

# ESCOMB PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter — 8th January 2016

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the start of the Spring Term.

We have had a fabulous start to the term with our visitors from Ogawara Minami Elementary School in Japan. The children have been staying with some of our families from Year 4, 5 & 6. On Wednesday we had a wonderful day in school with our visitors; we held a welcome assembly and then the Japanese children worked with the children in Year 4, 5 & 6 sharing aspects of their culture and traditions. Wednesday night the children and host families and teachers enjoyed an evening of bowling together. Thursday we took our visitors out to show them County Durham. We visited Escomb Saxon Church, Auckland Castle, met with the Chairman of Durham County Council, Jan Blakey, for lunch at Durham Town Hall and then visited Durham Cathedral. We have had a thoroughly enjoyable time in school and the impact of having children visiting our school from another country is immense for all our children, not just those who had children stay in their homes. There has been a lovely 'buzz' and atmosphere in school; all of the children were so keen to share and learn about each other. When they left this morning to visit London before flying home, there were some very sad children, teachers and parents saying goodbye to each other—a true sign that this is now not only a partnership but a true friendship! We are hoping to put together a special newsletter to share the visit with you. (There was a lovely article in today's Northern Echo about the whole project.)

## Reminders:

- Year 3 Swimming starts on Monday 11th January.
- Breakfast Club starts at 7.45a.m. Children should not be being dropped off before this time.
- Uniform: please note that children should wear black shoes/trainers for school.
- PE kits: please ensure that your child has full PE kit in school for the appropriate days.
- Weather: Please refer to school website for information regarding school closure and procedures in the event of any adverse weather. (Fingers-crossed we don't get any!)

Unfortunately Mrs Barton is still absent from school and Mrs Thompson is covering her absence. Mrs Collings has been appointed as Acting Deputy Headteacher until the end of this school year.

We are looking forward to working with your children this term and thank you for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Wendy Gill & staff

## After School Clubs

All clubs recommence next week from Monday 11th January. Please complete the form below and return payment for this term asap please (payments up to the Easter holidays). There are still places available. *Please note: All children will require an additional PE kit and water bottle for clubs. Children do not need a snack for after school club.*

Day	Club	Time	Cost	TERMLY PAYMENT DUE	Tick to allocate a place
Monday	Football Training Years 4, 5 & 6	3.30-4.30p.m.	£2.50	£22.50	
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Tuesday	Multi-Skills Years 1 & 2	3.30-4.30p.m.	£2.50	£22.50	
Tuesday	Street Dance Years 2,3, 4, 5 & 6	3.30-4.30p.m.	£2.50	£22.50	
Wednes-day	Jujitsu—All Years	3.30-4.30p.m	Contact Provider	Enquire with provider	Contact Provider
Thursday	Rugby Years 4, 5 & 6	3.30-4.30p.m	£2.50	£22.50	

Total Amount Enclosed: £ \_\_\_\_\_