



Dates for your diary

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| Thur 5th Mar | World Book Day Celebrations |
| Fri 6th Mar | Family Friday 9-9.30a.m./Stay and Play Ms Lilley's class 9-10a.m. |
| Fri 6th Mar | Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome |
| Fri 6th Mar | Spring Coffee afternoon 2.30p.m |
| Mon 16th Mar | Parental Consultation meetings |
| Tues 17th Mar | Parental Consultation meetings |
| Wed 18th Mar NEW DATE | Rev Lucy leading Church Service in School 9.30am |
| Wed 25th Mar | Someone Special lunch |
| Thur 26th Mar REARRANGED | YR 2 /3 Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome |
| Thur 26th Mar REARRANGED | Discos—YR/1/2 4.45-5.45pm Y3/4/5/6 6-7pm NEW DATE |
| Fri 27th Mar | Celebration worship 1.45p.m. parents and families welcome |
| Wed 1st April NEW DATE | Holy Week Service St Mary's 2.15 p.m. all welcome |
| Thur 2nd April NEW DATE | YR class Collective Worship 9.15a.m. all welcome |
| Fri 3rd April | Non-uniform day (in aid of School Fund) |
| Fri 3rd April | School closes for Easter break |

Home School library

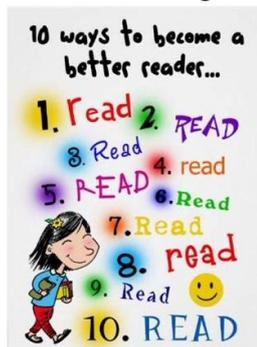
This week we have purchased some brand new, exciting books for our Home School Library. These include:

- The Worst Witch Series by Jill Murphy
- The Horrid Henry Collection by Francesca Simon
- The Famous Five Collection by Enid Blyton
- The Alex Rider Collection by Anthony Horowitz

There is also a range of other wonderful books for all ages.

Please can I ask that parents and children take a book from the library (located in the school entrance). You can keep the book for as long as you like, as long as it is returned before taking a new book out. We would love some photographs of children reading with their families for our Home-School Library Gallery.

Thank you



World Book Day

On Thursday 5th March, we will be celebrating World Book Day. This is always an amazing day and we are very much looking forward to it. This year we would love to see children coming into school dressed up as their favourite storybook character. Please be creative with clothes and items you have in the house, we do not want this to be an expensive day for parents. If parents prefer, children can come in non-uniform. We would also like children to bring a favourite book in from home that they can share with their teacher and friends in class.

Attendance week commencing 24th February 2020

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| Ms Lilley's Class | 96.7 |
| Miss Defty's Class | 100 |
| Miss O'Neil's Class | 100 |
| Mr Churchill's Class | 98.3 |
| Mrs Appleby's Class | 93 |

Stars of the week Friday 28th February 2020

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| Miss Defty's Class | Skyler Hartley |
| Miss O'Neil's Class | Megan Wright |
| Mr Churchill's Class | Harry Hagel |
| Mrs Appleby's Class | Anashe Ngwenya |
| Pupils Pupil | Charlotte Lawton / Charlotte McHale |
| Writer of the Week | Jamie Atherton |
| Resilience Award | Thomas Lawton |

Science Ambassadors

Today some of our children attended Wheatley Hill Primary School to train as Science Ambassadors for our school. Imogen (Y5), Shane (Y5), Amelia (Y4), Zach (Y4) Jay (Y3) and Tamzin (Y3) spent the day completing engaging, practical activities aimed at encouraging and supporting new Science Ambassadors in developing presentation skills and confidence in delivering science demonstrations. The purpose of this was to:

- Increase pupils' confidence, science capital and presentation skills.
- Give pupils ownership over science activities and support them in explaining science to others.
- Provide role models to younger pupils and contribute to a strong science ethos in schools.

Mrs Scarr said the children were amazing and really embraced the opportunity, whilst having lots of fun! Well done to all of the children who attended.

Thank you to the Atkinson's

Maddie and Aidan's Grandma has created a wonderful hamper filled with Easter treats for us to raffle for School Funds. Attached will find 2 strips of raffle tickets. If you would like to join in, please keep one side of the tickets and return the other side to the school office with your name written on the back. Tickets are £1 per strip. We will announce the winner at our Spring Coffee Afternoon next Friday.



Also, Maddie and her family sold cakes at the end of school today with all proceeds going to Dementia Awareness. Such a lovely gesture Maddie, well done!





Friday 6th March 2020 Celebration Worship followed by our Spring Coffee Afternoon



Dear parents/grandparents,

On Friday 6th March we would like to invite you into school for our Celebration Worship. This will take place at 1.30pm. It is always lovely to see you at this event celebrating our children's achievements. It would be great to see as many families there as possible.

The Worship will be followed by our Spring Coffee Afternoon from 2.30pm. This will take place on the school yard (weather permitting).

Please could we ask for any donations of cakes, biscuits, pastries, tea, coffee, milk etc. to be handed into the School Office on **Thursday 5th March**. We really do appreciate your amazing support with donations. Keep your fingers crossed for gorgeous weather and we hope to see families there for another fantastic school event.

Hoopstarz

10 of our Year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at East Durham College taking part in the Hoopstarz festival. A great time was had by all learning all things hula hooping. We hope to get the Hoopstarz champions into our school so that all of our children can access this fun, exciting activity.



Snow day

Once again, I would like to apologise for having to close the school on Monday. As a staff, we really did try our best to get into school and stay open, unfortunately this was just not possible. When making a decision like this, the priority is always the health and safety of the children and staff.

Thank you for understanding with this matter.

Mr. Appleby