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Newsletter

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Message From Headteacher

The children have settled in well to the new term, which looks to be busy and exciting. Your child should already have brought home a Curriculum Newsletter to inform you of what they will be learning.

It was lovely to see so many families last Friday in Achievement Assembly, we had a packed house! Lots of children received awards and prizes. A number of KS1 children received Library Awards for reading ten or more books and received a free book. It is super to see so many of our children enjoying reading; many thanks for your support. Year 5 and 6 children were rewarded for showing determination to improve their maths skills by successfully completing Mathletics tasks, an IT based program, during the Easter holidays.

As you can see our building for 2 year olds is going up quickly! If you have a child who may be eligible please call into school and register your interest.

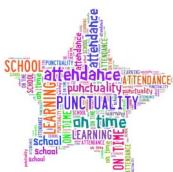


Mathletics Awards



Library Awards

Attendance



There were a lot of bugs around last term, including chicken pox in the lower school so unfortunately our attendance did take a dip! Well done to Year 3 and 4 who managed to achieve our attendance target of 96.2%. Congratulations to all the children (41) who managed to achieve a 100% attendance last term. They will receive awards in next Friday's Achievement Assembly.

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Just a reminder that schools are no longer allowed to give permission for holidays in term time unless there are 'exceptional' circumstances. Our attendance is monitored by the government including overall attendance and children who are 'persistent absentees'. Our Attendance Officer supports us in working with families to improve attendance and offer advice and support to parents.

Overall attendance at the end of Spring Term

Reception	93.6%	7th
Year 1	95.6%	5th
Year 2	94.9%	6th
Year 3	97.2%	1st
Year 4	96.3%	2nd
Year 5	95.9%	3rd
Year 6	95.7%	4th

Congratulations to the winners of the Easter Egg Competition. Once again the entries were amazing. In line with Morrisons 'Design an Egg' competition we invited their co-ordinator to judge the eggs which she commented was 'an almost impossible task' due to the high standard and amount of eggs that entered the competition. Every entrant received a prize.



Dancing Success!

Monday 23rd March was a night to remember. Our dance troop won the annual Darlington Dance Festival with their fantastic routine 'Around the World in Six Minutes'. The children and Mrs Penteney, our dance teacher and choreographer, were delighted with their success and as one of our dancers said, 'All that hard work was worth it'. Well done, you have made us all very proud!



Message for school dinner pupils

If your child is going on a school trip and you have ordered a packed lunch from our kitchen, please state what type of filling you want in the sandwich from the choices provided on the letters. **Please do not send your child on a trip with a home pack lunch if you have already ordered from our kitchen, as unfortunately you will still be charged.**

Be a Super Saver!

The Credit Union visit school every Tuesday morning. If you would like your child to save for holidays, birthdays or a special treat then please call into the office for a form. You can save any amount, every penny counts! For those pupils who already have an account keep on saving!



There are lots of exciting clubs going on this term, please refer to our website or the notice board in the foyer for details

DATES FOR DIARIES

22.4.15	Scooter training for Y1 & 2 with Kevin from Bike-it
23.4.15	Scooter training for Y3 & 4 with Kevin
24.4.15	Y5 Tennis Festival 12 - 3pm
28.4.15	Seahouses meeting for Year 6 Parents
29.4.15	Y1 & 2 visit the Head of Steam
4.5.15	Closed for one day - May Day - back Tuesday 5th May
7.5.15	Polling Day - school open as usual
11.5.15	SAT's week for Year 6
18.5.15	Y6 at Seahouses - Monday to Friday
22.5.15	Break-up for 1 week back Monday 1st June 2015



Happiness

the servant king washes The feet of his disciples

All happy for the last time

Wine like fResh blood

Bread like rattling bones

Jesus, brave

scared on the inside

saying good bBye for the last time

We had a lovely Easter service at St. John's church and have continued the celebrations in our school Worship. Year 5 wrote poems about the various stages of the Easter Story. Here is a poem written by Max

Mrs Baker our School Support Worker is starting a drop in session called 'Time to Talk' on a Wednesday lunchtime. This will be another opportunity for all children to share any worries or concerns they may have.

