



## March 2018 newsletter

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.*

Proverbs 3:5

I can hardly believe that my first term as Head Teacher is almost over – the time has passed so quickly and here in school we've had a very busy term.

The week before last 55 of our Y6 children attended a residential at Robinwood Activity Centre near Alston. Everyone had an amazing time - even in the piranha pool! It is so important to me that children have the opportunity to attend at least one residential event while at primary school – not only does it give them a great sense of independence it also builds upon their self-confidence. We are currently discussing the possibility of introducing other residential opportunities for our children however this will depend on the availability of staff. It is absolutely exhausting taking children on a residential visit as you are "on duty" 24 hours a day – look out for further information in future newsletters.

As always, if you need to contact school regarding any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance or our school office. We will reply to your query as soon as possible.

I hope you and your families have a wonderful Easter.

Mrs Swift Head Teacher

### Class Worship Dates Summer Term 2018

Please find below a list of Class Worship dates for the Summer Term We look forward to seeing you in school to worship alongside our children. Worship starts at 9.15am.

Thursday 19th April	Y4 Indigo class
Thursday 26th April	Y2 Purple class
Thursday 3rd May	Y1 Red class
Thursday 10th May	Y1 Green class
Thursday 17th May	YR Blue class
Thursday 24th May	YR Yellow class
Half-term	
Thursday 7th June	Y5 Moonstone class
Thursday 14th June	Y5 Tangerine class
Thursday 21st June	Y4 Azure class
Thursday 28th June	Y4 Indigo class
Thursday 5th July	Y3 Crimson class
Thursday 12th July	Y3 Emerald class

### Spring and Summer Term dates for your diary – details to follow

Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	School closes for Easter break
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	PDDay – school closed for children
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	School re-opens for summer term
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Governing Body meeting (postponed from 1 <sup>st</sup> March)
Throughout May	Y2 statutory testing
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 "SATs" week
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y4 visit to Danelaw
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	School closes for half-term break
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	PDDay – school closed for children
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	School re-opens for children
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	New YR parents meeting 5.30p.m
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 phonics screening
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 leavers service at Durham Cathedral
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	New nursery parents meeting 5.30p.m
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 Sports afternoon
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 Sports afternoon
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	EY Sports morning
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	EY Sports afternoon
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	EY Teddy trot
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual reports to parents
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Camp of Champions BBQ
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 leavers service for parents and carers 10 a.m.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for summer break
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	PDDay – school closed for children
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	School re-opens for autumn term

### Lateness

Following our Attendance Review in February we are closely monitoring "lateness" into school. It is so important that children arrive on time for school. Please remember school starts at the following times:

Nursery	a.m. session <b>8.40 a.m.</b>
	p.m. session <b>12.20 p.m.</b>
YR/1/2 (Rosehill)	<b>8.55 a.m.</b>
Y3/4/5/6 (Trinity)	<b>8.50 a.m.</b>

On wet mornings please remember to still enter school through class doors unless your child is late. Class doors will continue to close **at 8.50 a.m.**

Please continue to look out for texts, emails and Facebook notifications of other events in school.

### Uniform reminder

A reminder that we expect children to wear our school uniform when in school. Thank you so much for your support with our uniform expectations – I have really seen a difference this term.

The next part of our uniform we would like to “smarten up” is our PE kit. If you are buying new PE kit (if your children are anything like mine they seem to need a new one every few weeks!) please can we ask that children wear :

Plain **white** t-shirt and **black** shorts (we have decided not to have white as a short colour option) for indoor use



Plain **black** joggers and zip up jacket (without hood) for outdoor use



All of these items are available at a very reasonable cost from local supermarkets. Please note we do not expect children to return with these items after Easter (unless of course you are buying new) however this will be an expectation from September 2018. I will remind parents and carers again in a later newsletter.

*We are currently looking for a company to sponsor a new football kit and set of tracksuits for when our children attend sporting events. Please contact school if you are to help us with this or can suggest a company who may have some funding available – thank you.*

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring our children look smart when they attend school and when they are taking part in PE lessons or representing our school at sporting events, Mrs Swift.

### School Website

We are now in the process of moving our school web site from one platform to another. Please bear with us while this work takes place. As always we will continue to use our text and email service to update parents and carers with important information and dates.

### Safeguarding update

Please note there is now an alternative number (to the 01429 Hartlepool number) for the Children’s Hub if you have safeguarding concerns. It is **01642 130080**.

A reminder that we are an Operation Encompass school <http://www.operationencompass.org>



Safeguarding our children is everyone’s responsibility.

### School closures

Thank you for your patience and understanding when school was closed earlier this month during the treacherous weather conditions. Just a reminder that parents and carers will be informed via our website, text and email service, Facebook and Twitter feeds if school is closed. If there is no message on any of these forums please presume school is open.

