



February 9th 2018 Issue 19

### **Dr Greenwell's Class Assembly**

We had a real treat this morning as Dr Greenwell's class performed their assembly to us. They took us on a journey back to the 1800s and talked about Mary Anning and her fossil discoveries before time travelling to the Stone Age. Their amazing PowerPoint highlighted all of the fantastic, creative opportunities that the children have had. They finished with a superb version of 'We Will Rock You!' dressed as cave-people! I hope that all parents/carers and relatives who were able to attend enjoyed their performance as much as we did. Well done Year 4!

### **Online Safety**

I was delighted to hear that the Online Safety Assembly went well and that each class was able to give important messages about different elements of online safety. I hope the parents who attended enjoyed it and that we all continue to work together to keep our children safe online.

Unfortunately, I had a meeting elsewhere but did take a follow up assembly with Miss Lauder on another technology issue that is quite common across the country – gaming and children viewing/playing games at home with a certificate of 12, 15, or 18. We talked about the reasons for these restrictions and the fact there were so many more appropriate games to play on. I hope that parents will check the certificates of the games that their children play on to ensure they are suitable.

### **Uniform**

Due to a price increase from our suppliers, school uniform prices have gone up slightly. Please see the website links after half term or collect an order form from the School Office to see the details.

### **Netball Tournament**

Two teams from Year 5/6 travelled to the Alun Armstrong Centre to play several other schools from the area and did very well. The 'A' team came second overall having won 3 and lost 1. The 'B' team won 1 game and lost 3. The children enjoyed the event and we try to encourage both participation and competition in sports for our children.

### **Football Club Swap**

Due to a clash between two popular clubs, we have decided to swap the days that our two after school football clubs run. Key Stage 2 football (Y3-6) will be back on Monday as it has been this half term and Foundation/Key Stage 1 football (R-Y2) will be on Wednesday. Apologies for this oversight and I hope that all the children can attend the rearranged sessions.

### **Multiskills**

Miss Blackburn's class enjoyed their visit to Staindrop to take part in the multiskills festival. The children took part in a range of activities and could not wait to tell me about it when I saw them at lunchtime. We have some talented children in sports in that class and I look forward to seeing their development as they progress into competitive teams as they go through school.

### **Reception Football Festival**

On Wednesday our Reception children walked to Teesdale Leisure Centre to take part in a football festival. They enjoyed the session and scored plenty of goals! Mrs Bartoli was proud to see their football skills improve. Well done to Reception!

### **Valentine's Disco**

We are very grateful to the Friends of Montalbo School for their help organising and running the Valentine's Disco. These events are a lot of fun for our children and also help raise funds for the school to spend on them. Many thanks also to all of the teachers who stayed back to help.

### **Old Paper £10 notes**

Due to the timing of our banking collection, we will not be able to accept old £10 notes after half term.

### **World Book Day**

World Book Day is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March this year. We will be celebrating our love of books in school with an exhibition of children's work in the school hall from 3pm on this day. All work will be inspired by the story 'The Flower' by John Light. Children will also be taking part in lots of book related activities in their classes and are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

### Mother's Day

On Friday 9th March we will be celebrating Mother's Day in school. Last year it was very busy in the hall so this year we will use the hall, Miss Richardson's and Dr Greenwell's classrooms to give us more space. Mums/carers and grandmothers are welcome to attend and it will be lovely to see many of you in school from 1.30pm.

### TCR Hub Holiday events

The Hub is running many events over half term which may interest you. On **Monday 12th February** there is an Under 8s Cookery Course, 1:00pm – 4:00pm, Cost £15. Participants will return home with a feast fit for tea! Telephone Phil on 01833690150 to book. On **Tuesday 13th February** there is a Love Science Workshop – Still places available for Under 5s, 11:30 – 12:15. Contact Love Science on 1677425888 for more info. **Friday 16th February** Generation Code, Suitable for Age 11+. Free of Charge. 10:00am – 12:00 midday. Contact Lisa on 07966516270 to book.

### Saturday 17th February Winter Open Day

Featuring Fruit-full Communities Tours, Live Music, Scalextric Racing, Huge Bouncy Castle, Pottery Workshops, Cafe and Bar.

11:00am until 5:00pm (Adult and Family Scalextric Racing until midnight).

### Enjoy half term

It has been a short but busy half term! I hope the children have great break and look forward to seeing them back in school on Monday, February 19th.

### Attendance for w.b. 5.2.18

Class	Present
Mrs Bartoli's Reception	92.5%
Miss Lauder's Class	98.3%
Miss Blackburn's Class	100%
Dr Greenwell's Class	97.2%
Miss Richardson's Class	95.55
School Total	97.1%

### Dates for the diary

February 12 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
February 19 <sup>th</sup>	School starts after half term
February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Y5/6 visiting Teesdale School for dress rehearsal of Teesdale's play
February 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Maths Information Meeting for Parents: Nursery and Reception – In the Base at 3.30pm Y1+2 at 5pm in school Y3, 4, 5 and 6 at 6pm in school
February 26 <sup>th</sup>	Cross Country @ Green Lane Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
Thursday March 1 <sup>st</sup>	World Book Day – exhibition for parents at 3pm
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day event in school 1.30pm
March 14 <sup>th</sup>	Science Day – whole school
March 14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' Evening
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Lauder's Class Football at the Alun Armstrong Centre 9.30-11.30am
March 20 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Richardson's Class Multiskills at Staindrop Academy 9.30-11.30am
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Reception Festival at Staindrop Academy 9.30-11.30am
March 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Football League Matches (KS2) at Staindrop Academy
March 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Clarinetists to Teesdale for a Music Workshop
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS & KS1 – Glaxo Visit
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Glaxo Visit

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.

**2 hours 5 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.**