

March Newsletter 2018

World Book Day

As you may be aware, World Book Day will take place this year on Thursday 1st March. We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 2nd March in school.

This year we are holding a shared reading session for children and parents, which you have been sent details of via Miss Lyle and

PARENTMAIL. This starts at 2.30pm and it would be super to see as many parents/ grandparents as possible to attend. A great big thanks to all those who sent a book prop into school for our display. Winners should be announced shortly and we are keeping our fingers crossed.



PGCE Student

We say goodbye to Miss Monaghan this Friday, who has worked with the KS2 children for a five week placement. She has been an asset to the school and we wish her all the very best in finding a teaching post for September after finishing her course.



EYFS "Beep Beep" Day

On Wednesday 7th March the EYFS

children will be taking part in a Road Safety day in school with Cumbria Police and Firefighters. There will also be a cake sale that day to help raise funds for BRAKE, the road safety charity. To find out more about Beep Beep Days please visit <http://www.brake.org.uk/beepbeepday>



Violin Lessons

There will be no Mrs Peacock for violin lessons on Tuesday 13th March. She has rescheduled to the morning of Thursday 15th March, so please have violins in school for this day.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We are delighted to announce that Wez Smith has put himself forward to become our new parent governor to fill the vacancy on the local governing body. We look forward to welcoming him to our first meeting later this half term.

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 following completion of a leave of absence form and will take into account the child's stage of education and progress and overall attendance record. It will only be granted if it meets with the exceptional circumstances criteria.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child comes to school in full school uniform that is labelled. Trainers are not permitted footwear other than for PE lessons unless they are a plain back style.

Theatre By The Lake Workshop

Years 1 through to 6 will have opportunity to work with staff from the theatre based on *The Secret Garden* & *Beauty and the Beast*, which take a look at the 2017 & 2018 Christmas shows, whilst exploring the nature of traditional tales. The workshops are drama-based and will take place in the morning of Tuesday 13th March.

Library Van Visit

The Library van will be visiting school on Friday 16th March. Please could you check at home whether your child has any schools library service books and return them to school by Monday 12th March?



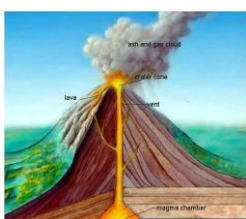
KS1 Gymnastics Competition

Years 1 and 2 will be participating in the Key Steps gymnastics tournament along with local primary schools on Friday 16th March. This will take place at Bassenthwaite School during the school day. Please ensure that correct PE kit is in school for this competition. Good luck everyone - keep practising those routines!

Year 3/4 Tennis Competition

This year's tennis competition will take place on Monday 19th March on the MUGA in Fitz Park. If your child is involved in this activity Mrs Parr will send out more details in the near future.

KS2 Earth Matters



The junior children will receive a volcano expert into school on Tuesday 20th March as part of their Earth Matters topic this half term. They will also be discussing other natural disasters such as earthquakes

and tsunamis. There will be a cost of £3.50 per child for this workshop, which should be placed in a named envelope in the school post box in the entrance please.

Schools Choir Event

Our Year 2 - Year 6 children will be taking part in a local schools' choir event in the evening of Wednesday 21st March. The actual event will take place between 6 and 7.30pm at the Alhambra Cinema in Keswick. Each school will be singing two songs individually and a collection of other well-

known tunes as a collective choir. There will be two tickets per child available to purchase closer to the day. We will have some rehearsal time in the afternoon at the cinema. As soon as I have more details I will forward them via parentmail to relevant families.

Sports Relief

We will be raising money, as usual, for Sports Relief this year. Children are going to be participating in a walk on the lower terrace of Catbells on Friday 23rd March. Mrs Parr will send out more details very soon.



Easter Service and Easter Bonnet competition

Easter will soon be up on us and we would like to ask you to make an Easter bonnet with your child. It can be as creative or traditional as you like. In the past, we have had creations ranging from chicks coming from eggs to flowerpots to dinosaurs hatching! Bassenthwaite Rotary will be judging the entries so you could be in for a yummy prize!!



Please could the bonnets be brought into school by Friday 23rd March, ready for judging the following Monday.

We look forward to seeing your creations and we will share them all with you, with a parade at the Easter Service which will be at St John's Church at 9:15am on Tuesday 27th March. It would be lovely to see you all there.

SAT Dates

The Year 6 SATs will take place the week beginning Monday 14th 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.

End of Term

The Spring term will finish at 1pm on Thursday 29th March for the Easter holiday.

The Summer term will commence on Monday 16th April at 9am prompt.

Enjoy the remaining weeks of this action packed half term.

Sara Royle