



# April 2017 Newsletter

All children and young people have a right to a primary education...Young people should be encouraged to reach the highest level of education they are capable of. (Article 28, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)

## Lent

Thank you for encouraging your children to support the charities we have focused on this term. We raised:

CAFOD – £124.80

**Comic Relief - £116.50**

*Children's education... should encourage children to respect others, human rights and their own another cultures. It should also help them learn to live peacefully, protect the environment and respect other people. (Article 29, United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child)*

The  
Season  
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Lent



## Awards For All

We are delighted to announce we have received a grant for £10,000 from Awards For All. This is to install new fitness equipment in our school playground. Work on this will start the first week after Easter half term.

## Year 5/6 Windmills Engineering Project at Beamish Museum - 1st Weekend in July

### Free bus for ALL families to Beamish for that weekend

Again, we thought we'd give you advance notice of this. Our Class 3 children are going to be taking part in an engineering project sponsored by Beamish Museum on Windmills. The designs from schools will be exhibited there during the 1st weekend in July. As part of the funding for the project, they will provide a bus to Beamish for free for **ALL** families at our school. You would only have to pay an entrance fee of £6 per person. More details will follow, but we thought that we'd give you advance notice of the date in case you are interested in going.

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PLEASE CONTACT SCHOOL OFFICE IF NEEDED.

### Warmer Weather

Can you please make sure children are dressed appropriately for the warmer weather, wearing sun-cream and sun hats.



### Year 6 Residential Outdoor Trip

The children this year will be going to Robinwood Centre in Alston, 12th to 14th July 2017. A quick reminder to parents that the balance of £200 for the trip is due by 30th April. This cost includes everything—transport, accommodation, food, activities and equipment.

### Special thank you to:

- The very kind parent who donated lovely new books to the school.
- Wingate Family Centre for the kind donation of £75.00

### Accessibility to our School

We are currently updating our school accessibility plan regarding access to our school building and school information for people with disabilities or needs. If you have any comments that you would like us to consider, please contact school by Friday 28th March.

Thank you!



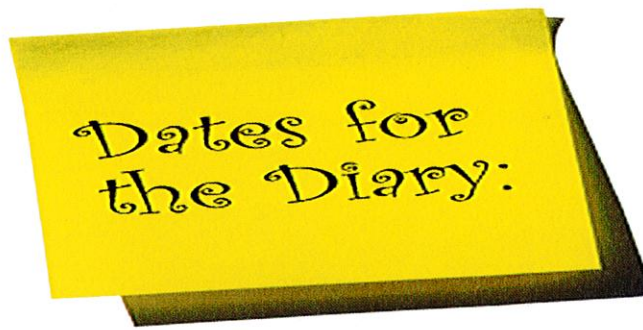
### Friends Of The School

Our thanks go to our 'Friends of the School' for the lovely Easter coffee afternoon held last week which raised an amazing £305.40. Thanks to the great number of you who attended.

### Wingate Nursery Links

We have established some lovely links with Wingate nursery this year. Small groups of our children have gone down to do activities with the children and, on Monday, a group of nursery children came to our school and took part in an Easter Egg hunt. It really was a lovely afternoon. Thanks go to the staff and children of class 3 who have organised this, and to Wingate nursery for supporting this.

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## Dates for the Diary - all dates are available on our school website

- Friday 7th April* - *BREAK UP FOR THE EASTER HOLIDAYS!*
- Monday 24th April.* - *Back to school*
- 27th April* - *Sponsored Spell Event*
- 5th May* - *Skipping Festival - St Bedes—Years 2 - 5*
- 8th May* - *SATs Week*
- 12th May* - *Sunderland Empire Gangsta Granny*
- 29th May* - *Half Term*
- 23rd June* - *School Closed - PD Day*
- 26th June* - *Climbing Wall & Archery in school*
- 28th June* - *Class 1—The Sage, Gateshead—'Big Sing For Mini Singers'*
- 29th June* - *Beamish—Class3 'Wind in Your Sails Final'*
- 1st July (Saturday)* - *Beamish—Children and parents of Class 3 , 9.30 to 4.00pm*
- 10th July* - *First performance of KS2 Musical 'The Keymaster' 6.00pm*
- 11th July* - *Second performance of KS2 Musical 'The Keymaster' 1.30pm*
- 12-14th July* - *Year 6 Residential to Robinwood*
- 18th July* - *Leavers Disco— whole school 1.30—3.00pm*

On behalf of the staff, pupils and governors, may I wish you all a happy and holy Easter.

Loving God,

Have mercy upon us during this Lenten season.

Renew us in heart and mind and spirit,

Strengthen our wills and deepen our faith,

And send us out once more as your people,

Forgiven and restored,

To live and work for you, in the name of Christ.

Amen