



## Newsletter March 2015

Spring is on its way and we are really looking forward to the longer, warmer days when we can be learning outside even more! It is so lovely to be travelling to school in daylight and the mornings being so bright. Easter will be here before we know it! Thank you to all the parents who have already completed the parent questionnaire. If you have yet to do so, could we ask that they are back into school by Friday 6th March.

### Consultation deadline.

Thank you so much to everyone who has taken time to come to the meeting or to complete our online survey or a paper response for our collective response to the consultation on the potential reorganisation of the Alnwick Partnership. We will share this response with you once we have analysed all responses. If you haven't yet had the chance to complete your own response and submit it to Northumberland County Council, we would urge you to do so before 11th March when the consultation closes. We hope to have some indication in April as to whether the proposal to reorganise to two tier will or will not go forward to the Council.

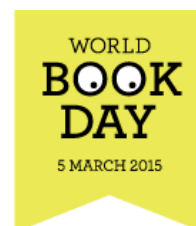
### Violins



We are so pleased with the fantastic response we have had from children and parents and the 100% take up of the opportunity to take part in Violin lessons. Our children seem to thoroughly enjoy their lessons with their tutor Annalise Nicklen from the Northumberland Music Partnership. We are hoping that we may have the opportunity to take part in music events later in the year, we will keep you informed of any possible dates. Annalise has already commented on how well behaved our children are and that we have some talented musicians!

### World Book Day 2015

Thursday 5th March is World Book Day! As part of this we will be trying to complete the 'Big Book Challenge' in school. Visit the World Book Day website for further information. This year we invite our children to dress as fictional characters, as we know there are many our children already have costumes for. Characters from books and films, we can feel a 'Frozen' moment coming on!



### Red Nose Day 2015!

On Friday 13th March it is Red Nose Day 2015. This years theme is 'Make your face funny for money!' We will be collecting for Comic Relief through our Nose and Face Parade on Friday 13th March at 9.30 am.

We invite all children, parents, grandparents and members of the community to make their faces funny for money and come and take part in a school parade which we will be followed by refreshments in school. Last year we raised an amazing amount of money for Sport Relief with our sponsored walk around the ponds, this year, weather permitting, we can parade around the ponds!

Sponsor forms are attached to this newsletter.

## PE update!

Our gymnastics lessons seem to have been a great success this year with the children enthusiastically taking part in the sessions. Our last lesson will be on Wednesday 25th March.



On our return after the Easter holidays we will recommence swimming at Willowburn. This will take place on a Monday afternoon, the lesson will be from 1.15 to 1.45 pm starting on Monday 13th April. Our nursery parents are invited to come with their children and join in with the session, transporting and supervising their own child (ratio of two children to one adult). Please ask for further information.

Our rugby sessions, always popular, will also run until the last week of this half term, the last session being on Thursday 26th March.



After Easter we will be starting tennis with Grant Watson from the Alnwick Tennis Club, again on a Thursday afternoon starting on Thursday 16th April.



## Library Van

The library van will be visiting this Tuesday 3rd of March and again on Tuesday 17th March. Only two visits this half term as it is such a short half term!

## Lambing at Brandon



We will be visiting Brandon Farm on the morning of Wednesday 25th March to see the lambing. All our children will be taking part in this visit with the older children walking and the younger children being taken by minibus. Please see attached permission slip.

## Easter Service

Our Easter Service with Rev Penfold will take place at

**St Maurice's Church, Eglingham on Thursday 26th March at 10 am.**

A change of venue, and closer to home for our Eglingham parents! We hope you can join us! We will then come back to school for our traditional Easter Egg Hunt and refreshments. Everyone is welcome!



## Dates for your diary

Thursday 5th March World Book Day

Wednesday 11th March Consultation ends

Friday 13th March Comic Relief Day - Nose and Face Parade!

Wednesday 25th March Lambing at Brandon am only, so all children

Thursday 26th March Easter Service at Eglingham Church, 10 am.

Friday 27th March school closes for Easter at 2.15 pm.



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