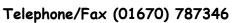


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1st March 2024

Dear Parents.

Promoting Pleasure in Reading - Author Visit, World Book Day & Book Fair

On Thursday 7th March we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character. During the following week, we will be hosting a Book Fair on Tuesday 12th -Thursday 14th March. Children can purchase a book at school, or accompany parents into the hall at drop-off or pick-up time to buy a book.

Electronic Library Access

As we try to promote pleasure in reading with all of our children, we are now able to offer another option for children to access books and listen to stories. We have joined the Northumberland e-book library service, which allows all children to loan electronic books to any device. There are also a range of audio books available. Your child will soon be bringing home their unique username and password to access the service. As parents you will be given a guide on how to access the site. Please encourage your child to use this service to access a wealth of books at home.

Comic Relief

Red noses for Comic Relief will be on sale at school from 1^{st} March. Noses are £2 each. There are a variety to collect. Children may also come to school in non-uniform on Red Nose Day Friday 15^{th} March. We will be collecting donations to Comic Relief on the day.

Easter Celebrations

We are inviting all children to make an Easter Bonnet and/or a decorated egg at home for a competition which will be judged on the last day of Spring Term for an Easter prize. The children can be as creative as they like with their bonnets and eggs. The prizes will be given to those children who have made an egg-stra (!) special effort in their own work. In school, children will be decorating eggs for their traditional Easter Egg Roll competition on the last day of Spring Term. Parents are welcome to join us in the yard for the egg rolling competition (weather permitting) on Thursday 28th March from 9:00am. You are also welcome to join the Governors afterwards for refreshments.









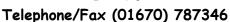






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Sharing Learning session

Our next Sharing Learning session will take place on Thursday 14th March from 2:30pm. You are welcome to come into school and have a look through your child's books with them. Our Key Stage 2 parents are also invited to come and watch a short musical performance of a Roman song in the hall from 2:30pm from their children first.

Year 6 SATS meeting

A meeting will be held for parents on Tuesday 5^{th} March to discuss the upcoming Year 6 SATS tests. This will be held at 3:45pm during Study Club so that you can pick your child up afterwards.

Payment reminders

Please could we remind you that the next instalment for the Year 6 London trip is now due and the next instalment for the Year 3/4 Kingswood trip is due on Friday 15^{th} March. Thank you all for your prompt payments so far.

Girls Football

Our Year 3/4 girls have been invited to take part in a football festival at Alnwick Town Juniors run by the Duchess's High School and Northumberland Games. It will take place on Wednesday 6th March - please can you complete the permission form on Parentmail for your child to attend. Children will require PE kits on the day.

<u>Attendance</u>

Governors and leaders are working to continually improve pupils' school attendance. We are taking part in the Local Authority's Attendance Campaign - Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow, Attendance Matters. Our attendance policy has recently been updated - please visit: http://www.swarland.northumberland.sch.uk/website/policies/108236

Juice in school

We have seen a significant increase in the number of children bringing juice and in particular 'Prime' drinks into school. Please could we remind parents that children should drink only water at school. We have a water cooler in school where they can get a drink during the day and fill their bottles and they are served water only at lunch too.

Regards,

Louise Fletcher Headteacher









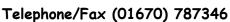






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Dates for Diaries

Friday 1st March Year 6 PE trip

Friday 1st March Reception/Year 6 heights and weights

Tuesday 5th March Year 6 SATS meeting for parents

Wednesday 6th March Year 3/4 Girls Football Tournament

Thursday 7th March World Book Day

Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th March Scholastic Book Fair

Wednesday 13th March Reception trip to Whitehouse Farm

Thursday 14th March Sharing Learning session for parents

Thursday 14th March KS2 musical performance for parents @ 2:30pm

Friday 15th March Red Nose Day

Wednesday 20th March Tom Vickers author event

Friday 22nd March HSA Easter Bingo

Monday 25th March Year 1/2 Money workshop

Tuesday 26th March Year 6 DCHS Treasure Hunt 4:00 - 5:30pm

Wednesday 27th March Diversity Role Model workshops

Thursday 28th March Easter Egg rolling competition

Thursday 28th March Children break-up for the Easter holidays

Monday 15th April Children come back to school











