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Spring Term

Weekly Newsletter – Friday 22nd January
2016

Water Bottles Plea!! On Friday, Jane Crawford will be working with all of the children in school on our whole school art piece for the upcoming Feb Fest '16 art exhibition. Over the last 3 years, we have produced some wonderful exhibits and this year, as the theme is WW1, we have decided to have the theme of poppies. Every child will need to bring a clear (empty!) 50cl water bottle, as they will be making a poppy each using the bottom of the bottle. Please send in your empty bottle (as well as any spares you may be able to donate).

Road Safety: We are always looking at ways to improve the issue of road safety around our school, discussing ways we can encourage parents and carers to drive and park safely in the immediate area. Our Junior Road Safety Officers and Y5 have worked with the JRSO from County Hall to produce a news report, outlining the new 20MPH illuminated signs outside of school and how we can all work together to stay safe. The children presented an assembly to the whole school and we will keep you updated.

Teaching and Learning: Several staff have been carrying out lesson observations in PE and Science as part of our regular monitoring of teaching and learning across the school and have reported very positive outcomes in terms of pupils' progress, high standards of behaviour, positive learning ethos and high expectations. I will be observing all classes and looking at children books next week and look forward to seeing the same high standards and outcomes across the school.

Reading Volunteers: As you know, reading is a vitally important life skill and we encourage our children to read regularly in school and also at home. We would love some additional volunteers to hear children read in school on an afternoon. If you are able to volunteer an hour or two, we would love to hear from you! The school will organise a DBS check in line with our safeguarding procedures: please let Mrs Page or your child's class teacher know if you are interested in helping out.

Library: A reminder that our Library is open EVERY morning from 8.30 -8.45am (and to 9.30am on Wednesday's for EYFS parents and carers). This is a great opportunity to pop in for a coffee while you share a book with your child or choose some books to take home. Please use the Main Entrance, so that you can sign in electronically.

Year 3 & 4 Visit to Bowes Museum: Today, both Y3 & Y4 visited Bowes Museum as part of a textiles project to learn more about weaving and quilting. The children were fabulous ambassadors for our school, as ever and thoroughly enjoyed the day. Thanks to Miss Dargue and staff for organising this event.

Astronomical Attendance: The overall winners of the best attendance this week are Year Reception.

Well done!

YR: 96.3%

Y1: 88.5%

Y2: 92%

Y3: 95.1%

Y4: 93.7%

Y5: 92.1%

Y6: 93.7%



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Lunchtime Supervisor's Good manners award this week goes to Kaci Austin for always being very kind and helpful: well done!

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

Tuesday 5th January	School re-opens for teaching
Wednesday 13 th January (for 6 weeks)	KS 2 Family Learning: Healthy Cooking. Please see Kirsty if you are interested
Wednesday 13 th January (for 6 weeks)	EYFS Family Learning 'Let's Play'. Please see Mrs Byrne if you are interested
Friday 12 th February	All Day Y3 & Y4 Visit to Bowes Museum
Friday 12th February	2:55pm: School Closes for Half Term
Monday 9th May – Friday 13th May	Year 6 SAT Week: Under NO circumstance must any Y6 pupil; be absent from school this week.

Mrs Page
Headteacher



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