

North Park Primary School

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February/March 2023 newsletter

What have we been up to?

- Mrs Wood and Mrs Nattrass' groups enjoyed a superb sport session this month at Spennymoor Leisure Centre.
- As part of their RE Mrs Wood's group enjoyed a visit to High Etherley church to learn about baptism
- KS2 all managed to get out of the 'Escape Room' intact – superb team work skills!
- Year 5 enjoyed their Multiskills festival
- Year 4 gave us a fabulous family assembly all about their Roman history topic
- Classes across school have enjoyed some lovely Stay and Read Sessions – it has been so nice for the children to share their special books with you
- Reception class pupils loved their Move with Max session at the sports centre
- In Multi-cultural week the children learnt all about different countries and cultures, and loved the cooking workshops with Chef Sarah.
- Some of our girls in school, have enjoyed a football taster day – we look forward to taking the girls team to the next stage of the competition soon too – well done!
- Year 5 have enjoyed a session at the Gala theatre experiencing music related to Space
- We had our Ofsted inspection last week – your children were superstars and spent a lot of time talking to inspectors about all aspects of school life – I am so proud of their lovely manners, their hard work and super behaviour, as always. Well done! We will share the report once it is published. Thank you to all of you who shared your opinions with inspectors online and in person; your supportive comments about the school are always much appreciated.
- The World Book Day decorated spoons were amazing – and children have enjoyed their book swap.

Reminders

- Please ensure school menus are returned as possible – the new menu will start after Easter.
- School meals now cost £2.41.
- Red Nose day takes place on 17th March – teachers will organise activities in class during the afternoon – all donations sent into school will be sent to Comic Relief.

Car Park

We politely request that you do not drive into the school grounds unless you have a disabled badge and are therefore permitted to do so, to avoid congestion and ensure the safety of the school community; the car park is reserved for staff and access for disabled badge holders and deliveries. We are currently investigating installation of a barrier to ensure the safety of pupils arriving in school, especially in the morning. Thank you.

Easter

- Friends of the School will be holding a raffle for Easter Eggs on 30th March – please bring money in from 27th March onwards - £1 per strip – and any donations of eggs towards the raffle are gratefully received.
- They are also holding a decorated Easter Egg competition – from Nursery to Year 6 - please bring these into school on Thursday 30th March.
- Our Easter Service (years 1 to 6) has been moved to 11.15am on Thursday 30th March at St Andrew's Church, if you would like to join us you are welcome.

Industrial Action

Please ensure you check your emails so you are aware of which classes may be affected by planned industrial action pm 15th and 16th March 2023. We anticipate some class closures again.

Sincerely,

Mrs P Monk



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Diary Dates 2023

**Some dates may be subject to change*

North Park Primary will be closed for the following four Professional Development Days: 17.4.23

March

- 14 The Wind in the Willows Theatre show
- 17 Red Nose Day
- 21 Girls Football Tournament - York
- 22 KS1 Magic Flute workshops
- 23 World Maths Day
- 23 Year 5 visit to Whitworth Park.
- 27 Nursery Craft morning
- 27&28 Captain Chemistry visit
- 29 Year 3 Family Assembly – 10.15am
- 30 Easter service – St Andrew's Church – 11.15am
- 31 Year 5 – Methodist Church – An Easter Journey
- 31 **School closes for end of term**

April

- 17 **PD day – parent meetings (letters to follow and times to be confirmed at a later date)**
- 18 **School re-opens**
- 18 Parent meetings - times to be confirmed at a later date
- 18 Year 1 and 2 – Magic Flute performance – Town Hall
- 20 Year 4 – Alternative Sports Festival
- 25 Year 5 – OAA – Hardwick Park
- 27 Girls' Football (4 weeks)

May

- 1 **School closed – Bank Holiday**
- 2 School reopens
- 2 Year 1 Height and Weight checks
- 3 Year 1 OAA – Hardwick Park
- 5 School photographs – individual photos
- 8 **The school will be closed for the recently announced additional Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May 2023.**
- 9-12 **KS2 SATs week**
- 23 Y6 – Primary Athletics festival
- 24 Year 1 Family Assembly – 10.15am
- 25 Girls Football Shield
- 26 **School closes for half term**

June

- 5 **School re-opens**
- 5-9 Year 4 Multiplication Tests
- 8 Year 2B – Alternative Sport Festival
- 12-16 Year 1 Phonic Test week
- 23 Skipping World Record Day

July

- 5 Year 2 – Mr Logan – Family Assembly – 10.15am
- 7 Year 5 and 6 Raby Estate – Moorlands Project
- 10-12 Weardale House Residential Visit – Year 5 and 6
- 12 Year 2 – Mr Lamb – Family Assembly – 10.15am
- 14 Year 6 Fun afternoon
- 19 Year 6 Leaver's Show
- 20 School Afternoon Tea
- 21 **School closes for summer break**

