



Spring Term 2 - 13th March 2020

Corona Virus Update

We are following government guidelines at all times regarding the Corona Virus. Our school is open and if there are any changes we will let you know. Thank you for your continued support.

Staffing

We would like to keep you up to date about staffing. Unfortunately, Miss Brazier has been unwell over the past week and has been having some much needed rest. We are hoping to see her back very soon. In the meantime, we have made sure we have appropriate cover in our EYFS. We have had two lovely ladies, Mrs Quickmire and Mrs Charlton who have been supporting Mrs Allan, Miss Armstrong and Mrs Richardson.

Staff have also been attending training recently. It is essential that our teachers attend training. This is for a number of reasons including their own professional development and the development of the school. As a school, we believe that training and professional development is extremely important (for staff and pupils) and we take pride in providing our staff with as many opportunities as possible. For example

- Mrs Barclay and myself are now fully trained Literacy Specialists and have attended training in this over the past few months. We are now trained to the highest standard to deliver phonics and improve reading. Our teaching has been recognised as being the highest standard. This means that we support teachers in Evenwood but we also support other schools with improving their phonics and reading scores.
- Mr Dent has recently attended RSE (Relationship and Sex Education) training which is becoming statutory for primary schools in September.
- Miss Nimmo and Mrs Gill have attended Forest Schools training this week which can now be implemented in school. Our children will be offered outdoor learning during dinner times and afterschool.

When teachers are on training, we have two Higher Level Teaching Assistants in school to cover classes. We always ensure that the children are at the heart of everything we do.

Traffic Calming

Some of you may have noticed we have new signs outside the school. We would like to thank Mr Thorne for his hard work to make the school a safer place by slowing the traffic on the road outside the school. These signs are just the beginning and there are other traffic calming measures in the pipeline.

Opinions regarding the change of school name

Can we remind parents and carers that if you wish to express your opinion regarding the school name, you need to do so by the end of this term. Once again, can I reiterate that we are seeking opinions and no decision has or will be made until we have your feelings in writing. We value all your thoughts and as a community school, we want to do what the community feel is best. At the minute we have had very little response either way.

Collecting Children at Home Time

We have had an increasing number of parents/carers wanting to collect children from the main entrance for convenience only. Could parents/carers please make sure that they are on the school playground in time to collect your child from school at the end of the day. Gates open at 3.10pm. If there is an emergency or your child needs to attend an appointment and your child needs to be collected earlier, please contact school to let us know.

Godly Play - Tuesday 17th

Children from year 3 will be attending Godly play at Cornerstones Church.



Making a difference where you live





Here are our Achievers of the Week



**Superstar
Writers**



**Maths
Award**



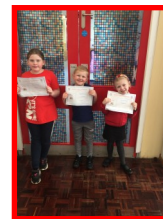
**Christian
Values**



**Sports
Award**



**Super
Reader**



**Class
Dojo**

Please be aware that some other children have been awarded certificates but are unable to appear on social media. If you wish your child to now appear on the newsletters and social media please speak to Mrs Robinson.

Bowes and Raby Castle Classes visiting The Forum Theatre, Billingham to see 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'



We have arranged for Bowes and Raby Castle classes to see 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' production at The Forum Theatre on Wednesday 18th March. We will leave school just after lunch and will return for approximately 3.15/3.30pm depending on traffic.

Mother's Day Cuppa, Cake and Craft Afternoon - Thursday 19th March

For everyone that have put their name down and paid for our Mother's Day afternoon, please arrive at the main entrance for 1.30pm.

Celebration Assembly - 20th March

Unfortunately we are unable to host celebration assembly due to Adam Bushnell's timetable when he is in on Friday 20th March. Celebration assembly will return the following week (27th March) as normal.

Angel Trust

This year we would like to support the Angel Trust in collecting Easter Eggs. They are looking for Easter Egg donations to help put an Easter Smile on those children less fortunate and are going to donate Easter Eggs to EVERY Food Bank in County Durham. Any donation big or small will be a great help.

Key Dates

MARCH

Wednesday 18th	12.00pm - 3.30pm - Bowes and Raby Castle Classes visiting The Forum Theatre, Billingham to see 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea'
Thursday 19th	1.30pm - Mother's Day Cuppa, Cake and Craft Afternoon
Friday 20th	All Day - Adam Bushnell (author) working with children
Tuesday 24th	am - Reception attending Multiskills Festival at Staindrop Academy
Wednesday 25th	am - Year 1 & 2 attending Football Competition at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre
Thursday 26th	am - Year 5 & 6 attending Multiskills Festival at Staindrop Academy
	3.30pm - 5.00pm - Easter Disco for Reception to Year 6
Monday 30th	am - some Year 1 & 2 children attending Orienteering at Staindrop Academy
	2.00pm - Easter Service at St Paul's Church (all parents, carers and family members are welcome to join us)
Tuesday 31st	2.00pm - 5.30pm - Parent Consultation Afternoon

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Friday 3rd	3.15pm - Break up for Easter Holiday
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