

Website Newsletter –for Parents

November 1st 2015

As always the school has been involved in additional activities to enrich the children's experiences linked to their work in the classroom and beyond.

Classes continue to visit Jarrow Library for weekly sessions, during the year.

Due to the school being part of the Hebburn Primary Sports Hub, the children have experienced coaching and lesson input in Gymnastics, and Cheerleading this term . Rugby and Gaelic football competitions took place before the summer break with our team proving to be successful in winning the Gaelic football tournament.. Our gymnasts took first place in the year 4 festival in July.

The usual after school clubs are in full swing this term with activities every night ranging from Balance and co-ordination ,keep fit and multi skills- now called the 'Change for Life Club' to penny whistles, Rugby, and Badminton. There are also keep fit sessions from 8.30 on two mornings per week and an Art club providing extra-curricular activities for the less sporty child. Lunch time clubs focus on music with penny whistle, clarinet and brass tuition taking place at this time with the school choir now practising at lunchtimes too.

Since the last Governors meeting classes have been involved in the following educational visits or have welcomed visitors into school.

Year 5-6 St John's Ambulance Event- June
Year 6 Residential to Whithaugh Park- June
Year 2- Sunderland Glass Centre- July
Nursery/Reception Trip to Whitley Bay- July
Year 3-4 Salvation Army Heritage Day- September
Year 5-6 Reducing Accidents at Play Event (RAP)
Year 3-4 Visit to Vindolanda and the Roman Wall- October
Year 1 – Blue Reef Aquarium –October
Reception – Build a Bear Workshop – October
Year 5-6 – Children in Need Ramble at Greenwell Ford
Year 2 Beamish -October
Year 4-5 and 5-6 – Openzone for Computing Lessons - November

A special mention needs to go to our Cheerleading Squad who represented South Tyneside at the National Championships in Manchester in June. The squad came fifth overall in their category. A fantastic achievement

Further trips will be arranged for every class throughout the school year. School is currently involved in a Healthy Schools project to encourage physical activity. The 'Bike It' programme encourages the children to avoid using the car as a means of getting to school. School took part in the 'Big Shift' which recorded the percentage of children walking or cycling to school. We were among the top three in South Tyneside with a 94 % result. All classes have received sessions from our 'Bike

It' liaison officer, Peter Gulbrandson . The children have also enjoyed Bike it Wednesday sessions and 'Bling your Bike' competitions for which children have received prizes. Two Bikers Breakfasts have taken place since April which has encouraged parents to into school for a healthy breakfast with their children.

As you aware the Photographer has been into school to take class and individual portraits for parents to purchase. Thank you to parents for purchasing the photos. I hope that you are delighted by them.

Excellent fundraising activities continue to held in school. The children in Y5-6 have raised a magnificent £487.50 on their Ramble for Children in Need. The Children's Society received a cheque for £78.00 raised at the Leavers Service in July. The Firefighters Charity received £37.00 from a collection of jumble. As usual school is supporting Operation Christmas Child by collecting items to be placed in shoeboxes for children in other countries. Thank you to parents for your tremendous support on these occasions.

All of the staff and children took part in a day to celebrate HM Queen Elizabeth becoming the longest serving British Monarch on September 9th. There was a design a crown competition in each class for which prizes were awarded. There was also a special lunch featuring Great British foods with a choice of Fish and Chips, Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding or Chicken Tikka Mosalla, with a wonderful selection of British desserts to follow.- see the school website for pictures of the day. Thank you to Mrs Bowman and her staff for a lovely lunch.

As usual, my thanks need to be expressed to all staff who continue to work so well together and work hard to deliver such memorable experiences for our children. It is worth noting that this is not the case in every school, and I am grateful to them for their additional efforts.

May I remind parents that Parents Evenings have been scheduled for Monday 16th , Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November between 3.30 and 6.30 each night. Your child's teacher will be contacting you soon to arrange a specific appointment time.

The 'Hundred Club' number drawn on Friday 23rd October was not taken which means that November's 100 Club Draw is another Roll Over and November's prize will now be £ 150, well worth winning just before Christmas, I 'm sure you ll agree.

Letters regarding Christmas and Choir dates will be sent to you very soon.

S Reader
Headteacher

