

Cumberworth First School

Newsletter

April 2017



Website Change

We hope that by now you have had time to look at the new website. Please do take a few minutes to familiarise yourself with the various sections.

You will find important dates and upcoming events on there along with term dates, class information, blogs, galleries and lots more.

There is also a section under 'Parents' which has newsletters in. In the interests of efficiency and economy, after this month, we will no longer be sending paper copies of the newsletter home as it is available to look at online. In the short term we will text to advise you that there is a new newsletter on the website but hope that it will soon become second nature for parents to check the website every few days for up to date information about what is going on in school.

From Wednesday this week and over the Easter break our site will be having some 'behind the scenes' tweaks and updates done so we cannot make any changes to what is currently there until we return after the holidays. The site was developed specifically for us and, as we have worked with it, the developers and Gareth, our IT Technician, have looked for ways to make things quicker and easier for us to make updates.

There will be more contributions by the children after the update and we look forward to receiving their input.

Dates for your Diary

Fri 7 April
NO Stars' Assembly

Fri 7th April
2:15 Easter Service in Church
followed by Helping Hands cake
stall in school

Fri 7th April
Break Up

Mon 24th April
School re-opens

Tues 25th April
Yr 3 Swimming starts

Tues 25th - 28th April
Yr 5 Bikeability

Fri 28th April
9:15 Stars' Assembly

Mon 1st May
School Closed - May Day

Tues 2nd May
4pm Yr R & Yr 1 Cross Country
at Highburton First School

Fri 5th May
9:15 Stars' Assembly

Fri 5th May
2:30 Stay & Play for Reception
families

Fri 5th May
KS2 Sleepover

Tues 9th May
4pm Yr 3, 4 & 5 Cyclocross at
Shelley College

Wed 10th - Fri 12th May
Yr 4 & 5 at Robinwood

Fri 12th May
NO Stars' Assembly

Tues 16th May
4pm Yr R, 1 & 2 Cyclocross at
Scissett Middle School

Thurs 18th May
Reception to Cannon Hall Farm

Holiday Club

There will be a one day Holiday Club on Tuesday 11th April at Clayton West Methodist Church (on Wakefield Road) from 10:30am to 3pm. All children who are 5 years old up to and including Year 5 are very welcome.

The cost is £4 per child and a packed lunch is needed. There will be lots of different activities.

This event is organised by the Churches in Clayton West and Scissett. If you would like to book any places or have any questions please phone 07963 505195.

Easter Service

Friday 7th April

2:15

at St Nicholas' Church

We'd love you to join us for the school's

Easter Service if you can



Mrs Claire Minogue

Claire has served on the Governing Body of our school for the past 8 years and her term of office has recently ended. On behalf of the Governors, staff and families we would like to thank Claire for giving so much of her time, especially during her term as Chair of Governors, to support our school. We are sure she will keep up to date with what is going on at school.

Helping Hands

Glitz & Glam Ball: This was an absolutely fantastic night with great entertainment from Decoy. However in addition to it being a fantastic night we raised an astonishing £2070. Thank you to everyone who made the evening such a success.

Spring Disco: The postponed Spring Disco has now been rearranged for Friday 19th May from 6:30 - 8:30. More details will follow shortly

Sunshine Club fees

There have been no increases to Sunshine Club fees for two years and I'm afraid that we have had to make a slight increase to the cost with effect from September 2017. The new rates will be:

Morning session £4.70

Afternoon session £7.90

For a child attending every session this will amount to an increase of 75p per week.

Dinner money is £2.05 per day for children in KS2, and is payable through ParentPay.

Please make payment in advance and try to ensure your account remains in credit. Thank you.

Please note the date of the next service at St Nicholas' Church:

9th April

11:00 Family Service & Communion

Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Key Stage One enjoyed a fantastic and creative day out at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park this week. We met our artist tour guides and split into two groups. They took us on an interactive walk around the grounds. We looked at man-made and natural materials and found out about 3d sculpture in the park. Some sculptures we could touch but others we had to just look at very carefully. We had lots of fun pretending to be sculptures ourselves and hiding in the Anthony Caro 'cities' in the lower park. We folded paper to make 3d shapes and compared the properties of different materials. We then had our delicious lunch, made by Irene, Diane & Jane and re-grouped to make our own 3d sculptures. We worked in teams to use a range of natural and man-made materials to make silly animal sculptures - such as a parachuting bat, a juggling penguin and a slithering sloth.



International Space Station

You may not be aware that the International Space Station which is orbiting Earth is visible from time to time. There is a website that gives you alerts when you can see it from our location:

<http://www.space.com/34650-track-astronauts-space-new-interactive-map.html>

You can register and sign up for alerts if you are interested.

Richard and his dad saw it this week and it was very bright and very fast!

Hand to Mouth recently visited school for an RE Day. The focus for KS2 was the Creation Journey. Please see below reviews of the day by some of Class Pacific.

The Journey was relaxing with the music in the background. The activities were meaningful. They all represented 1 day of God's Creation. The first activity was the easiest but made you think hard because the question was draw or write the most beautiful thing that you had seen in the sky. I drew a rainbow. You drew it in a highlighter and then put it inside a box, which had a UV light in it. You had a chance to pray to God and thank him for all the wonderful things he has given us.

By Eva G Melton

The journey was really amazing and relaxing especially with the music in the background because it made the gym a meaningful place to think about good and bad things you have done. You walked in and it was all dark but wonderful. The first activity was my favourite because you had to write or draw the best thing you have seen in the sky. I wrote 'the clouds that form in the sky'.

By Harriet Newsome

It made me feel relaxed and peaceful, and the activities really made me think about God and how he has made the world.

By Joshua Gosling

Recent letters:

15th March

Milk for Summer Term - All

15th March

Fruit Scheme - KS2

20th March

Bikeability - Yr 5

23rd March

Swimming - Yr 3



Upholding Christian values, together we **ENJOY** our learning, **ENRICH** our lives and **EXCEL** by making the most of our talents and gifts.