### Fun at Robinwood





A reminder that some of our children have decorated eggs for this Eggs-hibition. Why not pop along to Preston Park to see their work?

## EGGS-HIBITION

20th March-8th April

**Venue:** Preston Park Museum & Grounds

**Website:** [www.prestonparkmuseum.co.uk](http://www.prestonparkmuseum.co.uk)

Tuesday 20th March – Sunday 8th April

Preston Park Museum & Grounds, Stockton

Eggs-hibition

Come and see our display of beautifully-decorated Easter Eggs, all created by children from local schools. Free with museum admission. For more information, visit [www.prestonparkmuseum.co.uk](http://www.prestonparkmuseum.co.uk) or call 01642 527375.

### Recent Sporting events and successes

Year 4 and 5 children took part in Cross Country finals earlier this month. They did really well and got very muddy. This month children have taken part in a Hula Hoop competition. We have recorded their scores to see who has improved the most - details to follow. As part of Sports Relief, all the children came to school dressed in sportswear and took part in skipping activities. All donations were gratefully received and went to Sport Relief.

From the Sports Crew and Mrs Atkinson

### Phonics Play

Y1 parents have you seen this website

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk> ?



It's full of interactive games and advice for parents in preparation for the Y1 phonics screen.

Please speak with Mrs Morgan or Mrs Drennan if you need more information about the phonics phase your child is currently working in.

### Inspections celebration

Following our recent SIAMs and OfSTED inspections children enjoyed an afternoon of celebration last Tuesday. Following suggestions from each class and a vote by our School Council our children enjoyed playing outside, watching a film and colouring and painting in chill out rooms. A lovely afternoon was had by all.

### Sending money into school

When sending money into school please remember to put it into a sealed envelope with your child's name and class on the front and the reason why you are sending the money. E.g. Hannah Swift – Gold class – Dinner money - week beginning Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. This makes life so much easier for our office staff who don't have to work out why a £5 note has been handed in and who and what it is for (believe me this happens!)

Please also remember that each separate amount of money needs to come into school in a separate envelope e.g. dinner money in one envelope, visit money in a different envelope and after school activity money in a different envelope.

Finally please remember that most school activities can be paid for using our online payment system.

Thank you for your cooperation with this system, Mrs Swift.

Non-uniform Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February



Thank you so much for your support with our non-uniform day. I am very pleased to share that as a result we have donated an amazing £178.82 to the NSPCC (charity chosen by Moonstone class) and a further £178.82 was raised for the benefit of the school.

### Attendance Report

Please find below attendance for March (up to 27<sup>th</sup> March) for every class in school. It is so important that your child is in school every day. This month 13 classes have attendance over 96% and congratulations to Y3 emerald class who have the highest attendance in March. Following our Attendance Review after Easter we will be introducing an Attendance Reward Scheme delivered via Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation, Mrs Swift.

Group	Presents	AEA	Authorised Absences	Unauthorised Absences	Possible	% Attend
FS1 Rainbow AM	93.4	0.0	5.0	1.6	100.0	93.4
FS1 Rainbow PM	96.6	0.0	3.0	0.5	100.0	96.6
FS2 Blue	97.0	0.0	2.7	0.3	100.0	97.0
FS2 Yellow	96.1	0.0	3.9	0.0	100.0	96.1
Y1 Green	96.1	0.0	3.5	0.4	100.0	96.1
Y1 Red	97.8	0.0	2.1	0.1	100.0	97.8
Y2 Orange	97.4	0.0	2.6	0.0	100.0	97.4
Y2 Purple	97.2	0.0	2.7	0.1	100.0	97.2
Y3 Crimson	90.6	2.9	3.3	0.2	100.0	93.5
Y3 Emerald	94.9	3.0	1.4	0.5	100.0	98.0
Y4 Azure	95.7	0.0	4.1	0.2	100.0	95.7
Y4 Indigo	95.9	0.4	3.7	0.0	100.0	96.3
Y5 Moonstone	96.1	0.4	3.5	0.0	100.0	96.5
Y5 Tangerine	96.7	0.4	2.9	0.0	100.0	97.1
Y6 Lavender	83.1	14.3	2.6	0.0	100.0	97.4
Y6 Magenta	83.0	13.4	3.7	0.0	100.0	96.3
Totals	94.2	2.3	3.1	0.2	100.0	96.5

A reminder that we expect parents and carers to ring school by 9.30 a.m. on the first day of absence – if we do not receive this phone call we will follow our school procedure. We encourage children to attend school if they have a headache or are feeling a little under the weather – sometime a dose of paracetamol before children come to school helps. Children often feel well once they arrive at school and are with their friends. We would not hesitate to contact parents and carers if children reported they felt unwell.

