

# North Park Primary School



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## January 2018 Newsletter

### What's been happening in school?

Children settled back quickly in January and there has been lots going on in classrooms:

- Year 1 children enjoyed a Multi-skills festival in Newton Aycliffe
- Year 5 and 6 pupils have been benefiting from additional football skills coaching
- Year 5 and 6 pupils have also been busy developing artwork for the 20mph zones around school.
- Year 5 have begun a five week course organised by Durham Police, to learn about a whole range of safety and community related skills.
- All the children from Year 1 to 6 have had the chance of a Dance taster session in school – they thoroughly enjoyed this!
- Father John has been into school to deliver an assembly.
- KS2 pupils enjoyed some amazing workshops from Enter CIC as part of the Wind Road Boys project – our children were brilliant! There were lots chosen – many more than they anticipated – because the pupils did so well. The selected pupils will be taking part in rehearsals in the next few weeks, and everyone can see the show – North Park pupils will be performing at 7pm on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Tickets are available from the Town Hall on 01388 815 276, or Enter CIC on 01740 655 437, or online at [www.ticketsource.co.uk/enter](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/enter)
- Pupils from Year 5 and 6 won first and second prize in the Basketball competition last week – well done!
- It was lovely to see the school in the Northern Echo and Spennymoor News in the last week, to celebrate the installation of our new reading huts and book boxes – the children are already enjoying these and there's another hut on the way.
- Squirrels and our early morning Change for life club members enjoyed a trip to Rough and Tumble, in recognition of their hard work.
- Children have been enjoying Mathletics clubs and Lego clubs at break and lunchtimes.

### Reminders

- **Valentine's Disco** – run by Friends of the School – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – 4-5.30pm. £2 to be paid on the door on arrival – this includes food and refreshments.
- If anyone would like to come along and lend a hand, **Friends of the School** are always looking for more volunteers – the next meeting is **31<sup>st</sup> January at 2.30pm**.
- **Monday Dance club will now finish at 4pm.**
- **Year 6 Family Assembly – the date has changed to Weds 28<sup>th</sup> February.** Apologies for the change but our children have made the finals of the Basketball competition and some of the class will be going along so can't do the assembly!

### Staffing news

- Mr Stevens has been covering in Reception class during Mrs Willcock's absence – the children have continued to work hard and keep themselves very busy!
- We congratulate Mrs Alderson, whose baby is due in April.

### Parent Governor

We still have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. We would like to hear from anyone who is interested in this important role. Anyone who has parental responsibility for a pupil at the school can become a Governor. Parent Governors are elected/appointed by the parent body and become part of the overall body responsible for making decisions for the benefit of the whole school.

In order to become a Governor you need to:

1. Contact the school (01388 815943)
2. Complete a nomination form. You will be expected to undergo a DBS application.
3. You may need to undergo an election process if we have several interested parents.

We look forward to hearing from interested parents.



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**Attendance** - Our current attendance is at 95.4% - this is just below the expected 96% target for schools and we ask for your support in helping us maintain a good standard of attendance.

- Pupils whose attendance falls below 90% are classed as persistent absentees. Any absence will need to be supported by medical evidence. We will monitor this absence with the Local Authority.
- You will be receiving reminder letters if your child's attendance is below 90%.

## Reminders:

- We politely ask that parents **do not drive into school to drop off or pick up – especially into the staff car parking area**, unless by prior agreement with the headteacher; some children are dropped off by prior arrangement so we cannot lock the gates – however no-one should be driving in unless you have arranged this with the headteacher.
- **Free School Meals** - Do you think your child is entitled to Free School Meals? Are you unsure? **Then please ask at the main office and complete a form – we can then check for you.**
- Remember we are able to offer parents **After School Care** via **Jack in the Box Daycare** – this runs from 3.15 – 5.45pm each night. Contact school for registration forms and cost information.

**Mrs P Monk**  
29.1.18

## Diary Dates

### February

- 5 Pollard's Bear workshop – Year 3  
7 Valentines Disco – 4-5.30pm  
9 Chef in School  
**9 School closed for half term. Re-opens 19<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018**  
19 Multi-Cultural week – chef in school  
19 Year 3 Sports Skills festival  
20 Theatre visit – The Wind in the Willows  
21 Year 4 Sports Skills festival  
22 Chef in school  
27 Year 5 – An Easter journey – Methodist Church  
28 Year 6 – Family Assembly – 10.15am  
28 Lip Lee – Chinese Artist – Year 5

### March

- 6 Year 6 Safety Carousel  
10 Enter CiC – Wind Road Boys show – Town Hall  
14 Year 2 Infant Games  
19 Dentist in school – afternoon and evening – for check-ups and consultation – please come along

**Parents Meeting week** (appointment letters to follow)

19 **Whole School Parents Night** – 3.30-6pm

**Afternoon session 1-3pm**

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5

Tues 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2, Year 3, Year 6

Weds 21<sup>st</sup> March - Reception

- 19 FOS – Name the Easter Bunny  
21 Year 3 and 4 Gymnastics Festival  
22 Year 5 Family Assembly – 10.15am  
22 Year 1 Durham Castle Trip  
26 FOS Easter Egg Competition – eggs to be brought into school  
26 KS2 show – Mad Alice Theatre Company – 'Nonsense and Stuff'



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27&28 KS2 Theatre workshops  
27 Easter Service – St Andrew's Church – Families welcome – 2pm  
28 Easter Egg Raffle  
28&29 Art Exhibition – more information to follow – pupil artwork for sale  
29 **School closes for Easter Break. Re-opens 16<sup>th</sup> April**

## May

7 School closed – May Day  
14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May – **KS2 SATs**  
22 Dr Tom Robson visit to school  
25 **School closes for half term – reopens 4<sup>th</sup> June**

## June

4 Year 6 Police workshops – 5 weeks  
11 **Phonics screening week – KS1**  
12 Year 6 Leaver's Service – Durham Cathedral  
13 Year 6 Leaver's photos  
14&15 Adam Bushnell working in school

## July

20 **School closes for Summer. Re-opens Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

