

# Cotherstone Primary School

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## Claire at After School Club

After many years working at the school, Claire has decided that she will move onto different adventures and will sadly leave us at the end of term. Rachel Atkinson has kindly agreed to cover the post in September until a permanent candidate is appointed. Anyone who may be interested in running the after school club is welcome to discuss the situation with Rachel.

## Internet Safety

Despite excellent parent protection and monitoring, there has been a recent incident where one of our children was able to bypass the parental controls on their tablet and became involved in a very unpleasant conversation. This was quickly picked up by the parent, but not before the child had been exposed to inappropriate material.

When I spoke with the DCC Internet Safeguarding Officer, he mentioned that in the last week there has been a significant rise in the number of schools contacting him with internet safeguarding concerns, particularly in relation to children in Year 5 and 6, so please be watchful. Thank you to the parents of the child concerned for allowing us to share this information in the interest of all the children in our school.

Please see the attached letter from Durham County Safeguarding Team for guidance on keeping children safe on line

## Sponsored Walk

Next Friday, the children and staff will be taking part in our sponsored walk in aid of the Great North Air Ambulance.

The children and parents who have elected to do the shorter walk around the village will leave school around 9:45am.

Children and parents who have elected to do the longer walk from Barnard Castle to school, will get the coach from school to Scar Top in Barnard Castle around 9:15am for a 9:30am start time.

At the moment the forecast is looking dry with sunny intervals but we often have our own microclimate in Teesdale, so please ensure children dress appropriately for the weather conditions on the day. For those doing the longer walk, suitable footwear will be essential as some sections of the route may be muddy.

***We are still missing a large number of forms indicating which route the children wish to take. Please return these asap so that we know how many places on the coach are available for parents.***

## Woodland Football Tournament

Unfortunately, the tournament was cancelled due to the weather. It is hoped to reschedule the event in September.

## Horrible Histories Report

### By Class 2

Last Friday, Class 2 went to 'Horrible Histories, Awful Egyptians', at Darlington Hippodrome.

## Dates for your diary

**Dates in bold are new additions from the last Newsletter**

1st Jul - Parents meeting 3:30pm with Mrs Matthewman

5th Jul - Whole school sponsored walk

9th Jul - Reports issued

**9th Jul - Year 5 to Languages event at Beamish Hall**

10th to 12th Jul - Teesdale Induction days for Yr 6 pupils

10th Jul - Yrs 4 & 5 to Athletics competition

11th Jul - Class 1 to Multi-skills festival at Staindrop

16th Jul - Class 1 trip to Lego Workshop

**16th Jul - Reports evening**

18th Jul - Yr. 6 Leavers' Celebration

19th Jul - School closes for summer break

4th Sep - School re-opens

***Don't forget to book your child's place at Cool Kids!***

**Contact Claire on 0751 2917262**

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The story involved a teacher and a boy who were visiting a museum and were locked in! The teacher knocked over a Ramses The Great statue. On the bottom there was a warning of a curse.

The story then travelled back in time to Egypt, where we met mummies, Howard Carter, Ramses The Great and many more! Tutankhamun even came back to life!

In the interval we had some treats and were given 3D glasses. The scariest part was when a mummy rose up out of a coffin and breathed fire!

It was very scary and we all really screamed but we LOVED it! Thank you to the Friends of the School.

### **Holwick Stories**

**By Isabella, Chloe Owen & Isolina**

Last Thursday, six people from an archaeology group, called Altogether Archaeology, came into school to work with us. They split the class into 2 groups. In the morning we washed some archaeology items using water and toothbrushes to clean the edges. We had to clean them very carefully because it costs £50—£60 to get them checked. Chloe said, 'I accidentally cracked a bit of pottery!'. In the afternoon we did some writing. We wrote a story about a button and had to start the story with, 'I am a button...'. At the end we all read out our stories, they were all very good!

We had a great day and would like to thank Altogether Archaeology for giving up some of their time to come in and teach us!

### **Surgeons in the making!**

**by Penny, Archie, Alesha & James**

On Tuesday morning, Class 3 were visited by Mr Blakeman, (Jasmine's Dad). He taught us and showed us how to do keyhole surgery! We used pincers and scissors to pick up Haribo sweets and put them in a pot. One person put them in the pot while another moved the camera to help the pincer person. We also played mini games that helped with hand, arm and wrist control.

James said that his favourite mini game was where you had to put tiny pom-poms on to hollow poles. Archie's favourite game was where

you had to put a ring around pieces of wire with the pincers.

Overall, it was so much fun and we would all love to do it again. Thank you Mr Blakeman for coming in to teach us about keyhole surgery.

### **Lockerbie**

It sounds like the children (& staff!), have had a fantastic trip to Lockerbie, along with fabulous weather! We look forward to hearing all about it and reporting about it in next week's newsletter.

### **Staff Offsite**

None expected

### **Homework**

Class 1 - Please see homework book

Class 2 - No homework

Class 3 - No homework