## Holy Trinity Rosehill (VA) C.E. Primary School



### Every Day Counts!

National figures show that children who attend school regularly are more confident socially and achieve higher standards across all areas.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

A child who is absent one day per week misses an equivalent of **two years** of their school life.

### Being late adds up to a loss of learning.

A child who is late by 10 minutes everyday will miss **30 hours** of school time that year.

The **attendance** rate is important because students are more likely to succeed when they attend **school** consistently.

Last years attendance was **95.7%**

*Let's try and make it better this year!*

How many days off does it take to drop below 100%?

**98% = 4 days absence a year**

**97% = 6 days absence a year**

**96% = 8 days absence a year**



There are 175 non-school days each year. This gives you plenty of time to:

- Spend time with friends and family
- Go on holiday
- Have medical appointments

**There is no entitlement to holidays in term time. Please endeavour to book any holidays outside of term time. If possible, please book any medical or dental appointments outside of school hours.**

If you take two weeks holiday in term time your child's attendance will automatically be reduced to less than 95% and this is without sickness.

Two weeks holiday each year in primary school means a total of 14 weeks teaching time missed during your child's primary school life – this could have a real impact on your child's basic literacy and numeracy skills.

### 2019/2019 Term Dates and PDDays

Please find below details of term dates and PDDays for the academic year 2018/2019. Please take these dates into account when booking holidays.

#### Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council - Children, Education and Social Care School Term and Holiday Dates - Academic Year 2018/19

	AUGUST 2018	SEPTEMBER 2018	OCTOBER 2018	NOVEMBER 2018
Monday	6 13 20 27	10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Saturday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Sunday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
	DECEMBER 2018	JANUARY 2019	FEBRUARY 2019	MARCH 2019
Monday	3 10 17 24 31	14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27
Thursday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28
Friday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29
Saturday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30
Sunday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31
	APRIL 2019	MAY 2019	JUNE 2019	JULY 2019
Monday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Thursday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Friday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Saturday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Sunday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28

Blue shaded areas denote holiday dates  
Grey indicates Bank Holidays

The number of term days is 195 days. Up to 5 of these days will be used as Professional Development Days for teachers, pupils will not attend on these days. Each school determines when these take place and will inform parents.



Stockton-on-Tees  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Children and Young People

Big plans for the young people of our Borough

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – this will be changed to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June if school is not needed as a Polling Station (parents and carers will be informed at the earliest opportunity)

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

### Easter prizes

Thank you to our local Sainsbury's who donated the Easter eggs for prizes for the children who won the Easter egg & Easter bonnet competitions.

### Sports Relief

Thank you to those who donated following our non-uniform day last Friday. We raised an amazing £351.50 for Sports Relief.

### Parent Governor

Following our recent election for Parent Governor I am pleased to announce that Roseanne Bennett was elected as Parent Governor. Mrs Swift

### Friends group (PTA)

Our Friends group (PTA) are looking forward to receiving lots of entries for their logo competition – please see details sent in an email earlier this week.

### Nut free school/ Sweets etc in school/ Packed Lunches

A reminder that, due to a number of children with severe nut allergies, we are a “nut free” school. Parents/carers who send children with a packed lunch need to pay particular attention to products that are sent into school please.

After Easter any sweets/cakes/biscuits etc brought into school by children will not be given out (as we cannot guarantee ingredients) and they will be returned to the child at the end of the day. Please keep treats like this for consumption outside of school – thank you.

In the Summer term our School Council are going to review our Packed Lunch policy to ensure it is linked to the Governments School Food Standards for Schools [http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/School\\_Food\\_Standards\\_140911-V2c-tea-towel.pdf](http://www.schoolfoodplan.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/School_Food_Standards_140911-V2c-tea-towel.pdf) . Further details will be shared in later newsletters.

Wyevale Garden Centre Yarm Rd, Cleveland TS18 3SQ

### Little Digger Events

**NEW! Little Diggers Learning to Grow Events**

**FREE monthly kids' planting activities**

**First Sunday of every month\*, 30 minute activity at 10:15am and 11am**

**No need to book, just pop in**

**All events include a colouring sheet and fact sheet to take home**

**Click [here](#) for more information**

*\*April's session will run on 8th April, not 1st April due to Easter Sunday.*

*All events are free to attend. No need to book, just turn up ahead of your selected session time.*

*Max 20 children per session, spaces will be allocated on a first come, first served basis so please arrive early to avoid disappointment.*

*All events are subject to change and cancellation.*

*Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. All activities are suitable for children aged 3+.*

### News from Mrs Pearson – English Subject Leader

#### Stockton Book of the Year

Every year, Stockton Libraries hold a competition to find the book of the year. The organisers needed some experienced readers to act as judges to help with this prestigious event. Luckily, our children are all avid readers and they were only happy to lend a hand.

