

Date: 22nd March 2018



'Newsham News'

Quote of the Week: "Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn." Lewis Grizzard

Dinner Menu	Week 3 New Summer Menu
Day	What is happening
Monday 26th March	10am - Whole School Assembly
Tuesday 27th March	10am EYFS curriculum day Starfish 1.45pm EYFS curriculum day Seahorses 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Reading Club Mrs Charlton 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y3/4 Freestyle Disco Club Blyth Valley 3.15pm - 4.15pm Gardening Club 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y2 Maths Club Miss Davison & Mrs Stiansen 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y4 Reading Club Mr Smith
Wednesday 28th March	9am - Easter Activities Whole school 2.30pm - Star Tea with Mr Jones 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Reading Club Mrs Fogarty 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Maths Club Miss Graham 3.15pm - 4.15pm Y6 Maths Club Mrs Atkinson
Thursday 29th March	9am - 12.30pm - Y6 visiting Great North Museum 9.30am - 11.45am Dance Festival 2pm School closes for half term
Friday 30th March	Good Friday - School Closed

Star Pupils of the Week

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Starfish - Ben
Seahorses - Amy
Puffins - Imogen
Penguins - Jayden
Lifeboats - Savannah
Coastguards - James
Kittiwakes - Georgina
Oystercatchers - Oliver
Whales - Traigh
Dolphins - Katie
Galleons - Skye
Submarines - Melissa
Neptune - Megan
Atlantis - Jay

Important Announcement Easter Activity Day – 28th March 2018

A final reminder that slips and money for Easter activity choices MUST be with the school office by Friday 23rd March. Return slips unfortunately cannot be accepted after this date as materials and resources need to be ordered for the activities and orders will be based on the numbers received by tomorrow, March 23rd. This announcement has also been added to our school's Facebook page to ensure everyone is aware of this deadline. Thanks for your understanding.

Y3 Assembly

We have enjoyed some fantastic year group assemblies recently and last week's by Y3 was no exception! We hope parents and carers appreciated the opportunity to find out a little more about all the fantastic learning experiences that take place throughout the year and it was wonderful to see so many of you at this event. Well done Y3!

Free School Meals

It is REALLY IMPORTANT that any parents or carers who even think for a second that they could be entitled to free school meals, allows us to help check it out! It is a really quick and simple thing to do and we are more than happy to help. In addition to free school meals, you would be entitled to free milk, help with school visits etc. All you need for a quick check is your DATE OF BIRTH AND NATIONAL INSURANCE NUMBER. Please, just take a moment to pop into school and we can do the rest! School receives well over £1000 into the school budget for every child eligible for free school meals. This makes a tremendous difference to the resources we can buy for the children and the staff we can provide for small group support. BEING ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS IS PRIVATE INFORMATION THAT THE CHILDREN DON'T NEED TO BE AWARE OF. IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU HAVE TO HAVE THE SCHOOL MEAL AND WE STILL NEED YOU TO APPLY IF YOUR CHILD GETS THE FREE MEAL FROM THE GOVERNMENT IN RECEPTION, Y1 OR Y2.

Thank-you very much!

Scholastic Book Fair

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Book Fair last week. We raised £429 through the purchase of books and this means school receives £171.60 worth of books to add to our new school library! Thanks so much for your support and enjoy those wonderful new books!

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Parents' Evening

Many thanks to all parents and carers who attended the revised appointments for Parents' Evening yesterday, March 21st. We are very grateful to you for your support and for your ongoing partnership with our school.

Disabled Badges and Parking

REMINDER

If a parent or carer has a disabled badge for a vehicle, can this be brought to the School Office as soon as possible please so that we can make a note of the relevant details and ensure that access to our school car park is maintained. Unfortunately, it appears that some drivers are claiming at the barrier intercom to have a disabled badge when this is not the case. This is an abuse of the system designed to support disabled individuals and seems very unfair on all our other able bodied parents and carers who correctly park some distance away and walk on to the school premises. I'm very sorry that the behaviour of a minority of adults is resulting in our need to challenge all drivers more robustly. Please understand the reasons for this challenge and also that disabled access must only be sought if the disabled individual is in the car and is needing to walk on our school premises.

Gardening Club

As promised, Gardening Club restarted on Tuesday, March 20th. The children and adults who attended had great fun but there is still room for more! Fresh air and a fun group activity is just what we all need so please come along and join in!

Bikeability

Well done to all of the Y5 pupils who took part in the bikeability last week, despite the miserable weather they all displayed a brilliant attitude listened well and were positive about learning. Well done!

Immunisation Team

The immunisation team now have a link to their services which provides information to schools and parents regarding their vaccination programmes and further information regarding the vaccines that are given to children. Here is the link for your information <https://www.northumbria.nhs.uk/our-services/childrens-services/immunisations/>

Attendance

Our whole school attendance percentage for last week was **94%**. There were no winners last week in **EYFS** KS1 attendance winners last week were **Puffins** with **98%** attendance, Lower KS2 attendance winners last week were **Dolphins** with **99%** attendance and Upper KS2 attendance winners last week were **Galleons** with **99%** attendance.

Team Points

Our weekly team points are:

Red = 1267, Green = 1274 and Yellow = 1231.

Winners for last week were Yellow Team (Bamburgh), well done!

Ship Shape

Atlantis won our tidy classroom award 'Ship Shape'. Well done Atlantis.

Word of the Week

Resilient and was awarded to Jacob in Year 3. Jacob receives a pack of gel pens for being resilient and always getting on with work even when others around him aren't always as focused. Well done Jacob.

Yours sincerely
Mrs AM Armstrong
Headteacher