

## St. Peter's Elwick CE Primary School

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### News to You - Weekly Newsletter

Week 1– Spring Term - 11.01.19

### Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents and Carers - Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school in 2019. It has been lovely to see everybody back eager to learn and looking very smart in their uniforms. We hope that everyone had a lovely break and some time to recharge their batteries.

This week has been another busy start to the year with lots of engage activities going on. The topics that children are learning about this half term are: Early Years are learning about Did Dragons Exist? And they have been on an egg hunt around school. Year 1 and 2 are learning about Superheroes Year 3 and 4 will be finding out all about the Island of the Stag—Hartlepool and Year 5 and 6 will be learning lots about planets and stars in their topic Stargazers.

You may be aware in school that we monitor attendance, in conjunction with the Local Authority attendance team. Attendance in school makes a massive difference to pupil outcomes. We would ask parents to work with us to ensure that pupils miss as little school as possible. Genuine illness can't be avoided and we understand that. We also remind parents that holidays are only authorised if they meet exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised holidays not only impact on attendance figures but are also classed as unauthorised absence from school. We thank parents in advance for working with us to ensure our attendance remains outstanding. Parents may be contacted by letter or asked to attend a meeting by school or the Local Authority Attendance Team if a pupil's attendance is of concern.

This half term we are looking forward to a range of sporting, STEM, arts and educational visits, it promises to be another great half term!

Wishing all of our families a lovely weekend,  
Mrs. Heaton

### Award Winners this week

#### St. Peter's Key

EYFS— Emily Potts

Y1/2— Anna Teague

Y3/4— Matilda Blyth

Y5/6— Jack Holden

#### Golden Quill

EYFS— Charlie

Woodward

Y1/2— William Mounter

Y3/4— Ava Hughes

Y5/6— Taliah Loughlin

#### Superstar

EYFS— Marielle Corrigan

Y1/2— Vincent White

Y3/4— Lucia Huntington

Y5/6— Millie Cowan

#### Maths Award

EYFS— Erin Walsh

Y1/2— Olivia Seed

Y3/4— Cody Hall

Y5/6— Joseph Mounter

### Dates for your diary and other information.....

**Monday 14th-18th January 2019** - Careers and Aspirations Week.

**Thursday 17th January 2019**—Y/5 Aspirations Event at Hartlepool College of Further Education. Additional detail as and consent forms are on to be completed on Parentpay.

**Friday 18th January 2019**—World Religion Day. Each class will be taking part various activities relating to the major world religions which will include, Christianity, Islam, Judaism, Hindu and others.

**Thursday 24th January** - 3.10pm—3.40pm Y6 SATs Parents Meeting. Parents are invited to meet with Mrs Wilson to discuss the KS2 SATs.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January**— Y4 and Y5Durham Christingle Service. Further details will be sent closer to the event.

**Thursday 31st January**—3.20pm—3.50pm—Y2 SATs Parents Meeting. Parents are invited to meet with Mrs Wallace and Mrs Wilcox to discuss the KS1 SATs.

**Tuesday 5th February**—Chinese New Year. There will be a Chinese themed lunch on this day.

**Friday 15th February 2019 – 17th May 2019**—Y3/4Swimming sessions.

Children will require a swimming costume (one piece – no bikinis) or swimming trunks (not shorts), a swimming cap and a towel. If your child requires the use of swimming goggles, then a letter must be written and signed by parents stating that will accept full responsibility for their use.

**PD days this year - Monday 3rd June, Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July.**

**Any parents/carers wishing to speak with Mrs Hill at any time should contact the school office to arrange a mutually agreeable time.**

Our 2020 Admissions policy is currently out for consultation and is available on our website [www.hartelwickfederation.org.uk](http://www.hartelwickfederation.org.uk) Consultation runs from 26th November 2018 until 14th January 2019. If anyone has any comments they would like to make as part of the consultation, please email [consultation@hartelwickfederation.org.uk](mailto:consultation@hartelwickfederation.org.uk), including your name and relation to the school/policy.

### Important Dates for next year:

**KS2 SATs**—Monday 13th May until Thursday 16th May 2019. All Y6 children **must** be in school on these days.

**KS1 SATs**— May 2019  
**Year 1 Phonics Screening Check**— W/C 10th June 2019