



Cotherstone Primary School



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Staffing Update

Miss Thomas has been appointed as the new teacher for Class 2 in September. Miss Thomas completed her teacher training a couple of years ago and since then has been working in schools in the region.

Congratulations also to Miss Lee who gained her primary Qualified Teacher Status this week. In September Miss Lee and Mrs Hogg will be the teachers in Class 1.

Bamburgh Trip

By Lauren, Tiggy & Charlotte

On Wednesday 28th June, Class 3 went to Lindisfarne (Holy Island) and Bamburgh Castle. At Lindisfarne we split into groups to look around. We saw an archaeological dig of an Anglo-Saxon church, an observation tower, the gardens, a bird hide, 2 herons and some of us saw seals in the estuary.



At Bamburgh Castle we saw 200 year old chairs, a dungeon and lots more. We learned that Henry II, III and VI lived there. Lord Armstrong bought the castle in 1894. After the castle we went to the Grace Darling Museum. We saw the

real boat Grace used for the rescue, called a coble, which was almost 200 years old. We also saw a model of Longstone Lighthouse, the Grace Darling Memorial and her grave.

We all had a lovely time at the three locations. Thank you to Andy Page, Lou Whitburn, Mrs Sabey, Miss Robbins and Mr B!

Class 1 Sports Festival

On Monday Class 1 will be taking part in the local OAA Sports Festival at Teesdale School. We will be leaving shortly after registration and will return after swimming. As such, the children will need to bring a packed lunch and their swimming kit. As the activities at the festival will be outside on the field the children will need to wear their school P.E. kit and suitable footwear, ideally trainers.

Sports' Afternoon

Weather permitting we will be holding our Sports Afternoon on Wednesday 5th July. Activities will begin around 1:30pm. In mixed year groups children compete in a range of activities based on a carousel system and you are welcome to walk around the field supporting the children as they participate. When all the activities have been completed the total points for each house is calculated and a winning team is announced. Should the weather result in us having to cancel the afternoon, we will inform you by text as soon as

Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last

Newsletter

3rd July - Class 1 to Outdoor Activities Festival at Teesdale School - **PACKED LUNCH REQUIRED**

5th July - School reports issued

5th July - Sports Afternoon

6th July - World Cup football event at Staindrop

7th July - Class 1 Report Evening

12th - 14th July - Year 6 induction days at Teesdale School

12th July - Report Evening for Classes 2 and 3

19th July - Leavers' Assembly

21st July - School closes for summer

5th Sep - School re-opens

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

Contact Claire on 0751 2917262

possible. We are intending that the afternoon will be concluded by 3:15pm. For those children who travel by taxi, if you could let us know if they will need to go home on the taxi in case the afternoon does over-run we can make sure that they get the taxi on time.

Snapchat

We want to encourage parents to check their child's privacy settings if they allow their child to use Snapchat.

Snapchat has developed a new feature called Snapmaps which allows users to see the location of other users of snapchat. There are three possible settings: sharing with no-one (Ghost Mode), sharing with select friends (choose which friends you share your location with) and my friends - (share your location with all your friends). Many children have a large number of "friends" on their accounts who they probably do not know well and could inadvertently be sharing their location with.

Full details are provided in the UK Safer Internet centre blog at:

www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/introducing-%E2%80%98snap-maps%E2%80%99-new-location-sharing-feature-snapchat

Staff Offsite

Wed - Mrs Sabey

Homework

Class 1 - Library books

Class 2 - Spellings & times tables

Class 3 - Mayan Project