

St. Mary's Primary, Wingate

March 2015 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)

UNICEF Non Uniform Day

Thank you to everyone who took part in this day. *You raised £52*

Lent

We are now in the season of Lent when we prepare for Easter through fasting, praying and giving to the poor.

We will have a variety of opportunities for the children to take part in such activities over this half term. Please encourage your child to take part.

We will be collecting for St. Cuthbert's Care (a local charity) who support children & old people in need, as well as running the Alan Shearer Centre for disabled children, and the '5p bus' that supports those in financial need. The children can bring in coppers & 5ps to raise money for this worthwhile charity.

Red Nose Day on Friday 13th March - children can pay £1 to come into school either/or:

- a) In something red
- b) In a funny face or hair.

It is up to you & your child to choose which.

Children's education... should encourage children to respect others, human rights and their own and other 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)

World Book Day - ours is to be held on Thursday 12th March

We will be holding our World Book Day on Thursday 12th March. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character & will do activities with books during the day.

Our Year 6 boys' Reading Champions are also holding a competition for children to design a book cover. They can do this at home, bring it into school & perhaps win a prize. Please encourage your child to do this.

I know that World Book Day & Red Nose Day follow each other, but, unfortunately, they were the only days that we could fit into our busy school diary.

Lent Mass & Outdoor Stations of the Cross - 9.15am - Thursday 26th March

Our termly mass will be held on the above date in the school hall - all welcome. Our children also have an outdoor stations of the cross positioned in the school grounds to help them pray during Lent. We would like to offer parents & parishioners the chance to go around these stations after mass too. You are very welcome if you wish to do so.

Parent Governor

Our parent Governor is, once again, Mrs. Sandra Clarke. Mrs. Clarke is aware that she is not always at school for parents to approach & has suggested that if there is anything that you would wish to bring to her attention, an envelope addressed to her could be left at the school office, and she would pick it up. I would like to thank Mrs. Clarke for giving up her valuable time to do this important role.

Staff Absence

As you may be aware, Mrs. Key will be absent from school this half term. I would like to welcome Mrs. Fleet to our school who will be working each morning in Class 1.

Year 6 and SATs

Just a reminder to please support your child in their regular revision, giving them a quiet space to be able concentrate, ensuring they get plenty of sleep.

The SATs tests take place quite quickly after the Easter holidays, so Mrs. Charlton will be providing a special revision set of work for them to work on over the holidays. So, please encourage them to do a little bit most days, so that they don't forget what they have learned.

They'll soon be over & the 'fun' lessons will begin again!!!!

Head Lice

Please check your children's heads once per week for headlice. They have appeared in school again, and if children's heads are checked regularly we can hopefully stop it spreading. If you need any advice about how to do this or what you are looking for, please contact school because the school nurse can come to school and advise parents about this.

Computing Advice

We have been asked by County IT Services to remind parents that apps on tablets and phones should be age appropriate. E.g. Facebook and Twitter's age expectation is 13 years +. Younger children should always be supervised and older children may need support to safely use technology. We have also been recommended to advise parents that the "oovoo" app is not suitable for children.

Dates for the Diary - ALL DATES ARE ON OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE

- 9th-13th March - Book fair in school each day - details to follow
- 10th March - am - Year 1 & 2 pupils at football festival
Parents' Night - please book an appointment with the school office
- 12th March - Book Day dressing up as a book character
- 13th March - Red Nose Day
- 19th March - 9am - the Credit Union are doing a presentation for parents on what financial services are available, & to launch a children's savings' plan - more details to follow.
- 19th March - 2pm - Friends of the School Easter Coffee Afternoon
- 25th March - Some Key Stage 1 children at Dance Festival
- 26th March - 9.15am - End of Term Mass in school - all Welcome - & outdoor stations of the cross
- 27th March - Break up for EASTER HOLIDAY**
- Monday 13th April* - Back to school

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