



Spring Term 1 - 10th January 2020

Welcome Back

Happy New Year to all our families! We hope that you all had an amazing break and wish you all the very best for 2020.

Year 5 & 6 working with The Bowes Museum in school (Norman Cornish project)

Year 5 and 6 have been doing a project on Norman Cornish ran by the Bowes Museum. They will be continuing the project on Friday 17th. Please ask your child what they have learnt so far and what activities they have completed.

Celebration Assembly

Celebration assembly will be back to normal next Friday (17th January). We will see you all there at 9.00am.

Year 5 attending Wolsingham School

Our Year 5 children are visiting Wolsingham School some Tuesdays this half term (Tuesday 21st January, Tuesday 4th February and Tuesday 11th February) to take part in a range of activities. They will leave school late morning and return before the end of school. A lunch will be provided for your child.

Swimming

Barnard Castle Class (Years 3 and 4) will be going swimming this term. They will need to bring their swimming kits into school every **Wednesday**. Please ensure your child brings their kit as it is a statutory requirement that they attend.

Class Newsletter

Every class teacher has produced an overview of your what your child will be learning in the Spring Term. These can be found on the school website in the class page section. If you would like a paper copy, please speak to the class teacher.

Christian Values

Our Christian Value for this half term is **Thankfulness**. Activities in the classroom and daily worship will be centred around this theme. Your child will also be bringing home a leaflet next week which includes activities you could do together around the theme of thankfulness.

After School Clubs

Our after school clubs for this half term are:

Monday - Homework (Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Wednesday - Board Games (Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Thursday - Sports (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)

Thursday - Parent & Child Reading Club (Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 - please be aware a parent/care must attend)

All clubs start week beginning Monday 13th January and will run until February half term.

School Fundraising

Although there is a defibrillator in the village, the school feels we need one in school as we always have a number of visitors in the building. We have decided that this term we are going to raise money to purchase one for the school.

If a person is defibrillated within the first minute of collapse, the chances for survival are close to 90 percent. For every minute that defibrillation is delayed, survival decreases by 7 percent to 10 percent. If it is delayed by more than 10 minutes, the chance of survival in adults is less than 5 percent.

A defibrillator costs just over £500.

Mr Tucker is going to run 5 half marathons in 5 days to raise money for the defibrillator. He will do this during the February half term. If you would like to sponsor Mr Tucker, please catch him.



Making a difference where you live



Parent Workshops

In the next few weeks, we will be organising a reading session for parents/carers. This will be an opportunity for you to explore why reading is important and to observe class teachers teaching reading. Please keep your eyes out on the newsletters.

School Meal Payments (ParentPay)

Please remember to keep your child's school meal payments up to date. Unfortunately if arrears are incurred this could then result in a referral to the Local Authority Head of Finance for further action.

SATs Club—Every Monday 3.15pm—4.15pm

It is expected that all children in Year 6 will attend SATs club. This will take place every Monday 3.15pm—4.15pm,.

<u>Attendance</u>	
7th January – 10th January 2020	
R	100%
Y1	100%
Y2	100%
Y3	100%
Y4	98.9%
Y5	99.3%
Y6	100%

A massive well done to all year groups!!

Key Dates

JANUARY

Friday 17th	All day - The Bowes Museum are working in school with our Year 5 & 6 children (Norman Cornish Project)
Tuesday 21st	pm - Year 5 children are visiting Wolsingham School
Thursday 23rd	All day - Year 5 & 6 visiting The Palace Green (Norman Cornish Project)
Tuesday 28th	pm - Year 5 children are visiting Wolsingham School

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 4th	pm - Year 5 children are visiting Wolsingham School
Tuesday 11th	All day - Safer Internet Day pm - Year 5 children are visiting Wolsingham School
Wednesday 12th	am - Year 5 & 6 taking part in a Netball Competition at Newton Aycliffe
Thursday 13th	am - Year 1 & 2 taking part in a Multiskills Festival at Staindrop Academy
Friday 14th	pm - break up for Spring Half Term
Monday 24th	am - school re-opens for Spring Term 2