



May 24th 2024

Marvellous Montalbo's Stone Age Tribe

Please see the information below from Dr Blezard:

We are all excited for the parade on Monday 27th May and can't wait to show off our costumes and props! Arrangements for the day are as follows:

We will meet in Glaxo car park at 11:45am on Monday 27th May. All participants must be in the car park by 12pm as judging takes place from then. Please be aware that the roads will close at 12:15.

You and your child will need to be dressed in something 'Stone Age'. Props have been made during the 'Meet Club', so don't forget to put your bones in your hair, wear your beards and bone belts, and carry those spears and axes!

We will not be matching, but the combination of animal skins and props will make us all look fabulous. Please feel free to decorate yourselves with muddy faces, blackened teeth and crazy unbrushed hair!

We will bring the school flag and our two amazing banners to be carried by the children. Don't forget to look out for our decomposed T-Rex skeleton too!

The parade will leave the rear gate of Glaxo car park at 1pm and will weave its way through town.

We will finish at the Bowes Museum between 1:45 and 2pm. The road will remain closed until 2:15pm to allow all participants to disperse safely.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you.

GSK and school staff – thank you

I was really pleased with the team effort to move around school on Friday and Monday and I think the new classrooms look amazing. Talking to the children who have moved rooms, they think they are great too! Well done TeamMonty!

Thank you to all the GSK staff for their help – we could not have done it without your help. I also wanted to mention Mark, Richard and John Patterson who even worked on a Saturday for us to get the nursery/reception fence and gate finished! Mark and Richard worked outside for two days in very warm conditions. Thank you so much!

The staff reported that the new classrooms worked well and hope the drop off and pick up arrangements are working for everyone. The small path to each of the classroom doors would lead to bottle necks and overcrowding which is why the Year 1 and Year 2 children are being taken to the playground.

Term time holidays

You will have noticed the new information shared by Durham Local Authority on Tuesday. As you may have seen on the news, attendance is a key priority and the links between good attendance and attainment are obvious. Please bare the information shared in mind when thinking about term time holidays.

Educational Visits

This week Year 4 visited Binchester Roman Fort as part of their History topic. Having talked to some of the children and Dr Blezard, it is clear that the children consolidated their understanding and learnt some new things too, as well as having the chance to see a Roman Bath House. The children listened to talks, looked at the archaeology and were intrigued by the geophysics of what is still to be unearthed! Well done Year 4!

Reception New Starters for September

On Wednesday 19th June 2024 Miss Lauder and the Reception team will be holding a transition information session for parents/carers of children starting Reception in September.

The session will start at 3:30pm and is a great chance for parents/carers to get information about what to expect, meet the team, ask questions and to explore the Reception classroom.

Where possible, we suggest that children stay at home, as it is more of an information sharing session. However, if this is not possible, staff will be on hand to sit with the children. We are looking forward to sharing this information with you and hope you can make it.

Big Barney Book Hunt

The Friends of Barnard Castle Library have organised a Book Hunt on Tuesday May 28th. To enter please meet at The Witham garden at 9.30am and complete an entry form.

Class photographs

On the morning of June 4th, class photographs will be taken.

Autism Central Coffee Morning

We have been asked to share an opportunity for families and carers of autistic people to connect with each other and get advice and support from Autism Central staff. This group is suitable for you if you have a family member who is diagnosed/going through the diagnostic process/has been identified as having a need relating to autism, ADHD, sensory processing difficulties, anxiety and social communication differences.

Bishop Auckland Family HUB, DL14 6QL

24th May and 28th June 10am-12pm



Community Art Work

Thank you to those families who have sent in plastic bottles tops for the Community Art Work at Whorlton Bridge. We will need hundreds so please keep sending them in – there is a collection box in the school foyer. Mrs Patterson and Mrs Bowron met with the site foreman this week and we will be starting these collaborative artworks soon.

Half term

I hope that all of our families have a lovely half term and we get at least some bright spells in between the showers. It was so wet on Wednesday that we actually had two ducks on the field for the whole day! We look forward to seeing the children on Monday, June 3rd.

Attendance

Please find below this week's attendance and the year to date attendance.

Class	Attendance (%)
Reception	95.7
Year 1	90.7
Year 2	94.2
Year 3	88.8
Year 4	90
Year 5	100
Year 6	90.3
Whole School	92.8

Dates for the Diary

May 27th – May 31st

June 3rd

June 3rd – June 14th

June 4th

June 6th & June 7th

June 10th - June 14th

June 11th

June 14th

June 19th

June 26th

July 2nd

July 3rd

July 9th

July 12th

July 15th

July 16th and 17th

July 23rd

Whit Half Term Holidays

Children return to school

Multiplication Test for Y4

Class photographs

Year 6 Activities & Sleepover at the Hub

Phonics Screening Check for Y1

Reception Trip to Hall Hill Farm

Father's Day Event (pm)

Reception Transition Meeting for Parents/Carers

Year 2 Trip to Hamsterley Forest

Reception – Y6 Sports Day

Nursery Sports Day

Heavy Best Brass Band visiting school

Move Up Day

Monty Does the Movies rehearsal for Y3-6

Monty Does the Movies at the Witham for Y3-6

Leavers' Assembly 9am and last day of term

Mr. C Minikin

Head Teacher

Please see the QR code for the School Lottery. The more players we have, the more we raise for the school and the bigger the prize fund.

