



Welcome Mrs Bowron

Mrs Bowron, our final Teaching Assistant appointment, has started work today. Mrs Bowron will be working mainly in Class 3 to support teaching and learning. This further strengthens our support and we look forward to working with her this year.

Good Luck Miss Lane

Miss Lane, a Trainee Teacher from Durham University, has had the last day of her placement with us today. She continues her training at a new setting and we thank her for her hard work with Class 4. She has been very popular with the children and staff and we wish her luck for the future. Class 4 performed a special Rainforest Dance (from their topic) and made her some lovely cards and gifts.

FOMs Valentine's Disco

FOMs are kindly arranging the Valentine's Disco again this year. It is on Thursday 16th February. Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1's disco is from 5.15pm to 6.15pm and Key Stage 2's disco is from 6.30pm-7.30pm. FOMs are also arranging a raffle and tickets can be bought before or during the event. Tickets cost £2.50 and the price includes a drink and a hot dog. There will be a sweet and popcorn stall, friendship bracelet stall and glitter tattoos so your child might want to bring along some change for this. Teas and coffees are available for parents. Tickets available from the school office with effect from Monday 6th February

Helping Out at Home

Miss Smith would like to invite parents of Reception children into school at 3.30pm on Tuesday 28th February to talk about ways to support their children's learning at home. The session will last about 30 minutes and your children will be looked after in the main school building. It would be lovely to see as many of you there as possible.

Reception PE Kits next week

On Wednesday 8th February Reception children are going to Teesdale Leisure Centre for a Multi Skills Festival. As they need to arrive at the centre for 9.30am, it would be much easier if they came to school in their PE kits with either a tracksuit or their uniform over the top. There is no need to bring other uniform to change into.

New Hall Display

Working with local company, we have created a lovely display in the hall. It is made up of 3 boards entitled Respecting the Past, Enjoying the Present and Preparing for the Future. It covers our heritage as well as elements of school life – have a look when you are next in school!

World Book Day

Miss Smith is organising a series of events for World Book Day on March 2nd. She would like us all to dress up as a character from our favourite book so here is some advanced warning!

Class 3 Assembly

On February 16th at 9am Dr Greenwell's class will be presenting their Class Assembly. It would be lovely to see parents or family of Class 3 attend.

Multi Skills

Teesdale Leisure Centre are running a multi-skills event every Wednesday night 4 – 5pm for children 8 years and over. The session is free and for both boys and girls.



30 hour provision

A letter was sent out last week regarding the government’s pledge to provide ‘free childcare for 3-4 year olds for eligible parents’. In order for us to plan for this, please could any parents of 2 or 3 years olds return the letter to us with their thoughts on the provision they may require. It is available on the Head Teacher’s blog section of our website too. Thank you.

Safer Internet Day 2017

Safer Internet Day will be celebrated globally on Tuesday 7th February with the slogan 'Be the change: Unite for a better internet.' One of Miss Richardson’s responsibilities is as E-Safety Co-ordinator. She is working with our local authority adviser in the run up to Safer Internet Day and we will be sending out the most up to date forms and contracts to for you and your child sign shortly, to help safeguard them online whilst at school.

YouTube: Our Local Authority advisor has informed school that the minimum age limit for having a YouTube account is **13 years of age**.

On Friday 10th February we would like to invite parents to school at 2.45pm and your child can take you around each class, where the children can explain a different element of e-safety to you.

Sainsbury’s Active Kids Vouchers

If you or any friends or family shop at Sainsbury’s, please could you ask them to collect the Active Kids Vouchers. This will enable school to exchange them for PE equipment. The collection box is located next to the staff room so your child could drop them off there themselves. Thank you.

Lockerbie

Payment of at least half of the fee for this exciting trip - £117.50 needs to be made by **March 1st** with the remainder by **6th June**. Payment by instalments or as a lump sum is equally acceptable, cash or cheque payable to ‘Montalbo School Fund’.

Attendance for w.b. 30.01.17

Class	Present
Reception	92.4%
Class 1	96.7%
Class 2	95.3%
Class 3	91.9%
Class 4	94.8%

Overall attendance this week was 94.2%

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.

31 minutes learning time lost this week

Dates for your Diary

- February 8th Reception at Teesdale Leisure Centre for Multi-Skills Festival
- February 10th February Parents invited into school 2.45pm for e-safety tour with their child.
- February 16th Class 3’s Assembly 9.00am
- February 20th-24th Half Term
- February 28th – Helping out at Home 3.30pm (Reception Parents)
- March 2nd World Book Day
- March 6th Garden clearance starts
- March 20th-22nd – Parents’ Evenings
- March 24th – Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea

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Head Teacher