

Cotherstone Primary School

Spring Term
Number 7
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Progress Update Reports

Please find your child's report attached.

KS1 staffing

For the remainder of this term, Mrs Elaine MacIntosh is working as a Teaching Assistant in Class 1. The Year 2 children who have been working with Dr Jellis in the mornings will now remain in Class 1 with Miss Lee and Mrs Hogg.

Key Stage 2 'Band from Scratch'

Following the success of our Key Stage 2 recorder and flute performance at Teesdale School, we have been invited to take part in a 'Band from Scratch' event. This is being run by Durham's Music Service under the direction of Mrs Unwin, our flute teacher. There will be three afternoon sessions before an evening performance on Tuesday 3rd July. Our first session is on Friday 23rd March. The children will leave school shortly after lunch and return in time for the end of the day.

Year 5 Hub Music

The children in year 5 have been invited to take part in a singing project along with other local schools. On Monday morning, they will be learning the songs in school with a member of Barnard Castle Hub staff. On the following Tuesday (27th), they will be travelling to The Hub to record the songs which should result in the production of a CD.

Year 1 and 2 Football Festival

Over this half term the children in Year 1 and 2 have been developing their football skills as part of their

PE lessons. On Monday afternoon they will be taking part in a football festival to be held at The Alun Armstrong Centre, Shildon. The children will leave after an early lunch and return in time for the end of the day. The centre is always very cold so please do ensure your child has plenty of warm layers for when they are not playing.

Staff Offsite

None expected

Homework

Class 1 - Please see homework book

Class 2 - Literacy: Predictions and spellings. Numeracy: Division

Class 3 - Year 6 - SAT busters: Grammar pg 38-45; Number, Ratio & Algebra book pg 11-13. Year 5 - Active and passive voice. Numeracy: Rounding to the nearest thousand

News from The Friends of Cotherstone School

So far, we have raised over £150 from the silver Smarties and the disco, and we still have more Smarties tubes to count up and add to the total. We should have a final total for the next newsletter. If your child hasn't already handed in their Smarties tube, please send it in next week.

Jill Blakeman will be standing down as Treasurer from July. We would like to thank Jill in advance for all the hard work she has given to FOCS over the years. If anyone is interested in becoming the new Treasurer, please get in

Dates for your diary

Dates in bold are new additions from the last

Newsletter

19th Mar - Years 1 and 2 Football Tournament

20th Mar - Years 5 and 6 Multi-skills Festival

22nd Mar - Football Tournament

22nd Mar - Parents' Evening

23rd Mar - Sport Relief - *sponsored walk*

23rd Mar - KS2 to Teesdale School 'Band from Scratch'

27th Mar - Year 5 to The Hub (cd recording)

touch. Alternatively, if someone would prefer to be Chair, I would be happy to step into Jill's shoes and make the Chair position available. Please send me a message if you would like to speak about this further, or speak to Jill to find out what is involved as Treasurer.