



January 12th 2018 Issue 16

Happy New Year!

Although it seems a while ago with the way the Christmas holidays fell, we would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year and hope that you enjoyed the Christmas period. The children have settled back in school very well and have started the term superbly.

New Year's Resolutions

I talked in assembly this week about New Year's Resolutions and was interested to hear the children's goals. You will be pleased to hear that they will be tidying their rooms including making their bed, will be eating less snacks, doing more exercise, be working harder, be more helpful and spend less time staring at screens! I will remind the children from time to time of their resolutions and wish them luck!

Fantastic Resources

This week we were thrilled to see two Ichthyosaurs arrive in school! These have been kindly loaned to us by the Earth Sciences Department at Durham University. They are millions of years old and link with Dr Greenwell's class topic. The whole school were lucky enough to see them and I know the scientists in the Base are studying dinosaurs and were excited by their arrival! Thank you to Professor Greenwell for arranging this and delivering them to us.

Creative Curriculum

Next week is very busy in school with a number of visitors to class and assemblies. Josh Ridley from Teesdale Leisure Centre is coaching some of our Nursery and Reception children in football. We have an assembly from a representative from the Butterwick Hospice about their fantastic work and from Taylor Shaw about Healthy Eating. We have an artist in working with Years 4-6 and a visitor to school looking at rocks with Year 4.

WOW competition

It has been nice to see the children collecting their WOW badges for walking to school at least once a week for a month. Many of them are keen to enter the badge competition to design a badge related to one of the seasons. Please bring in any designs you have by the end of next week so we can send them off. Thank you.

Dr Greenwell's Class Assembly

The next Class Assembly will be performed by Dr Greenwell's Class. This will take place on Friday, February 9th at 9.00am. Parents and relatives of the children in this class are welcome attend.

Swimming Gala

On Thursday selected children from Y3-6 travelled to Woodhouse Close Leisure Centre to compete against many local schools in a Sainsbury's School Games Swimming Gala. The competition was tough but Miss Richardson and Mr Foster said that the children competed well and encouraged each other. I know some of the team are very talented – a special mention to Yasmin who won the backstroke and to Thomas who came 2nd in one of his races and even volunteered to race against some Y5/6 children as we were short on numbers! Well done team.

After School Clubs

After school clubs began this week and are proving popular. As it is still dark and wet, the sports we have chosen can be done inside. Two of the new clubs offer very different opportunities: BoxFit looked very energetic and I know that the children really enjoyed it. Chess is popular too and I know there were some strategic moves being developed. If your child would like to join any of the clubs,

except Gymnastics which full, the application form can be found in the School Office section of the school website or you can collect one from the School Office.

Firefighter's Charity Bags

A reminder that the charity bags sent home by FOMS are due to be collected on Tuesday January 16th. They collect adult and children's clothes, shoes and bags. We have received quite a few already and these can be brought to the School Office before that date. If you require any additional bags please call in to the School Office. Thank you.

FOMs

At the end of the year, Ms Shelley Simpson resigned as Chairperson of FOMS due to increased work commitments. She is still very keen to help with FOMS when time allows and I thank her for her time and effort over the last couple of years. The Summer Fayres were Shelley's ideas and they have been a great success.

Hi 5 Netball Coach

The next coach to visit school on a Friday afternoon will be working with Miss Richardson's Class. Please make sure that your children have their PE Kits in school and a tracksuit/warm sportswear suitable for outside conditions.

Collecting Stamps

We will be collecting stamps to support the RSPB. We have had quite a lot of stamps already which is great. There is a collection box near the children's entrance at the back of school.

Collecting Batteries

Dr Greenwell talked to the children in assembly this week about the importance of recycling batteries. The children learnt a great deal and judging by the large quantity in the collecting box have been asking friends and families to save their used batteries! The collection box is near the playground entrance at the back of school. Unfortunately, we can only recycle types in the A, C and D range! Thank you.

Attendance for w.b. 8.1.18

Class	Present
Mrs Bartoli's Reception	97.5%
Miss Lauder's Class	95.3%
Miss Blackburn's Class	98.7%
Dr Greenwell's Class	98.4%
Miss Richardson's Class	96.5%
School Total	97.2%

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. 54 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

Dates for the diary

January 15th	Nursery and Reception Football in school
February 5th	Y5/6 Netball Competition
February 6th	Safer Internet Day
February 6th	Y2/3 Multiskills Festival
February 8 th	
February 9th	Dr Greenwell's Class Assembly 9.00am
February 12 th -16 th	Half Term Holiday
February 21 st	Miss Richardson's Class to view Teesdale School's Performance

Mr Minikin
Head Teacher