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Spring Term 2014

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 6th March 2015

World Book Day 2015: WOW! Today we celebrated World Book Day in school and I have never seen so many children (and staff) dressed up in favourite book character costumes. The effort that has been made in order to celebrate this special event was phenomenal: a massive thank you to parents and carers who have made or bought costumes, they really did look wonderful. Chris White, who is an author and poet, worked with all classes throughout the day, creating their own Superhero poetry and illustrations. The children thoroughly enjoyed working with him and were inspired to write some fantastic pieces. I would especially like to thank Mrs Burnip for her hard work in organising the event today and to Mrs Makinson, who has been frantically shopping all round Durham to get the free World Books that we present to every child.

Please have a look on our new look school website (address above), where Mrs Connor is busy uploading pictures and information for events in school.

Goodbye and Good Luck! I would like to say a special thank you and good luck to our two University of Sunderland student teachers, Miss Ashley and Mr Ellison who are leaving us today. They worked in WCPS for the 2nd year of their placements with the University and requested to come back and continue to work with us in their final year. Teaching practice placements are extremely demanding and both Miss Ashley and Mr Ellison have worked extremely hard and have become part of our fantastic team. We wish them both the very best of luck for the future and I am sure they will be snapped up soon to begin their teaching careers!

Northern Gasworks: As you will know, work has begun to dismantle the old gasworks just opposite the estate. Ian Burns led a Play Safe assembly for the whole school on Monday, to explain how to keep safe around the area. The children listened extremely well and I am sure will take notice of his advice, staying safe in the local community.

New Furniture: At WCPS, we are absolutely determined to provide the very best education, experiences and environment for our children. This week, we have had new tables delivered in Classes 3 and 4 in keeping with the high quality furniture already installed. This has made the classes look even smarter and the children are enjoying their new look classrooms!

University of Sunderland Conference: This week, Kirsty and I were invited to be Key Note speakers at a regional conference led by the University of Sunderland, about supporting pupils and their families. This was a huge privilege as we were the only school invited to speak at the event, sharing the good practices we have embedded in our school. I was extremely proud to present alongside Kirsty, who did a fantastic job and I just wanted to say a huge well done and thank you to her!

Reception Reading Meeting: Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Reading meeting organised by Mrs Byrne. It is extremely important that home and school work in close partnership to support our children and this in turn leads to the very best progress and outcomes for children. If you were unable to attend, please see Mrs Byrne for a reading information pack: we hope to see you at the next meeting!

Feb Fest Artwork: we have had our art work delivered back from the Town Hall art gallery, ready to be displayed in school. It will be displayed in the main entrance, don't forget to have a look when you are in school!

Easter Eggs: This year, we will be doing an Easter Raffle for the whole school, where they can buy raffle tickets throughout the last week of term and win prizes in our Easter Egg Assembly on 27th March. Every child will receive one free lucky ticket but of course they are able to buy more, to raise money for School Fund. If you can donate an Easter egg or Easter prize for the raffle, this would be very much appreciated. All donations can be brought to the school office. Thank you.





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Pupils of the Week: due to our special World Book Day assembly, we will have Celebration Assembly and Astronomical Attendance award on Monday morning.

Winners of World Book Day Fancy Dress:

Nursery: Patrick-Joseph K

Reception: Harley D

Y1: Caitlin H

Y2: Isobel C

Y3: Nathaniel I

Y4: Aleesha W

Y5: Codey L

Y6: Ellie M

Well done to you all for making such an effort!

Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award this week goes to Nathaniel Irving for always having impeccable manners and behaviour and setting an excellent example to others: well done!

Dates for your Diary: (please also check the school website diary pages for key dates throughout the year)

Friday 13 th March	Red Nose Day: dress as something funny for 50p donation. School uniform must be worn as normal if you choose not to dress up. Red noses have unfortunately sold out at the office but can still be bought from Sainsburys.
Monday 23 rd March	9.00-11.30am: Y4 Parent & Teacher Progress Meetings & Easter Egg craft 1.00-3.00pm: Y2 Parent & Teacher Progress Meetings & Easter Egg craft
Tuesday 24 th February	9.00-11.30: Y1 Parent & Teacher Progress Meetings & Easter Egg craft 9-2.30pm EYFS Parent & Teacher Progress Meetings & Easter Egg craft
Wednesday 25 th March	9.00-11.30am: Y5 Parent & Teacher Progress Meetings & Easter Egg craft 1.00-3.00pm: Y6 Parent & Teacher Progress Meetings & Easter Egg craft
Thursday 26 th March	E Safety Assembly for Parents and Carers (refreshments served afterwards)
Friday 27 th March	9.00-10.00: Easter Eggstravaganza Coffee Morning (winners of the decorated eggs will be announced) Tombola, raffle and stalls.
Friday 27 th March	2.55pm: Break up for Easter Holidays
Tuesday 14 th April	Return to school
Year 6 SATs	Monday 11th May – Thursday 14th May: under no circumstances, must children be absent from school during this week.

Mrs Page
Headteacher



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