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News to You - Weekly Newsletter

Spring Term— 04/02/2022

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents/carers

It has been a very busy fortnight !

Alongside their class curriculum , our children have enjoyed: Chinese New Year Celebrations; a Winter Olympic's themed lunch, Safer Internet Day, Children's Mental Health Week, a visiting tennis coach (Y3), Guitar Club (KS2) restarted , a Police Visit to EYFS and our Y5/Y6 Sporting Elite returned to High Tunstall to develop their sporting skills !

As always, our children's mental health and safety is central to all that we do all of the time and, as a result, we were one of the first in the country to be awarded the Carnegie School Mental Health Award at a Gold Standard. As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we have been working with our children to consider how they grow and how they can help others to grow. Miss Tilson , who leads computing across St Peter's, Elwick has led Internet Safety Day ensuring that our children, of all ages, know how to keep safe on line. If you would like any advice regarding APPS or keeping children safe on social media, please do not hesitate to contact Miss Tilson who will be more than happy to help.



We are already planning for an exciting Spring Term 2 and are eager to invite parents/carers to attend events in school once again. Key dates for parents to attend:

- * On 8th April Parents are invited to an Easter Service St Peters starting at 9:45am (Reception to Yr 6 only)
- * On 4th and the 6th April we will hold our termly parents evening. The feedback from the Autumn questionnaire showed that parents preferred to have the options of a face to face or virtual meeting and, therefore, we will offer the same again. Some parents commented that, in some cases there was insufficient time to discuss their child. To help with this, class teachers will be sending paper copies of your child's target's for you to read prior to the meeting to save time and allow more time for parents to discuss their child.
- * We are in the process of planning 'share a lesson' for parents and carers. In these sessions, parents/carers will be invited into school to share a lesson with their child in their child's classroom. We are currently working through a risk assessment to enable this to happen. Mrs Wilson will send out details of the event at the beginning of next term.

Earlier this week, Mrs James sent to you school's plans for World Book Day on the Thursday 3rd March. Children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite character or word or simply in clothes of their choice. Please be assured there is no pressure to purchase an outfit. KS1 an KS2 children can also stay behind and listen to famous author, Michael Morpurgo. To secure a place, please ensure that you book a place via parent so that we can ensure school staffing ratios are correct for the event. There is no charge for this event. The children will also receive a World Book Token.

Due to COVID, National Statutory Testing has been cancelled for the last 2 years but we have been informed that they will return in the Summer Term. The dates and year groups are as follows;

Key Stage 1 SATS: Year 2 children (throughout May)
Key Stage 2 SATS: Year 6 children (May 9th until May 13th)
Phonics Screening: Year 1 children (June 6th until June 10th)
Multiplication Tables Check: Year 4 (June 6th until June 24th)

We strongly believe that our pupils are more likely to succeed when pressure is minimised and they view the tests as simply another part of their learning journey. However, it is extremely important that your child attends school during these assessment periods. There will be a Y6 Easter Booster class and Mrs Wilson will send the details after the half term break. If you have any questions/concerns in the meantime, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Wilson (Deputy Headteacher)

*Thank you so much to all of the parents who took the time to complete the parent questionnaire. 44 parents completed the questionnaire and staff are really encouraged and pleased by the results. It was fantastic to hear that **100% of the parents who completed the questionnaire would recommend St Peter's CoE Elwick to another parent.** Thank you and please keep recommending! As you know, we are constantly striving to improve. 4 parents stated that they would like to know a little more about how their child is doing at school. Now that Government COVID guidelines are relaxed, we hope that by inviting parents into school for 'Share a Lesson' and sending out your child's targets prior to Parents' Evening, you will have more time to chat to staff about your child. Please remember, that you can always book an appointment with your child's class teacher to chat about their progress at any time throughout the year. Your class teacher will be more than happy to help*

Have a lovely February Half term and I hope that it is filled with doing things that make you smile

We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 28th February 2022

Mrs Hill



AWARD WINNERS

Superstar Award

EYFS— Isabelle/Cooper
Yr1/2-Sienna/William
Yr3/4— Polly/Hunter
Yr5/6—Will/Eleanor

St. Peter's Key

EYFS—Sienna/Zach
Yr1/2-Eloise/Luna
Yr3/4—Sophie/Jasmine
Yr5/6—Ava/Maddy

Golden Quill

EYFS—Thomas/Harry
Yr1/2—Harrison/Lincoln
Yr3/4— Thomas/Charlie
Yr5/6—Josh/Alexis

Maths Award

EYFS—Leo/Eleni
Yr1/2—Bella/Theo T
Yr3/4— Erin/Olivia
Yr5/6— Cody/Alfie



After School Club Details

Please see times and year groups below:-

- ◆ Year 1/2 -Monday 2:55pm—3:55pm—
Multi skills/Sports
- ◆ KS2 (Yr 3,4,5,6) Monday - 2:45pm-
3:45pm—Street Dance Club
- ◆ Year 5/6—Tuesday 2:45pm-3:45pm—
Multi Skills/Sports
- ◆ Year 6 —Wednesday 2:45pm—3:45pm—
Chess and Chat
- ◆ KS2 (Year 3,4,5,6) - Thursday 2:45pm—
3:45pm Guitar Lesson Club
- ◆ (KS2) Art Club—2.45pm-3.45pm - with
our resident artist Keith Robson

Reminder of Drop off and Collection times

Early Years

Drop off: 8.40am— 8.50am
Collection: 2.55pm

Years 1 and 2

Drop off: 8.40am—8.50am
Collection: 2.55pm

Years 3 and 4

Drop off: 8.30am—8.40am
Collection: 2.45pm

Years 5 and 6

Drop off: 8.30am—8.40am
Collection: 2.45pm