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News to You - Weekly Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

As you know, we are constantly striving to provide our pupils with high quality, engaging experiences in a wide variety of disciplines which enable the children to decide what they enjoy and develop their hidden talents and this term is no exception!

The Year 5/6 pupil had the exciting opportunity to watch a live streamed production of the Macbeth performed by the Royal Shakespeare Company. Our children were also able to take part in workshops via the 'live link' with the actual cast and director. Mrs Wilson is extremely proud of fantastic quality of the writing that this performance has inspired.

In the world of STEM, our pupils have had lots of exciting opportunities this term. Our Year 5 and 6 pupils also participated in live STEM chats with Nick Valentine a Robotics' Engineer for the Ministry of Defence. These live web chats give our pupils a great insight into the work of 'real scientists'.

Year 4 and Year 5 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed 'hip hop' classes from Ruff Diamonds and have certainly impressed our guest dancers. It was lovely to hear one of our children say that "it's made their dreams come true!". I am sure that you will join me in wishing the dance crew luck in the town wide competition.

Biennially, our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils, have the opportunity to attend the 3 day residential at the magnificent, Ford Castle in Berwick-upon-Tweed. They have participated in lots of fun filled activities and their independent skills have developed.

On March 11th, the Year 5 and Year 6 pupils of St Peter's Elwick and Hart Primary School had the amazing privilege of meeting and listening to the personal story of 93 year Gabriele Keenaghan - a Holocaust survivor. There are very few survivors still alive to tell their personal story and her tale stressed to the children the difference a small act of kindness can make and we hope that this will encourage our children to continue to be kind, understanding, courageous advocates.

St Peter's Elwick received a congratulatory letter from Rt Hon Nick Gibb (Minister of State for School Standards) thanking school for our commitment to continuing to drive towards higher academic standards and for our children's achievement in mathematics is in the top 2% of primary schools in the country. This cannot be achieved without the hard work and commitment of our pupils, all staff and continued parent support. Thank you

I would like to take the opportunity to thank parents who attended one of the parent workshops which have taken place this term: the website parent workshop and the Accelerated Reader Workshop.

Please don't forget to book onto one of the Internet Safety Talks taking place next week on the 17th March at 9am here at St Peter's Elwick or 5pm at Hart. You can do this by logging on to your ParentPay account and selecting which talk you would like to attend.

COVID - 19 (Coronavirus) We currently receive regular government guidance and we are adhering to the guidance given at the time. We will notify parents of any changes via email, text and Facebook.

Wishing all of our families a pleasant weekend. Mrs Hill

AWARD WINNERS

Super Star

EYFS—Rocco Da Rocha/Belle Aggio
Y1/2—Josh Jobson/Erin Walsh
Y3/4— Joshua Laughton
Y5/6—Harry Dickson/Taliah-May Loughlin

St. Peter's Key

EYFS—Darcey Seed
Y1/2—Isla Kirk/Polly Corrigan
Y3/4— Cody Hall
Y5/6—Lucia Vega/Olivia Clark

Golden Quill

EYFS—Luna Stamper/Bella Wells
Y1/2—Sophie Lavelle/Percy Smith
Y3/4— Esme Moore
Y5/6—Florence Tiplady/Molly Johnson

Maths Award

EYFS—Oliver Bonner/Daisy Dickinson
Y1/2—Olivia Pinkney-Hayes/Thomas Ashton
Y3/4— Oliver Storm
Y5/6—Elodie Davison/Jack Holden

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

Monday 16th March—Snappy Spring—Y1/2—Snappy Spring will take place at Hartlepool Borough Hall at 10:30am. Adults pay £1 on the door, children are free.

Tuesday 17th March—Internet Safety Talk (including social media) with PC Eric Barrett—Parents—Sessions will be held at 9am or alternatively over at Hart Primary at 5pm. Please Login to your ParentPay account to select which session you would like to attend.

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.

Thursday 19th March—Sports Hall Athletics—Y1/2—More information for those children attending will be sent out via ParentPay. PE kits should be in school. The children will have lunch before they leave and return before the end of the school day.

Friday 20th March—JAPP Sessions—JAPP Squad—The children will be trampolining in this session at High Tunstall.

Friday 20th March at 2pm—Ladies Day—EYFS—Mums, Grandmas and Carers will be invited into EYFS for a session dedicated to Ladies Day. The children will be making cards and sharing a gift. There will also be an opportunity to buy handmade gifts.

Monday 23rd, Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March—Parent's Evenings—Selected dates are available for parents to book a convenient appointment via our online booking system. Any questions please contact the school office.

Sunday 29th March—Communion Service—Y5/6—Children who have been prepared for Confirmation by Revd Janet will be confirmed at 6pm at Holy Trinity Church, Seaton. Friends and Family are, of course welcome to attend.

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.