



Wylam First School

Rocketing to success

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Dear Parents/Carers

Spring has definitely sprung (the weather just needs to catch up a little!) and isn't it lovely that the nights are now lighter for longer.

We have had another fantastic term at Wylam First School and have taken part in a whole host of events and activities that have enhanced our curriculum. I would like to thank all of the parents who have supported the school this term: coming in to read with the children during World Book Week and who have supported reading in classes, parents who came in to talk to the children and run workshops during STEM week, and parents who have accompanied classes on class trips. We really appreciate your support.

A huge thank you once more to the PTA who have been working hard on fundraising activities like the Smarties Challenge, Give a Book Campaign and of course the Easter Bingo. We are currently fundraising for a 'quiet shelter' in our school yard which the children have requested. So far, because of your support, we have over £2000 in the fund. Amazing!

On behalf of all of the staff at Wylam First School, we hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break, eat far too much chocolate and we look forward to seeing you all in the Summer term!



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Give a book campaign

Thank you to everyone who has purchased a book from our Amazon wish list for our Give a Book Campaign. All donations are greatly appreciated. There is still time to donate a book. If you would like to then please click on the following link: [Amazon wish list](#)

PTA Smarties Challenge

Thank you to all who took part in the smarties challenge over February half term. Your acts of kindness helped to raise £258 for the PTA fund.

Outdoor Learning

Next half term Y1 will be working with Mr Mordue on a Tuesday afternoon. Please can you make sure your child has some wellies in school on that day. The Wild Passport focus will be **Woodcraft** and **Nature** and they will be learning how to:

- safely peel a stick with a potato peeler
- safely use loppers
- safely use a froe

- safely use secateurs
- demonstrate forehand grip
- use a knife to put a point at the end of a stick
- use a flexible, natural material to make a ring/hoop.

Nature

- identify a Rowan tree
- identify a Sycamore tree
- find and identify an animal print
- compare different habitats
- find some fungi.

Children's Cancer Run 2023

Just a reminder to sign up to **The 40th Children's Cancer Run** which will take place on Sunday 14th May. Runner entries are now open - please go to www.childrenscancerrun.co.uk to find out more and register to run for our school team. The more the merrier!

Chance to Shine Cricket

The children have loved taking part in the cricket lessons in PE this half term with Chance to Shine. If you would like your child to continue to enjoy cricket be sure to sign them up to All Stars Cricket for 5-8 year olds and Dynamos 8+ which is an 8 week course beginning in May . You can find more information by clicking on this link: [All Stars Cricket](#)

Y2 Assembly - Coffee Morning

This term saw the return of our parents' coffee morning and assembly. Y2 led an assembly on Wednesday showing the parents what they have been learning this term. The children were brilliant as ever, so well done Y2!

STEM Week

We had a great week celebrating National Science Week in school. The theme this year was 'Connections' and across the week the children took part in a range of experiments which covered all aspects of STEM. Check out our Facebook page to have a look at what we got up to. A huge thank you to Mrs Argent and Mrs Church who gave up their time to come into school and talk about what they do and run workshops.

Great Fire of Newcastle & Gateshead

Y2 explored the quayside for their topic The Great Fire of Newcastle and Gateshead. They visited the site of the fire and even saw some stones from buildings that were blown up in the explosion. They had a great morning and were fantastic ambassadors for the school.

World Book Week

If you haven't already done so, be sure to have a look at the fantastic pictures from World Book Day. The costumes were amazing! Mrs Gibbon may have enjoyed being Mrs Trunchbull a little too much! We decided to extend the focus on books and reading across the week and the children really enjoyed sharing books with their families in class. During World Book Week the whole school focus was a book called The Midnight Fair. It was lovely to focus on one text across the school and to see the range of work the children completed from Reception to Y4. Each class now has a display of writing and art work around the school.

