



Cotherstone Primary School

Summer Term
Number 1
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Well done!

We raised a massive £83.90 for Sport Relief. Well done everyone.

50/60 Club Spring Fayre

On Saturday 14th May the 50/60 Club will hold their Spring Fayre in the village hall. The children have been invited to attend and provide the entertainment! The performance would take place at 2:45pm so the children would need to be there for 2:30pm. At this stage we request that you complete the attached response slip indicating whether your child will be able to attend the event. We will then work on which form of entertainment we can deliver. Thank you.

Sports Centre

This term Class 1 will be attending the Sports Centre for swimming lessons. They will need their swimming costume, towel and ideally goggles. Children with long hair will need to have their hair tied back. Please do not send shower gel etc. as we don't have time after swimming for more than a quick rinse. As this group includes younger children who are usually just beginning to learn to swim, we will have two members of staff in the water to support the children as well as a staff member on the side. We have found that staff being in the water has a positive effect in supporting the children as they learn to swim. However, this does involve the members of staff handling the children. If you have any concerns regarding staff handling your child in

this way do please contact us as soon as possible. As well as the members of school staff there will be two swimming coaches who will be in charge of the swimming sessions.

Whole School Sports Day

Depending on the weather, the whole school is due to take part in Teesdale School's Primary School Sports Day on Thursday 21st April. The children will need to wear their school PE kit and will require a packed lunch. They will leave school shortly after registration and return for the end of the school day. Should the weather be inclement, we have a back up date of 5th May.

Robinwood Trip

Our annual trip to Robinwood is fast approaching. Please get in touch if you have any questions about the trip or need another copy of the suggested clothing list. We will be sending out final details next week.

Egg Rolling

We would like to thank FOCS for supporting this year's Egg Rolling competition and providing the great prizes.

Lunch money

If you would like to pay for the entire half term, please send in a cheque made payable to Durham County Council for £64.35. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last Newsletter

21st Apr - Whole School Sports Day at Teesdale School (weather dependant) **PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED**

23rd Apr - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm

27th - 29th Apr - Robinwood trip

29th Apr - School closed

2nd May - School closed

5th May - Back up day for Whole School Sports Day at Teesdale School if 21st April cancelled

6th May - Celebration Assembly 2:45pm

9th - 12th May - SATS

14th May - 50/60 Spring Fayre 2pm

20th May - Class Photos

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27th May - School closes

6th Jun - School re-opens

Scholastic Books

Please find attached the latest brochure. Please send orders into the school office by Friday 22nd April, thank you.

Football Match Report

By Nathan and Robert

On Monday 21st March we went to Ingleton for a football match. Ingleton got a lot of chances but our keeper, Will, saved them all. The second half was underway and straight away Nathan got a pass outside the box and scored a cracking volley. Ingleton got a lot more chances but we held on and won the game. Well done to our brilliant squad!

Safety Carousel

By Ed

On 23rd March Class 3 went to a Safety Carousel event in Newton Aycliffe. When we arrived we put our coats and our lunch away and went into a big hall. There were lots of other schools there and we had a quiz which was fun. After that we had a man from the RNLI come in and we talked about safety at sea and then we played a game. We had an online safety talk with some people from the police and we watched a video and played another game.

After that it was lunchtime. In the afternoon we went to a fire safety room where we had to point out fire hazards, then we had a quiz which was like a tv game show. This was followed by an electricity talk and we got to see real life electricity.

The final room we visited had a road accident set up and we worked as detectives.

Staff Offsite

Tues am - Dr Jellis

Homework

Class 1 - No homework

Class 2 - No homework

Class 3 - Year 5 - No homework.

Year 6 - Arithmetic SATS practice paper

Cool Kids Cothestone After School Club

Spring has finally arrived and with the weather starting to improve (!?) we will be getting our gardening gloves on ready for planting.

Lunchtime Gardening Club will now be held on a Friday, starting this week.

We are still appealing for mens shirts to turn into gardening aprons and any donation of flowers, seeds and vegetable plants would be greatly appreciated.

A reminder of our after school activities for this half term are:

Monday - Computer Club with Mr B

Tuesday - Drama with Kando Arts

Thursday - Athletics Club

It would be really useful if regular users of the club could confirm they will be attending as usual, at the beginning of each half term. Please either drop the school office an email, text Claire or speak to a member of staff. Thank you.

News from The Friends of Cotherstone School

GSK Making a difference donation

On behalf of the FOCS we would like to thank Carl Hutchinson for submitting a successful application for £500 to go towards the Friends of the school. This is a fantastic amount of money which will benefit all of the children in the school. We will inform you shortly what the money has been spent on.