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Spring Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2014

**World Book Day:** Yesterday we celebrated World Book Day in school, with the majority of pupils (and staff!) dressing up as their favourite book character in order to celebrate the event. We are determined to improve standards in reading across the school and events such as this provide an excellent opportunity to raise the profile of reading for all. Every child is allowed to choose a free book, donated by WH Smith and these will be given out this week.

**Library Club:** Can I please remind parents and pupils that Library Club is run by Mrs Makinson on a Monday and Wednesday after school, 3.00-4.00pm. We would love to see more parents coming along to enjoy a coffee whilst sharing a book with your child. We are also developing a parent library, building up a range of books for parents to lend. If anyone has any adult literature that you have finished with, please see Mrs Makinson, to add to our growing collection.

**Year 6 SAT's:** the dates for Year 6 SATs tests this year are the week commencing Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May. It is essential that all children attend school this week and that no holidays are booked up to or during these dates. The children are working hard to prepare for their tests with many attending Booster clubs after school from this week: we need as many as possible to attend these sessions, to make sure pupils achieve the very best they can at this important time.

**To infinity and beyond!** As part of their Space topic, Year 4 had an exciting visit from a mobile planetarium this week. We continue to work hard to develop an exciting, creative curriculum for our pupils and such exciting experiences are proven to enhance learning as well as being a lot of fun! Thank you to Mrs Burnip for organising the event.

**Year 1 Parent & Teacher Consultations:** Parents of children in Year 1 only will be invited to speak with Mrs Hindmarch about their children's progress on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

**Police Message:** I have copied an email received from Durham Constabulary  
*"this is a POLICE message.....once again we are receiving complaints re scrabble/ motor bikes in Woodhouse and surrounding areas, could any sighting be reported to Durham police on tel: 101..... do not tolerate it report it"*

**Head lice:** as I mention in almost every newsletter, the problem with head lice continues to be a real issue, not just in our school but in all schools. I cannot reiterate strongly enough that hair must be checked regularly and treated with the correct lotion and combing techniques. Staff in school are vigilant about following the County policy when noticing any live lice or eggs whilst working with children and parents / guardians are contacted immediately in order to treat the child. As a parent myself who has experienced this unpleasant matter, I share the frustrations of parents who are affected by this and would urge that everyone must check and treat hair. Thank you.



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## 'Stars of the Week' for last week and this week are:

- Year 1:
- Year 2:
- Year 3:
- Year 4:
- Year 5:
- Year 6:

Well done to Class for having the best attendance last week!

- Reception: %
- Class 1: %
- Class 2: %
- Class 3: %
- Class 4: %
- Class 5: %
- Class 6: %

## Dates for your Diary:

Year 1 Parent & Teacher Consultations	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 9.00- 11.30am
Year 3 Farm Visit	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March, all day.
Year 5 PE at Bishop Barrington	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March, am
Dance Show at Bishop Barrington	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March – rehearsals at Bishop Barrington, followed by Show at 5.30pm
Year 6 Safety Carousel Trip	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March all day
Bishop FM 'Primary Choice ' radio show, hosted by our pupils	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March, 3-4pm, on Bishop FM
Year 3 Parent & Teacher Consultation/ Easter Egg Crafts	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 9-11.30am (appointments to be sent out soon)
Year 6 Parent & Teacher Consultation/ Easter Egg Crafts	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 1.00-3.00am (appointments to be sent out soon)
Year 2 Parent & Teacher Consultation/ Easter Egg Crafts	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 9-11.30am (appointments to be sent out soon)
Year 4 Parent & Teacher Consultation/ Easter Egg Crafts	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 1.00-3.00pm (appointments to be sent out soon)
Year 5 Parent & Teacher Consultation/ Easter Egg Crafts	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 1-3pm (appointments to be sent out soon)
Easter Eggstravaganza Coffee Afternoon (come and see the family Easter eggs made all week)	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 1.30-2.55pm
Break up for Easter Holiday	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April
Return to school	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April

Mrs Page  
Headteacher



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