of feedback as to how good they were. Well done to everyone who took part and 'Thank you' to Ashleigh Lovett for her hard work with the group!.

On Tuesday 22nd March Year 2 attended Bishop Auckland Methodist Church to perform songs that they had learned through the Big Sing Project. Thank you to Y2 parents for coming along and supporting the children. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Year 6 children worked with Amy from Konflux Theatre on Wednesday 16th March 2016 to learn and perform a piece from the play Midsummer Night's Dream which they later performed to parents.

Sporting Events

On Thursday 17th March our **Key Stage 2 Swimming Team** took part in the Level 3 School Games Swimming Gala Final which was held at Freemans Quay in Durham City. It was a huge achievement to get to this stage - Well Done to the whole team for being fantastic!



Easter Egg Competition

The children have thoroughly enjoyed making their Easter eggs in school. We had a whole array of wonderful designs! The winners were chosen by Rev David Briggs and his wife and members of the PTA. *(The entries were displayed anonymously)*

Our Egg-cellent Winners:

Reception Class:	1st Oliver	2nd Cody
Year 1	1st Eden	2nd Thomas
Year 2	1st Francesca	2nd Charlotte
Year 3	1st Amelia D	2nd Hannah
Year 4	1st Isabel	2nd Patrick
Year 5	1st Emma	2nd Emily
Year 6	1st Joe	2nd Caitlin

THANK YOU TO THE PTA FOR DONATING THE PRIZES.

The judges found it very difficult— All the children received a crème egg!

Health Issues

Headlice

We have had some cases reported to us. As you know the school nurse no longer comes into school to do checks! Therefore, please can everyone check their child's hair at the start and end of the holidays. This way if everyone checks at the same time, we can help eliminate the problem. Please also continue to check on a regular basis when we return to school.

Illness

Sickness & Diarrhoea—please keep your child off school for 48hours from the last time they were ill.

We have had a few cases of other infections in school. Please can you reiterate to your children the importance of washing hands etc after going to the toilet, sneezing and playing outside.

After School Clubs

We are currently checking our providers and trying to add some additional clubs to our menu. Information will be sent home during the first week back so that clubs can start **week beginning 18th April 2016**.

We are taking into account the feedback given in the questionnaires; we do try to accommodate wherever possible but are limited by availability of providers and space in school. For sporting activities, we can only offer to similar ages because of safety reasons and the skills and abilities of the children.

Reminder:

As per planner Year 5 swimming lessons will begin on Monday 11th April 2016. Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit with them (including swimming hat for boys and girls). Your child may also bring a small healthy snack into school for on their return from the swimming baths

Star of the Week Award

18th March 2016

Class Nominations

Reception	Cruz J
Class 1	Amber C
Class 2	Skye M
Class 3	Jack R
Class 4	Nel W
Class 5	Kelsi H
Class 6	Cobi J

Superstar of the Week!

*** Jack R ***

Well Done

Writer of the Week

18th March 2016

Reception	Jack R
Class 1	Lyla T
Class 2	Esme S
Class 3	Amelia D
Class 4	Aaron B
Class 5	Emily O
Class 6	McKenzie S

ATTENDANCE

Week Beginning: 11th March

Class R & 4

97.3%

Well Done

Good to Be Green

Lucky Dip Winners

KS1	Anya M
KS2	Adam H