

North Park Primary School



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February Newsletter

Walk a Mile – Read for a while

Thank you so much to everyone who came out to support us by voting at the Leisure Centre – we were successful in our bid for funding so we have the first £2500 of our fund – we still have lots more to raise but we are applying for a further bid to help us develop our outside area.

Parents Meetings

Appointments will be coming home school – please ensure you check with your child. Teachers will discuss your child's progress and attendance. Please try to ensure you make the appointments.

Parent Support Advisor

The PSA Wendy Clark will be available in school on Monday 6th March 9-12am and during Parents' Evening on Tuesday 7th March, for anyone who would like to ask for any advice – Wendy has lots of great information for parents and can always help out if there is anything you would like some advice with. She has lots of experience supporting families with behaviour and routines, information on how you can support and help your child, tips for managing a busy home life and can also point you in the direction of other help if needed.

What's been happening in school?

- Family group visit to the church
- Sponsor a Grown-up – presentation – an excellent opportunity for families to get involved in some exciting activities
- Multi-cultural week – the children have all enjoyed finding out about different countries and cultures, including visits by a chef
- Lip Lee – Chinese artist visited Year 5 and the class enjoyed some amazing artwork, making fabulous origami creations
- Young carers – we are delighted to be awarded the Young Carer's charter.
- Jungle Book – children enjoyed the show delivered by the Image Theatre
- Gymnastics festival – children from KS2 visited the Leisure Centre and took part in a Gymnastics competition
- Year 3 Family Assembly – a fantastic assembly, with wonderful songs created by the children and Mr Fothergill – and lovely scones for a treat afterwards
- Year 6 visitor – a chance to find out what it was like to be evacuated during the war from someone who was there.
- Year 1 visit to Durham Castle – a brilliant trip, to find out all about life in a castle.
- Intra-School Sports Competition – everyone taking part to win the Family Points Cup!
- Health Bus – all the children visited the bus to find out about how to stay clean and healthy
- Year 3 Scottish Dancers visit – brilliant dancing activities for the class.

Reminders:

- **Attendance: Attendance overall last term fell to 93% - your support in helping us make sure we meet national targets is vital. It is especially important to make sure your child is punctual – lates beyond register are classified as an unauthorised absence. Please make sure your child is in school at 8.55am.** As you know, we are not authorised to grant leave of absence in term time except for exceptional circumstances, and the Local Authority will now intervene if your child accrues **seven days or more** of unauthorised absence in a term. A review of attendance has been undertaken – the Government target is 95%. Anyone under 90% is deemed by the Government to be a persistent absentee. Please contact school if you have any concerns or worries about attendance – remember the PSA can offer advice, or you can also ask for advice from the Attendance and Inclusion Officer, Jen Quigley, on 03000 261113 (Ferryhill One Point).
- After School Care via **Jack in the Box Daycare** is available each day in school – this runs from 3.15 – 5.45pm each night. Contact school for registration forms and cost information.
- **Breakfast club** continues to run from 8am each day. Please ensure your child is at school before 8.30am, as we clear up after that time. Thank you to parents for supporting us in ensuring you do not drive into the car park to drop off, to ensure pupil and adult safety.



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- **PSA** – Wendy Clark, our PSA is available should anyone need advice. She can be contacted on 07825341214.

Mrs P Monk

Diary Dates - 2017

March

- 2 Father John Assembly
- 2 Dance Club starts – 6 weeks
- 3 Newcastle Falcons to work with Year 3 and 4
- 6 **Parents Meeting Week** - appointments will be sent out
Morning sessions
6th – Year 1, Year 4 and Year 5
7th – Year 2
8th – Year 3 and Year 6
9th – Reception class
Whole School Evening session – Tuesday 7th March (including Nursery)
- 10 Youth Forum – School Council – Money Matters
- 14 Year 5 visit to Methodist Church – The Easter Journey
- 21 Taekwondo Taster Session – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
- 22 Year 1 – Football Festival
- 24 EYFS Mother's Day Tea – 9am
- 29 Year 5 Family Assembly – 10.15am

April

- 3 EYFS trip to Hall Hill Farm
- 5 Year 4 visit to Richmond Castle and Easby Abbey
- 5 EYFS Easter Craft morning – 9am
- 6 Easter Service – St Andrew's Church – 2pm
- 7 School closes for Easter holidays. Re-opens 24th April.

May

- 1 School closed – Bank Holiday
- SAT Week – 8th – 11th May**
- 15 Book Fair in school
- 22 Design and Make Week
- 24 Year 1 Family Assembly
- 29 School closed for half term. Re-opens 5th June.

June

- 12 Phonics test week – Year 1
- 15 Year 6 photographs

July

- 14 Robinwood
- 21 School closes for summer. Reopens 6th September 2017.

