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Leadership Arrangements

Mr David Tait, Headteacher of Shincliffe CE Primary School, is supporting our school in the role of Acting Headteacher for 2 days per week. Miss Richardson will continue in her role of Acting Deputy Headteacher. These arrangements will be in place until half term and we will keep you fully informed of any changes.

Chinese New Year

Today, children have been celebrating Chinese New Year. They have taken part in some amazing activities from Chinese New Year themed Maths questions to Chinese style Dance. Children who had a school lunch, were even treated to a special Chinese New Year style meal. They had the choice of Chicken Chow Mein or Crispy Chicken Strips with stir fry noodles or Chinese style vegetables. Earlier in the week, children took part in an assembly to learn about Chinese New Year traditions and the twelve animals that Chinese New Year celebrates.

School Council

Our School Council Team would like to say a huge thank you to William Smith Sign Manufacturers for the opportunity to visit their factory and design our 'Buddy Bench' sign. Children were amazed to see their design come to life and they can't wait to put it up in the playground. Our new School Council members have been re-elected this half term, and they are looking forward to sharing their ideas for the year ahead.

School Games Sports Events

There are 2 main School Games sports events coming up. On Friday 31st January, selected children will attend the Swimming Gala at Woodhouse Leisure Centre 12:45 – 2:30pm and on Friday 28th February, selected children will be heading to Bishop Auckland College to take part in Cross Country running. If your child is selected for the Cross Country event, please remember to send a spare change of clothes (school uniform) and spare shoes as they usually get very muddy!

Staindrop Partnership Sports Events

We have a busy sporting week ahead! Year 5 children will be attending Trampoline lessons at Staindrop Academy on Tuesday 11th February and they will be competing in Netball competitions at Aycliffe Leisure Centre on Wednesday 12th February. Our Year 1 children have a multi-skills festival at Staindrop Academy on Thursday 13th February. Please ensure children have their Montalbo PE kits in school for those dates as well as their normal PE lessons, thank you.

Inter School Netball and Football with Barnard Castle Prep School

On Monday 24th February, Year 3 and Year 4 children have been invited to take part in Netball and Football games at Barnard Castle Prep School. It will be a great opportunity for our children to take part in fun and competitive sports games. Please help children to be organised with their Montalbo PE kits and waterproof coats for this date.

Easter Play

Year 3 and Year 4 have made a start on preparations for their Easter play, "Darwin Rocks". The children have now been given their characters and parts. Letters will be sent home with the children next week which will explain which costumes are needed, along with lines to be learnt. Already the songs are proving to be a big hit, with air guitar moves being seen out on the playground as they practise their dances. The performances will be on Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April.

Scholastic Book Fair News

Thank you to everyone who bought a book from our Scholastic Book Fair back in November. We have received £337 in Free Books for our school. We hope to be able to buy new class book sets to inspire us with our reading and writing.

Year 1 Class – Good Work Assembly

We have swapped the dates for the Year 1 and Year 2 Good Work Assemblies. Please note that this half term, it will be Year 1's Assembly on Friday 7th February. All parents and relatives of Year 1 pupils are welcome to attend. It is a great opportunity to see the amazing work that Year 1 children have been doing with their class teacher Miss Scott.

SATs Information Evening for Parents

Parents of children in Year 2 and Year 6 are invited to a SATs Information Evening on Thursday 6th February. Mrs Newton will be delivering information about KS1 (Y2) SATs from 5:00pm – 5:30pm. Miss Richardson will be delivering information about KS2 (Y6) SATs from 5:30pm to 6:00pm.

Attendance for w.b. 20.01.20

Class	Present %
Reception	95.2%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	98.1%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	98.6%
Year 5	98.8%
Year 6	98.1%

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons.

1hour 26mins of learning was lost to lateness this week.

School overall attendance is: 98%

Dates for the diary

- January 31st School Games Swimming for selected Year 4, 5 & 6 children
- February 6th SATs Information Evening for Year 2 and Year 6 Parents (Y2 5:00-5:30pm / Y6 5:30-6:00pm)
- February 7th Year 1 Class Assembly
- February 11th Year 5 – Trampoline lessons at Staindrop Academy
- February 12th Year 5 – Netball Festival at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre
- February 13th Year 1 – Multi-skills Festival at Staindrop
- February 14th Cross Country at Green Lane School for selected children
- February 17th - 21st Half Term
- February 24th Children back
- February 24th Year 3 and Year 4 – Netball and Football at Prep School
- March 5th World Book Day
- March 17th and 18th Parents Evening
- March 20th Mother's Day Afternoon
- March 9th Space Camp Week

Miss Richardson
Acting Deputy Headteacher