Our keen panellists - Eve Atkinson, Beth Atkinson, Tom Dean, Izzy McCue, Daisy Powell and Harvey Taylor from Year 6 - had the mammoth task of reading as many of the shortlisted books as possible in a few months. However, the children did a sterling job and voted for their favourite book, before heading off to meet, winning author, Ross McKenzie.

Daisy and Harvey were also chosen to attend an awards ceremony at Stockton Library, where Harvey was presented with a certificate to commend him for his hard work on the project and Daisy won the award for the best book review written.

A huge thank you and well done to all of our children who took part this year.



#### Share a Story Competition

Thank you to all the children who entered the Share a Story competition. We had two hundred entries, so it just goes to show how much you all love to read! Every child who entered received a certificate and the winners were presented with their prizes during our Easter celebrations in school.



# Easter Holiday Activities at Stockton Libraries

Booking essential unless otherwise stated that it is a drop-in session.

Please note that all children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

## **Stockton Central Library**

Church Road, 01642 526522, [stockton.library@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:stockton.library@stockton.gov.uk)

### **Every Saturday - 10am to 12pm - Coding Club**

Come find out how to use code, create your own computer games, websites and other exciting things!

*Suitable for 8 to 13 years – Drop-in*

### **Every Saturday - 1 to 3pm - Chess for All**

Come and learn to play or perfect your moves. Whether you're a beginner or a grandmaster come along and play.

Supported by CSC: [www.chessinschools.co.uk](http://www.chessinschools.co.uk). *Suitable for over 8s – Drop-in*

### **Saturday 24 & Sunday 25 March – Stockton Children's Book of the Year 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday Weekend**

Help us celebrate 21 years of our Children's Book of the Year at this fabulous free event. Join 14 of the past winning authors, including Vivian French, S.F. Said, Kay Umansky, Piers Torday and 2017 winner Tamsin Cooke.

*Booking essential - Free tickets available from Rediscover Stockton Shop, Stockton High Street / 01642 528130 - 8 to 13 year olds*

### **Tuesday 3 April - 2 to 4pm - Furry Friends and Crafty Fun**

Make Easter furry friends and other brilliant crafts at our fun session. *Suitable for 5 to 11 years*

### **Wednesday 4 April - 2.30 to 3.10pm - Mr. Punch Meets the Easter Bunny**

A special puppet show with Mr Bungle.

*Suitable for all ages - £3 per child (under 4s free) & £1 per accompanying adult*

### **Thursday 5 April - 2 to 4pm - Furry Friends and Crafty Fun**

Make Easter furry friends and other brilliant crafts at our fun session. *Suitable for 5 to 11 years*

### **Tuesday 10 April & Thursday 12 April - 2 to 4pm - Spring Surprise**

Make some fantastic spring themed crafts at our fun and family friendly session. *Suitable for 5 to 11 years*

## **Thornaby Central Library**

The Pavillion, 01642 528117, [thornaby.central.library@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:thornaby.central.library@stockton.gov.uk)

### **Every Saturday - 10am to 12pm - Chess for All**

Come and learn to play or perfect your moves. Whether you're a beginner or a grandmaster come along and play.

Supported by CSC: [www.chessinschools.co.uk](http://www.chessinschools.co.uk). *Suitable for over 8's – Drop-in*

### **Thursday 5 April - 2 to 3pm - We're Going on an Egg Hunt**

Hop down to Thornaby Central library for a basketful of Easter themed fun! Make a basket to collect eggs hidden around the library and take part in our very first egg and spoon race! *Suitable for 5 to 11 years – Drop-in*

### **Saturday 7 April - 11.30am to 2.30pm - Thornaby Town Hall Restoration Project Easter Fun**

Drop in and enjoy a free family fun day of face painting, magic shows, balloon modelling, egg decoration, and a special 'Thornaby Treasures Egg Hunt'! *Suitable for all ages*

## **Yarm Library**

41 High Street, 01642 528152, [yarm.library@stockton.gov.uk](mailto:yarm.library@stockton.gov.uk)

### **Wednesday 4 April - 10.30 to 11.30am - Step into Spring**

Spring themed crafts. (*Bookings taken from Wednesday 21 March*) Suitable for 4 to 11 years

### **Wednesday 11 April - 10.30 to 11.30am - Mobile Mania**

Make your own mobile. (*Bookings taken from Wednesday 28 March*) Suitable for 4 to 11 years

## **Saturday 5 May – Free Comic Book Day**

Join Stockton Libraries as we celebrate Free Comic Book Day. Go to any Stockton Library that is open on a Saturday to get your free comic, while stock lasts! Look out for activities and competitions at your local library! Suitable for all ages.