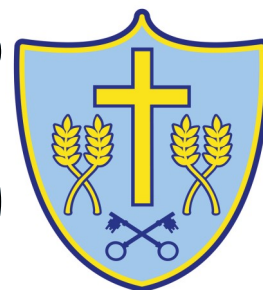


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### News to You - Weekly Newsletter

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### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to school this week for our second half term of the Spring term. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable break with their families.

This half term promises to be another busy half term as you will have seen on the Spring 2 Diary and the Knowledge Organisers. It is hoped that you will use the Knowledge Organisers to talk to your children about their learning; these discussions help embed learning in their long term memory.

The classes have experienced great engage activities this week to launch their topics this half term. Our Early Years class are embarking on their topic 'Are Carrots Orange?' and are looking forward to some very special visitors and exploring the natural world.

Year 1 and 2 are really excited to embark on their Beachcombers topic and are enjoying exploring microhabitats and classifying a variety of living creatures.

Our Year 3 and 4 class were so enthused and engaged by their Predator topic they are continuing it this half term. Year 5 and 6 class have embarked on their study of Tomorrow's World.

Thank you very much to all those parents who were able attended the 'parents' evening appointments information session'. Once again, if you need any support in accessing this system Miss Smith and Mrs Bland are more than happy to meet with you and support you through this process. As with all new systems, we will evaluate its effectiveness at the end of the process.

I would like to take the opportunity to remind parents of the workshops taking place regarding Online Safety on the 17th March here at St Peters Elwick at 9am or 5pm over at Hart Primary. Please remember to log on to your ParentPay account to choose which talk you would like to attend.

On March 11<sup>th</sup>, St Peter's Elwick and Hart Primary School are excited and privileged to host an audience with Gabriele Keenaghan, a Holocaust survivor. Gabriele will speak to Year 5 and Year 6 of her personal experience of the Kinder Transport and her journey from Austria to Britain in 1939. Mrs Keenaghan was awarded the British Empire Medal for services to Holocaust education in the 2019 Queen's Birthday Honours List. Our pupils and staff are very excited to listen to Gabriele, especially those who are currently reading the Morris Gleitsman Series and historical fiction from their Reading Passports.

We would also like to welcome to Mrs Burns our new Teaching Assistant who has joined us this term.

Wishing all of our families a pleasant weekend.

Mrs Hill

### AWARD WINNERS

#### Super Star

EYFS— Matilda White  
Y1/2— Olivia Pinkney-Hayes  
Y3/4— Joshua Laughton  
Y5/6— Izabel Walsh

#### St. Peter's Key

EYFS— Theo Thompson  
Y1/2— Thomas Ashton  
Y3/4— Eleanor Theodosiou  
Y5/6— Isla Watson

#### Golden Quill

EYFS— Penny Grimston  
Y1/2— Josh Jobson  
Y3/4— Matilda Norris & Freya Watson  
Y5/6— Esme Hancock

#### Maths Award

EYFS— Frank Hughes  
Y1/2— Olivia Seed  
Y3/4— Anna Teague  
Y5/6— Freddie Elsdon

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

**Fridays 10am-11am w/c 10th February-27th April**—Swimming—Y3/4—Children will need a full bodied swimming costume for girls and fitted swimming trunks for boys, a swimming cap as children cannot swim without one and a towel.

**Fridays for 6 weeks w/c 24th February**— Maths Enrichment—Y6—Selected pupils will attend maths classes at High Tunstall. Children will leave after lunch and return to school before the end of the day.

**Alternate Thursdays for 6 weeks w/c 24th February**—English Enrichment—Y6—Selected pupils will attend maths classes at High Tunstall. Children will leave after lunch and return to school before the end of the day.

**Monday 2nd March**—Accelerated Reader event for parents at 4:30pm—Y3-6—Parents are invited to school to find out more about the Accelerated Reader programme.

**Tuesday 3rd March**—SEND Meetings—All—Appointments can be made via the website. However, an appointment can be made with Mrs Thompson at mutually convenient times throughout the year.

**Tuesday 3rd March**—Teessmouth Trip—Y1/2—As part of their Beachcombers unit, Y1 and Y2 will be taking a trip to the Teessmouth Visitors Centre. Children will need a packed lunch. Pupils should wear several layers, wellies and waterproof coat. It is advised that children should bring a spare jumper and trousers or jogging bottoms (not jeans).

**Wednesday 4th – Friday 6th March**—Ford Castle Residential—Y3/4—For further details, please see Miss Pickles.

**Thursday 5th March**—World Book Day—All—Children are invited to come to school dressed as a word/its meaning rather than a character/book. Children are also invited to create a 'book in a jar' at home (lots of ideas can be found online) to share with the school during the day. Please speak to Mrs Wilson for further details.

**Monday 9th March**—Commonwealth Event—Y5—A child will be invited to represent the school at the Mayor of the Council's Commonwealth Event at the Civic Centre in Hartlepool.

**For all upcoming events please see our calendar which can be found on the St Peter's Elwick website.**

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

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### Y6 SATS 2020

11th May – 14th May 2020

#### Y2 SATs

May 2020

#### Y1 Phonics

June 8th – June 12th 2020

#### Y4 Multiplication Check

from June 8th to June 29th 2020

Children must attend school on these dates. Please contact school if you have any queries.

**Please note: The first bank holiday in May that would have normally been on Monday 4th has been moved to Friday 8th May 2020.**