Red Nose Day

Thank you for supporting Red Nose Day with us. We raised £101 for the charity

Rocksteady Concert

Our Rocksteady rock bands were fantastic in their end of term show to parents and pupils last Friday. Rocksteady is instrument lessons with a difference. Children learn to play an instrument as part of a band where they learn to play a current song, of their choice, across the term. This is for children from Reception to Y4. If you are interested in your child taking part then further information can be found by clicking on the following link: [Rocksteady](#)

3K Junior Prudhoe Easter Egg Fun Run

There is still time to enter the fun run which is taking place on 15th April. Click on this link for more information: [Easter Fun Run](#)

King's Coronation

The PTA have secured some funding to hold a King's Coronation picnic. We have decided to follow the format of the Queen's Jubilee and invite families to celebrate with us. We will be holding this on Friday 5th May from 1:30pm. So bring a picnic blanket and a picnic, and cross your fingers for good weather! As part of the celebrations we have also created a Wylam First School Coronation Tea Towel. All of the children have contributed and it is a lovely keepsake. Get yours before they run out! Orders should be made via the Parentmail form sent out yesterday.

Y4 Residential

Y4 are getting ready to take part in their residential from 10th - 12th May. Mr Mordue, who is leading the trip, held a meeting with children and parents this week to talk about the activities and kit lists for the trip. You will be able to see what the children get up to on our Facebook page.

Online Safety Meeting

This term we held an information session for parents run by NSPCC on the topic of online safety. Thank you to those who were able to attend. The session focused on how to keep children safe online and gave useful tips and advice to support parents.

Information

Dance

Next half term all classes will take part in dance lessons with NUFC Foundation on a Monday. All children are to come to school in their PE kit on that day.

Y3 Swimming

Next term Y3 will begin their swimming lessons. This will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. As Y3 have dance and swimming they will no longer have PE on a Thursday so should come to school in their uniform on that day.

Special Educational Needs Coordinator

From the Summer term Mrs Pearson, who is currently the SENCO at Prudhoe Castle First School, will be taking on the SENCO role at Wylam First School. There will be a transition period over the first half term where Mrs Pearson will begin to get to know the children and families, so will be supported by Mrs Gibbon in the interim.

Wylam Wears a Hat

There is a Hat Trail taking place in the village over this weekend. Entry forms are available from the Co-op and Stobos. It runs until 5pm on Monday.

School Grounds During the Easter Holidays

Our school grounds will be closed on Monday 3 and Tuesday 4 April due to contractors being on site. Our grounds will be re-open as normal from 5 April.

School Calendar

Friday 31st March	Last day of the Spring term - Easter holidays
Monday 17th April	Back to school
Thursday 20th April	Y4 Quad Kids competition at OMS
Tuesday 25th April	Crystal Maze maths challenge at OMS (8 pupils)
Wednesday 26th April	Angling Trust workshops KS1 + KS2
Friday 28th April	Y4 Golf Tournament at Prudhoe Golf Club (10 pupils)
Monday 1st May	Bank holiday
Tuesday 2nd May	School photographs (individual and siblings)
Monday 8th May	Bank holiday
Friday 5th May @ 1:30pm	King's Coronation Family Picnic
Wednesday 10th - 12th May	Y4 Residential
Sunday 14th May	Childrens' Cancer Run
Monday 15th May	Y1 Multi-skills event at NUCASTLE
Friday 19th May @ 3.15pm	School disco
Monday 22nd May	Y4 watch production of Annie @ OMS
Thursday 25th May	Y1 parents coffee morning and class assembly
Friday 26th May	Last day of the half term
Monday 5th June	Back to school Y4 times table check week
Monday 12th June - 16th June	Y1 Phonics check
Tuesday 20th June	Sponsored Climbing Wall Challenge
Wednesday 21st June	Class photographs
Thursday 22nd June	House cricket competition
Friday 23rd June	Y4 Orientation Day @ OMS
Saturday 24th June	Wylam Summer Fair
Tuesday 27th June	Y3 Farmer's Market
Monday 10th July @1:30pm	Sports Day
Tuesday 11th - 14th July	MADD week (Music, Art, Drama and Dance)

Monday 17th - 20th July	Wild About Adventure Activity Days
Thursday 20th July @ 9:15am	Y4 Leavers Assembly

Best wishes.

S Gibbon
Headteacher