

Dear Parents and Carers,

28th March 2024



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Thank you all for your support with the Easter activities.

The children's Easter Egg decorating always surpasses our expectation. They seem to come up with new ideas very year and they get a lot of pleasure from decorating them.

The Key Stage 2 classes were buzzing on Monday morning with all the adults who had come in to help with the decorating. Thank you so much for coming in and making it special for the children.

Here are our winning designs:



Thanks to the Friends of Tanfield for organising their annual Easter Raffle – they have raised a grand total of £596 to support enrichment activities for our children. Well done to the lucky winners too!

Sporting wise we are very proud that Zara (Y6) represented us at the Durham County Cross Country event earlier this month. She came 21st out of a group of over 80 runners. What an achievement 😊

Y4 had a great time at their Multi Sports events on Tuesday and we're now looking forward to the Easter Celebration for Key Stage 2 children at the church this afternoon.

We hope many of the KS2 parents will be able to join us. The service will start as close to 1:30 as possible.

We have some new dates for you that will be happening in the first two weeks of the summer term.

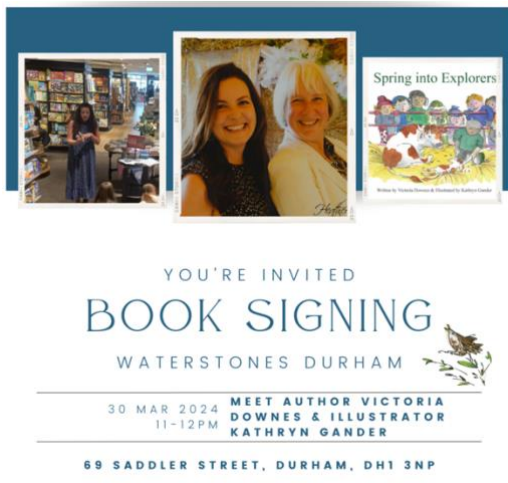


School Council got the children to vote for their next fundraising event. They chose the R.S.P.C.A.

On Friday 19th April the School Council are asking children to come dressed in animal themed clothing or non-school uniform clothes. Children can have animal face paints if they would like. We ask the children bring in a monetary donation – one per family – for this cause. Many thanks.

The long awaited Y6 Howtown Slide Show will take place on Friday 26th April.

We'd like to invite parents of Y6 who attended this residential to join us at 9 a.m. in the Upper School hall for this. It should last about half an hour. We hope many of you will be able to join us.



Book signing in Waterstones

The author Victoria Downes, who worked with our children from Pre-School through to Y2 last week, will be doing a story time and book signing event at Waterstones in Durham this Saturday, 30th March, 11 until 12 noon.

Events for parents:

We know that you love the opportunity to come in to school.

Our Pre-School and Reception have their regular Stay and Play sessions and we now have dates for parents of the other year groups to come and join their children for an activity.

Y1/2 Rocket Building

This has already been mentioned in previous newsletters, but we'd like to confirm that we're inviting parents of children in the classes of Mrs Davidge, Mrs Brown and Mrs Wilkinson to come in to school on Wednesday 8th May. Once you arrive, the session will go on until the end of the day. Timings are:

1:40 Y1 parents to arrive for brief phonics meeting prior to Phonics Test and then stay for Rocket Building

1:55 Y2 parents to arrive for Rocket Building

Y3/4 Building a mini greenhouse

Parents of children in Y3 and Y4 are invited to come in to school on Thursday 4th July to make mini-greenhouses with their children. We would like you to arrive for a 1:30 start and stay for the rest of the afternoon.

Y5/6 Orienteering in school grounds

Y5 and Y6 parents are being invited in to join the children to complete an orienteering course.

Year 5 – Monday 20th May

This will run from 2 p.m. until 2:30 for 5R and then 2:30 to 2:55 for 5M.

It's also the day of the Art Exhibition so parents can spend some time before or after at the Art Exhibition in the Lower School Hall.

Year 6 - Tuesday 21st May

For Y6, we would like to invite you in from 2.00 to 2.55pm on Tuesday 21st May.

Finally, our first edition of **'Talk of Tanfield'** has been published this week. You can find it on our website under Children/School Newspaper. It's a good read ☺

I've included the 'Dates for your Diary' for the summer term on the following pages, with the extra dates in green, just as a reminder about what is planned for the summer term.

Happy Easter to everyone. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 15th April.

