



## **Greenhead CE Nursery and Primary School Newsletter**

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### **A Message from the Head Teacher**

I hope this newsletter finds all our families well and you are looking forward to an upcoming rest over half term. It was great to see so many of you at our Workshop Wednesday this week, where children shared with their adults how they learn their spelling rules and patterns in the classroom.

Just a quick reminder to families that children are welcome to bring in a snack for breaktimes however, we would ask that these are healthy snacks; referring to our packed lunch policy, chocolate bars and sweets are items which our School Council have asked not to be present in school. Thank you also for continuing to support our hydration drive in school and provide your child with a clean water bottle of water or cordial juice each morning. Please can we remind parents not to use concentrated or fresh fruit juice in water bottles.

Finally, a HUGE thank you for your continued support of our homework projects at school; we continue to be astounded by the enthusiasm and the presentation of these wonderful projects; I think us teachers also learnt a few facts from the wonderful work the children have completed about famous scientists from around the world.

Best wishes, Mr Glenton

### **UNIFORM POLICY**

Thank you to our families for continuing to stick to our school uniform policy; this really does ensure children are regulated and are a cohesive group of learners. Can we please remind parents that children should not be wearing nail varnish at school. We thank you for your understanding with this.

### **A message from Father Steve**

We love our village hall in Greenhead so we are helping to raise money for it with a Domino drive there on February 21<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday afternoon at 2pm. This is during half term and children and families are welcome to come and join in - no experience necessary! As well as learning a new skill, if you have visitors over half term and would like to see our church then that will also be possible.

For more details, please see the poster at the end of this newsletter.

## Class News

### Early Years

In Eden the children have learnt about Chinese New Year. We enjoyed the story 'The Great Race' and learnt how the Emperor named each year after an animal and which character trait they had. The children used their phonic knowledge to write a label for each animal on their Chinese zodiac calendar. The children made lanterns using collage materials with the lucky colours gold and red. In maths we have been combining groups to find the total, the children have been great at representing this using a part:whole model, ten frames and numicon. At home you could support your children's learning by playing games which involve rolling two dice such as "shut the box" or you can play an addition game online by searching for: [Addition To 10 \(topmarks.co.uk\)](http://www.topmarks.co.uk/Additional-Maths/Additional-Maths-10)

### Clyde Class

This week we have been writing instructions on how to save the whale from Julia Donaldson. In Maths we have been looking at equal groups, doubling and understanding the division symbol. To help support your child at home with doubling and sharing, see if they can use objects around the home to represent doubling and sharing objects out equally. In Science we have been learning the life cycle of a frog and naming a variety of offspring from animals.

We have had lots of fun making our own vehicles in DT and creating our own artwork for Dot day.

### Danube Class

In Danube class we have been learning about measurement in maths. The children have enjoyed estimating lengths and thinking about which measurements are better to use for certain objects or distances. In computing, we have been enjoying working through our coding program 'Rainforest Coding'. The children have been building sequences of their own to solve problems. In English we have been editing our Volcano explanation work and sharing our work with the rest of the class. Please continue to practise times tables at home with the children. We are also having a focus on spellings and are encouraging the children to continue to use Spelling Shed at home.

### Mississippi Class

Mississippi class have enjoyed two school trips to The Laing Art Gallery in Newcastle where we have looked at the works of lots of artists and created our own version of the Tyne. In maths, we have been learning how to add, subtract, divide and multiply fractions and in English we have written a non-chronological report based on Ptolemy, Copernicus and Galileo - ask your child if they can tell you a fact about each of these scientists. We have enjoyed showing our science homework to each other and it was fab seeing how hard every child has worked.

Have a lovely half term!



## Our School Promise

Our School Promise reminds us of our vision and values that we hold dear at The West Tyne Church Schools Federation.

Well done to the following children for achieving their awards:

Learning Award - Ella, Parker, Bonnie

Resilience & Teamwork Award - Cadence, Layla

Etiquette Award - Evie B, Briar

Environmental Award - Theon, whole school

Kindness Award - Harris, Gracie

Inclusion Award - Fraser, George H, Lily, Jess B, Conan

Friendship Award - Charlotte

Role model Award - Hope, Jack



Attendance: **Every day is important to give children their full entitlement to an exciting learning journey**



Eden - 100%
Clyde - 93.64%
Danube - 98.18%
Mississippi - 97.14%
Whole School - 97.24%

**Our school target for attendance is 96%**

## Reading Buddies at Greenhead Primary School

Our reading buddies provision is well underway at Greenhead Primary school with children across the school now spending time with their younger/older school friends to read and explore stories and books.

It has been wonderful to see the enthusiasm that the older children have brought to working with the younger children and our younger pupils have relished the chance to 'show off' their reading skills.



### World Book Day

On **Thursday 7th March** (the second Thursday back after half term, once again we will be celebrating World Book Day. Children will be celebrating the world of stories and books and are welcome to come to school **dressed as their favourite book character**. It would be great if each child could bring a copy of the book that their character is from, into school on that day and they will get the chance to share this story with a friend.

Children will also be taking part in their Reading Buddies provision this day, engaging with an author through an online forum and taking part in a book treasure hunt around school - it is going to be a fantastic day!

### Easter Celebration

We wanted to give you advanced notice that we will be holding our first Easter celebration at St Cuthbert's church on **Tuesday 26th March from 2pm**. During this time, children will be doing Easter readings, singing songs and parents will then be free to come back to school to see the wonderful Easter Egg Competition entries that we hold each year. More details to follow next newsletter.

### Dates for the Diary

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term week**

**Teacher Training Day Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Children return to school on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February** - Reception visit to Great North Museum, Dinky Dinos workshops

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day, children can come into school dressed as their favourite book character

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March** - No breakfast club

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 1/Y2 visit to Susan's Farm, Houghton

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March** - Y5/Y6 visit to St. James Park, Newcastle

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March** - Workshop Wednesday, all parents welcome to attend, 9am - 10am

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** - Easter Celebration at St Cuthbert's Church, 2pm, all welcome to attend

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** - Federation Dance Festival at Haltwhistle leisure centre

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March** - Last day of school before Easter holidays

**Year 5 and 6 will continue to attend swimming lessons each Monday until the Easter holidays.**

**A final thought...**

**Rest when you need to, but never quit**

**John Wooden**