



NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th March 2020

British Science Week

Next week we are taking part in British Science Week. The theme this year is 'Our Diverse Planet'. We will be undertaking lots of fun activities across the week. Keep an eye on our Facebook feed (which you can view via our school website) to see what we get up to!

Teatime Club

From September, Teatime Club will open until 6pm. More details will follow after Easter.

Coronavirus

In light of increasing concerns about the spread of coronavirus, please be assured that we are receiving daily updates from the Department for Education and will follow their guidance should the need arise. Within school we are encouraging good hygiene practices such as thorough handwashing. We are also addressing children's questions and concerns about the virus, drawing on the guidance we receive, to provide them with accurate and appropriate information to avoid misunderstandings. For more information and guidance on how we can work together and promote consistent messages at home and in school please see <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>.

Our newsletter is changing!

We will now be publishing the school newsletter once every 2 weeks.

Dates for your Diary

March

British Science Week	Mon 9th March
Book People Bus in school car park	Tues 10th March
Dukeshouse Wood Parent Meeting	Wed 11th March, 5-5:30pm
Y5/6 Zambia Obstacle Run	Thurs 12th March—pm
Judo Taster Sessions in school—Y1-6	WB Mon 16th March
Lambton and Lumley sports trip	Tues 17th March
Dukeshouse Wood residential	Mon 23rd & Tues 24th March
Alnwick class Dance Festival	Tues 24th March—am
Barnard class assembly	Wed 25th March, 9:15am
Parent / teacher meetings	Wed 25th & Thurs 26th March
Robinwood residential	Mon 30th—Wed 1st April
Alnwick class sports trip	Tues 31st March

April

Aydon class sports trip	Thurs 2nd April
School closes for Easter break	Fri 3rd April
School reopens	Mon 20th April

May

May day bank holiday	Fri 8th May
Y6 SATs week	Mon 11th May

Last week's awards

Star of the Week

Lambton	Rufus	Barnard	Grace
Lumley	Angus	Bowes	Riley
Alnwick	Lydia	Brancepeth	Fraser
Auckland	Jack	Lindisfarne	Heidi
Aydon	Swift	Warkworth	Elizabeth
		Bamburgh	Matthew

'Book in a box' competition

Thank you to everyone for your entries and of course to grown ups who helped! The winner from each class will be announced in assembly next week, winning a gift voucher to purchase a book of their choice. We will of course be celebrating everyone's efforts for taking part.

World Book Day

We all had a great day yesterday celebrating World Book Day. The children enjoyed being in school dressed as a character or in their pyjamas. One activity saw teachers swap classes and read their favourite story to a different class. Thank you to Mrs Harrison for organising the day.

Bowes class assembly

Bowes class demonstrated great confidence and knowledge on Tuesday during their class assembly. Well done and thank you to all who came to support them.

Ashton made the paper!

Ashton in Year 3 featured in the Northern Echo this week as part of their World Book Day feature—well done Ashton!



Punctuality

We have noticed an increase in the number of children who are arriving late to school. Please support your children to ensure they are at school on time. We are monitoring this closely and will pursue this further if needed. Please contact school if you would like some support.

Holidays in term time

Whilst I acknowledge the frustration of increased prices for holidays within school holiday time I am unable to authorise any request for children to be absent from school during term time.

PTA

50p Friday—Friday 13th March

During the most recent PTA meeting, members were discussing different ways to raise funds. Every now and again they will host a '50p Friday'. Here you are invited to make a **voluntary** donation of 50p to school. Thank you for your support.