Kay Hemmings
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

Summer 2024

Monday 15th April	Back to school
Monday 15th April	Half of Howtown Payment to be made by today
Weds 17th April	German Club
Friday 19th April	School Council Fundraising day for the R.S.P.C.A. as voted for democratically by the children. Children can come in animal themed clothing, animal face paints or just non-school uniform
Weds 24 th April	Pre-School visit to Hall Hill Farm – all Pre-School to attend for the whole day
Friday 26th April	Howtown Slide Show for parents of children in Y6 who attended Howtown
Weds 1st May	Vision Tests for Reception Children
Weds 1st May	German Club
Friday 3 rd May	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Friday 3rd May	Half of Grinton Payment to be made by today
Monday 6th May	May Bank Holiday
Tues 7th–10th May	School Assessment for whole school except Y6
Wednesday 8 th May	Y1 and Y2 parents to be invited in during the afternoon to make Rockets with their children We will start this at 2 p.m. but would like to invite parents of children in Y1 in for a meeting before this so they can find out more about the Phonics Assessment. Therefore, 1:40 p.m. Y1 parents invited in for Phonics meeting followed by rocket building with children 1.55 p.m. Y2 parents invited in to rocket building session with their children
Mon 13th – 16th May	Y6 SATs WEEK It is very important that you do not book a holiday for this week or for the weeks leading up to it. Requests will not be authorised and absence will impact on your child's attainment.
Weds 15th May	German Club
Friday 17 th May	Y3 and Y4 Cricket Competition @ Burnside
Monday 20 th May	Art Exhibition - celebrating the children's artwork. Parents will be invited in during the afternoon to see this
Monday 20th May	Orienteering in the school grounds for Y5 - 2 p.m. until 2:30 for 5R and then 2:30 to 2:55 for 5M As it's the same day as the Art Exhibition, parents will be welcome to visit this before or after the activity
Tuesday 21 st May	Y1 Multi Skills Festival and ABCs (Anti-Bullying Champions) @ Brandon
Tuesday 21st May	Orienteering in the school grounds for Y6 – 2 p.m. until 2:55 p.m.
Wednesday 22 nd May	School closed today – Teacher Training Day
Thursday 23 rd May	School closed today – Teacher Training Day
Friday 24 th May	School closed today – Teacher Training Day
May Half Term	Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May
Monday 3 rd June	Back to school
3 rd June to 21 st June	Multiplication Tables Check – Test period for all children in Y4
Monday 3 rd June	SPORTS WEEK Skipping Activity Session today for all children from Y1 to Y6
Tuesday 4 th June	CnS Active Morning for all children from Y1 to Y6
Tuesday 4 th June	After school - Sponsored Bike Ride after school for children from Y2 to Y6
Wednesday 5 th June	SPORTS DAYS for all year groups – parents invited to join us for this: 9:15 – Years 5 and 6 10:30 – Years 1 and 2 11:15 – Pre-School (Bumblebees only) 1:00 – Pre-School (Ladybirds and Caterpillars) and Reception. Ladybirds to start 15 minutes later today. 2:00 – Years 3 and 4
Wednesday 5th June	German Club
Thursday 6 th June	Y1/2 (a.m.) and Y3/4 (p.m.) – Outdoor Activities in the grounds
Thursday 6 th June	Sleepover for Y6 – arriving at school between 6:30 and 6:45
Friday 7 th June	Activity Day for Y5 and Y6 (Including Climbing Wall) Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
10 th to 14 th June	Phonics Screening Check – Test Week – All of Y1 children plus those Y2 children who did not reach the required standard last year.
Weds 12th June	German Club
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Weds 12 th June	In it Together Conference for Y3 (no cost for this visit – school will fund it)
Sat 15th June	Group of 30 Y5/6 children to visit Berlin – learning more about Germany, its people, their childhood experiences. They will visit a primary school and see some of the main historical sites in Berlin.

Weds 19 th June	Transition Day for Reception (current Pre-School to move into Reception)
Sat 22nd June	Group of 30 Y5/6 children return from Berlin
Tues 25th June	Y1 and Y2 to visit Northumberland College Zoo - Note the change of date
Friday 28 th June	Letters to go out today to all parents re classes for next year
Mon 1 st – 3rd July	Transition Days for Tanfield School
Monday 1 st July	Transition lesson for all children at our school (10:20 to 11:20)
Monday 1 st July	Meet the Teacher meeting – 4:00 p.m. + Creche. All parents to be invited to these meetings
Wednesday 3 rd July	<i>Transition afternoon for children and parents of Pre-School and Reception to learn more about how things work in the new year groups and support their children with this progression.</i> Reception to move to Y1 – Parents to be invited to join us at 1:45 p.m. Pre-School to move to Reception – Parents to be invited to join us at 2 p.m. (If attending this you do not need to attend the ‘Meet the Teacher’ on Monday night.)
Thursday 4th July	Parents of children in Y3 and Y4 to be invited in this afternoon from 1:30 to make mini greenhouses. This links with their Design and Technology curriculum
Friday 5 th July	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Friday 5 th July	Reports go out to all parents
Monday 8 th July	Parent Meetings for those parents who would like an appointment
Tuesday 9 th July	Y2 Multi Skills Festival and ABCs (Anti-Bullying Champions) @ Tanfield
Wednesday 10th July	Reception to visit the Great North Museum
Friday 12 th July	Y5 and Y6 girls v girls/boys v boys Athletics Competition @ Brandon Bastille Day – all to come in dressed in red, white and blue
Monday 15 th July	Y6 Leavers’ Meal – 4:15 until 5:45
Tuesday 16 th July	Thankyou tea for all who have helped us this year – 2:30 until 3:30 Y5 to prepare, serve and take part
Wednesday 17 th July	Lower School Fun Day Y6 Dress Rehearsal for the Upper School and some parents – afternoon Y6 Performance – evening – 6 p.m.
Thursday 18 th July	Y6 Performance – evening – 6 p.m.
Friday 19 th July	Y2 Moving on Assembly for their parents starting as soon after 9 a.m. as possible
Monday 22 nd July	Upper School visit to Craster/Embleton Beach
Tuesday 23 rd July	Y6 Leavers’ Assembly for Y6 and their parents starting as soon after 9 a.m. as possible Last day of term
Wednesday 4th Sept	Back to School

