



Bassenthwaite Primary School

March / April Newsletter 2017

Facebook

Just a quick reminder that Bassenthwaite School and Ducklings Nursery has its own Facebook page where you can keep up to date with all that goes on in and around school. If you haven't already, please like, follow and share our posts to let the whole community know about the fantastic opportunities our children have.

Easter Service and Decorated Egg competition



We will be having an Easter Service at St John's Church at 9:15am on Thursday 6th April. It would be lovely to see you all there. If children would like to make a decorated egg, please have these in school by

Wednesday 5th April.

Family Holidays in Term Time

A reminder that there is no entitlement for children to absence for holidays. Absence for holidays should be avoided as it can have a serious effect on your child's educational progress, and can create difficulties for them on their return to class, particularly if they are receiving extra help with their learning. There is a common misunderstanding that parents are entitled to 10 days term time holiday. This is not the case.

If, after careful consideration, you still propose to take your child away from class, only the Headteacher can authorise the absence. The request will be considered and will take into account the child's stage of education and progress and overall attendance record. If the request is deemed acceptable a holiday form will then be sent home.

Library Van Visit

The Library van will be visiting school on Friday 17th



March. Please could you check at home whether your child has any school library service books and return them to school by Friday 10th March?



Comic Relief

We will be raising money, as usual, for Comic Relief this year. Children can dress up red that day (ie a non-uniform day with something red to wear). We ask that children bring a donation of up to £2 to school that day and proceeds will go to Comic Relief.

Forestry Days

EYFS children (Reception and Nursery) will be having their Forest Tuesday sessions on Tuesday 7th March and Tuesday 28th March. Years 1 to 6 will have theirs on Friday 10th March and Friday 31st March. Please remember wellies and appropriate clothing for these days.

Year 5/6 Tennis

Tournament

A team of six tennis athletes will be competing on behalf of Bassenthwaite School at the Y5/6 tournament on Monday 27th



March. This will take place on the MUGA in Fitz Park in Keswick. If your child is involved in this competition you will receive further information shortly.



Year 3/4 Football

Tournament

A team of seven children will be competing on behalf of Bassenthwaite School at the Year 3 and 4 tournament on Monday 3rd April. This will take place at the football club in Fitz Park in

Keswick. If your child is involved in this competition you will receive further information shortly.

Parking and Road Closure

A polite reminder that parents should not be parking on the school car park and in particular not blocking the turning space at the school gates. As you are aware drop off and pick up times are extremely busy and space very limited. It only takes one car to cause a blockage and the whole area outside school comes to a standstill. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

The week beginning Monday 20th March will see the closure of the whole of School Lane, while the dismantling of the Parish Rooms continues. There will be a large crane at the Parish Rooms and no vehicles will be able to pass. Parents will be able to use the school car park to turn around, but will not be able to go any further than the school. Mr and Mrs Fell have kindly agreed that parents can park on their yard at the farm during drop off and pick up times that week.

SAT Dates

The Year 6 SATs will take place the week beginning Monday 8th May. Optional SATs for Year 3 to 5 will take place the same week.

The Year 2 SATs will take place throughout the month of May. Please note that no holidays will be authorised for this period.

End of Term

The Spring term will finish at 1pm on Friday 7th April for the Easter holiday.

The Summer term will commence on Monday 24th April at 9am prompt.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of this action packed half term.

Sara Royle