



Rich fields of learning



## Newsletter 9- 27th January 2023

### Dates For Your Diary



- 1/2/23 - FOBS Cancelled
- 7/2/23 - Safer internet day assembly 2.30 all welcome
- 15/2/23 - Year 5/6 Netball Tournament
- 15/2/23 - FOBS meeting in school 2.30pm
- 15/2/23 - SATs information evening for KS1 and KS2 parents
- 17/2/23 - Break up for Half term
- 27/2/23 - Children back
- 2/3/23 - World Book day and book swap more information to follow
- 18/3/23 - Red nose day
  - Mother's Day coffee morning
- 22/3/23 -Year 1/2 Football tournament
  - Parents evening
- 27/3/23 - Y3/4 Orienteering
  - 2pm Easter Assembly
- 28/3/23 - SEND parents meetings

### School Closed Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Staff do not take the decision to strike lightly and this reflects the concern and frustration they feel around pay, conditions and school funding, in line with many other public sector workers.

School will be open on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February as usual.

### Attendance

Good attendance is really important and makes a huge difference to outcomes for children at all stages of their school journey.

Being on time for the school day ensures a structured start and that children do not miss out on important social and learning time.

Please see attached a flyer on attendance from the Durham Attendance Team.

### Online Safety

Keeping children safe online is a concern for many parents and carers. We work with children in school to help them understand the risks and how to keep themselves safe.

There is some good guidance and advice available through the following links:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<https://www.childnet.com>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/advice/6-10/>

<https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

All children will be taking part in Safer internet day on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February.

If you have concerns about something which is happening online and involving or impacting on your child, please contact school.

### Chinese New Year

On Thursday the children celebrated the year of the Rabbit with a superb banquet made by Lynn our school cook. Staff and children enjoyed the splendid feast.



### RSPB

At the start of the week Owls went out into the school grounds and counted how many birds they could see at anyone time. They then came in and made bird feeders which they will hang in the school grounds to attract more birds

On Thursday the children across the school took part in a live lesson held by the BBC for the Big schools birdwatch, they were very excited when they heard the school name read out!

Following on from this Robins will be going out on Monday afternoon to complete their birdwatch and see if the bird feeders have made a difference. They will also be doing some art based around the different types of birds.

As a school we will send the data off to the RSPB.



### Learning Around school

#### Blackbirds

This week Blackbirds class have been learning all about Chinese New Year. We have had a Chinese restaurant set up in the home corner, made paper lanterns and even enjoyed some delicious Chinese food for our dinner. Happy New Year!



Reception have been super with their phonics this week! Not only are they sounding out and writing single letter sounds, they are also blending words! Please check your child's bag for their book. We have sent them home for them to practice their sound blending and improve the speediness of their word recognition.

#### Owls

This week in PE Owls have been learning about travelling and balancing as part of their gymnastics based on traditional tales.



#### Robins

This week Robins have started their new geopark project. Naomi came into school to introduce the project and discuss the North Pennines. The children listened well, enjoyed looking at different rocks that



have been formed in the area and thought of some brilliant questions to help us with the project. Next Tuesday we will be going for a walk and thinking about what we would like to show off about our local area.

#### Geo Park Project

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January please can Robins bring suitable footwear, coat etc as we will be going out whatever the weather.

#### Safer Internet Day

On the 7<sup>th</sup> of February at 2.30pm we will be holding a whole school interactive assembly based on the children's learning for safer internet day. All are welcome to attend and take part in this event. We look forward to seeing you there.



### **After school Clubs**

Monday – Art

Tuesday – Board Games

Wednesday – Cookery

Thursday – Homework

Friday – Creative Stories

To book your child into after school club or breakfast club,  
please send an email to:

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