



# Kirkby Fleetham CE Primary School Newsletter Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015



Summer term 2015

It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the Easter break. We particularly enjoyed reading their blog on DB primary over the holidays, keeping us up to date with what some of them had been doing.

This Wednesday the infants enjoyed a brief visit from a small group of children from Bedale nursery. Our children enjoyed teaching them some new songs, sharing their outdoor area and doing some art activities. After the visit some of the year one children commented that they realised they have grown up a lot since leaving nursery!

### To Infinity and beyond...

The whole school launched this term's 'Space' theme with a visit to the forest this morning where they discovered a crater containing space junk and what looked unmistakably like alien slime. After collecting the debris scattered on the floor they concluded that a space craft must have crash landed in the forest and they are now on a mission to find out more...



Congratulations!

### Star of the Week Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received Star of the week awards in our last celebration worship: Toby for his excellent research, Mia for going above and beyond with her homework, Evie for her swimming and Emma for writing wonderful poetry.



### General News

#### Gambia exchange visit

You may recall that the teacher from Bakau New Town School in the Gambia was due to be with us this week. Sadly her visa was not granted in time for her to fly and we are now trying to arrange an alternative date, possibly in May.

#### Church News

The Langton concert will this year be held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm at Langton Church. Our choir will be singing and we are also hoping that our violinists and guitarists will be able to play. Reverend Clive is also looking for other musicians to contribute. If you or anyone you know would like to be part of the concert please do let myself or Reverend Clive know.

### **Staffing news**

As you are aware the current KS2 staffing arrangements are temporary until the end of the summer term. We are delighted to be able to share the news with you that Mrs Flanagan is pregnant and her baby is due in October.

Whilst we are thrilled for her, it of course means that she will not be coming back in September and we will need to appoint a new staff member. We will be interviewing next week for a new teacher.

### **Jonas Centre Trip**

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, we have provisionally booked the Jonas Centre for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. We will be leaving by train from Leeming Bar, travelling to Redmire on the Tuesday morning and return by train on Wednesday afternoon. We will walk from Redmire station across the fields to Bolton Castle, and then return to the centre for sporting and other outdoor activities.

In order for the trip to go ahead we will need to ask all parents for a contribution of £22 to cover the cost of transport, food and admission to the castle. This will be on Parent Pay and will need to be paid by 19<sup>th</sup> June. Unfortunately if parents are not able to meet this cost the trip will not be able to go ahead. If you have concerns about payment or any other aspect of the trip, please contact Mrs Dudman as soon as possible. The overnight accommodation will be paid for by school on this occasion.

We appreciate that for some of our younger children the prospect could be quite daunting and invite parents in to school to discuss any aspect of the trip that they are worried about. We will be holding a meeting for parents and children on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30pm. Please return the permission slip by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Bradford trip**

As previously mentioned, we have booked a visit for the whole school to visit the Lakshmi Narayan Mandir in Bradford on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to learn more about the Hindu faith. After visiting the Mandir in the morning we will visit the Bombay stores and supermarket in the afternoon to shop for resources for school.

We are expecting to be back at school by approximately 4.15pm (this may change slightly nearer the time). As a one-off, the Friends of the school have very kindly agreed to fund this trip and I would ask you to support them in their fundraising as the money is going directly to every one of our children.

There are spaces for two parents if anyone would like to come and help supervise the children. Please return the permission slip by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Governor news**

Thank you to those parents who contributed to the Nursery consultation which closed today. We will consider the responses at the Full Governors meeting on Monday and let you know the outcome in next week's newsletter.

### Next week in school

Next week's dinners will be following the North Yorkshire County Caterers week 2 menu.

**Monday** - Mrs Coulton Supply - Juniors

**Thursday**- KS2 teacher interviews

### Diary Dates

4.5.15	May Bank Holiday
6.5.15	Y3/4 Golf session
11 - 15.5.15	SATS week
12.5.15	Friends Boden Party
18.5.15	Y5/6 to East Cowton -science afternoon
22.5.15	Break up for half term
1.6.15	First day back
3.6.15	Bradford trip
8.6.15	Jonas Centre Parents meeting
13.6.15 (Saturday)	Thornton Watlass football competition Y2 -6
17.6.15	Langton Concert
19.6.15	Y2 to South Otterington - Art workshop
23.6.15	Jonas Centre trip
26.6.15	Cricket afternoon East Cowton
13.7.17	Annual reports to parents
17.7.15	Break up for the summer holidays