



**April 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 Issue 26**

### **Welcome Back**

I hope that you all managed to have a nice Easter despite the atrocious weather! The children have settled back into school life very well and are really interested in the developments all around them.

The construction team are keen to engage with the whole school community and you may have noticed the two new noticeboards towards the front of school, where you can find out what is happening on site regarding the build.

### **Time Capsule**

One idea the construction team have had to engage with children and their families is to leave a time capsule deep underground! I thought that our families might like to leave a family photograph in the capsule with some details on the back such as your names and your child's age – any photo would be fine or even a scanned copy if you don't want to part with it. Please send the photograph to school by May 4<sup>th</sup> so that it can be buried along with some other items!

### **Extension Works**

Over Easter several big changes occurred that were necessary to allow future works to progress. The gas, water and electricity supplies were all rerouted and upgraded as some of the equipment was becoming dated. Tonnes of earth were moved and the builders have set up their compound and storage area. They are currently extending the playground as we will lose some of the existing playground when the new classrooms are built. This new playground should be ready next week and the garden will open up properly shortly too to give us additional space.

Working on a live site, requires us to be creative in our use of space to avoid distractions by noise, dust and the like, but over the past few years we have become adept at using every available piece of space for teaching and learning! Miss Blackburn and Mrs Miller have created an amazing teaching space in the hall during the Easter break and I thank them for their efforts. This has been done as in the near future the area outside Miss Blackburn's classroom will be cordoned off with the new build and it would be distracting.

### **PE Arrangements**

To ensure each class still receives the correct amount of PE time during the build, we have booked Teesdale Sports Centre for several classes. The PE days are as follows:-  
Nursery and Reception – Monday afternoon (Forest School) and at other times  
Miss Lauder's Class – Monday Afternoon (Indoor PE kit)  
Miss Blackburn's Class – Tuesday Afternoon (indoor PE kit + outdoor PE clothing such as a tracksuit if the weather is cool).  
Miss Richardson's Class – Wednesday Afternoon (indoor PE kit + outdoor PE clothing such as a tracksuit if the weather is cool).  
Dr Greenwell's Class – Thursday Afternoon (swimming kit). As Dr Greenwell's class have a sports coach this half term they will also require a PE kit on Friday.

Children from Y5/6 who have swimming sessions will still be going on a Thursday afternoon. I hope that this makes sense. Please see your child's teacher if you are unsure about these new arrangements.

Whilst the school field is cordoned off, after school football is taking place at the Cricket Club with Mr Foster and we are grateful to Mr Ashworth for seeking permission from the club to allow us to do this.

## Early Years Declaration Forms

These forms are a requirement for continuing childcare provision and need to be completed each term. Could parents/carers please complete the Summer Term declaration form and return it to school as soon as possible.

## FOMS News

Friends of Montalbo School met this week. One of the initiatives they are keen to promote is the school lottery. If you are interested in supporting the school in this way, more information can be found at [www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk](http://www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk)

FOMS are also keen to organise a Bingo Night and I will update you when the date is confirmed with the Bingo Callers!

## Key Stage 2 Football Team

The Key Stage 2 Football team travelled to Staindrop on Thursday to compete in 3 matches. Considering that our team was made up of Y3s, Y4s, Y5s and Y6s compared other teams Year 6 teams they did very and lost gallantly 3-0, 3-0, 3-1 and 4-1! Well done to you all.

## Attendance Rewards

Next Friday we have arranged for 100% attendees from Autumn and Spring Terms to go to Crazy Golf. I am sure they will enjoy this.

## Gymnastics

Teesdale Leisure Centre has some spaces available for gymnastics lessons for 3 to 16 year olds. For further information please contact the centre on 03000260862

## Edinburgh Residential

The Y5/6 children are looking forward to their Summer Residential to Edinburgh alongside other Y5/6s from Cotherstone Primary School. Some parents are paying amounts in instalments and some have paid off the full amount, which needs to be paid in full by May 25<sup>th</sup>. I have added the PowerPoint from the parents meeting to the latest news section of the website for parents who were unable to attend the meeting earlier in the term.

## 30 Hour Provision and Open Afternoon for Nursery

From September, we will be able to offer 30 hour childcare for eligible 3-4 year olds.

We would like to invite any parents who may be interested seeing our Nursery provision for their 3 year olds to an Open Afternoon on Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup>. Mrs Bartoli and Mrs Patterson will set up some activities for your child to enjoy and you can talk to the staff about the provision.

## Attendance for w.b. 16.4.18

Class	Present
Mrs Bartoli's Reception	98.9%
Miss Lauder's Class	97.3%
Miss Blackburn's Class	95.8%
Dr Greenwell's Class	97.6%
Miss Richardson's Class	100%
School Total	97.9%

## Dates for the diary

April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Open Afternoon
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Attendance Reward
May 7 <sup>th</sup>	May Day Bank Holiday
May 9 <sup>th</sup>	FOMS Meeting at 5.30pm in school
May 14 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	Y6 SATs
May 17 <sup>th</sup>	Reception children to the Bowes Museum
May 21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 SATs
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Football Tournament
May 28 <sup>th</sup> -June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Whit Half Term Holiday
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Procession in town

Mr Minikin, Head Teacher

## Punctuality

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons. Remember Wake Up, Shake Up usually starts at 8.45a.m. 21 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.