



31st March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are finally at the last day of the spring term! It hardly feels like any time since we were returned in early January.

Easter Egg Designs: On Thursday, it was great to hold our Easter egg competition for the children. The standard we received was absolutely amazing, I was blown away by the detail on the entries. It was very difficult to choose prizes for each year group, so I was really pleased that this decision was taken by our school council. They awarded the prizes to the following:

Class	1 st Prize	2 nd Prize	3 rd Prize
Nursery	Edward D	Ivy D	Frankie P
Reception	Jake A	Cecil R	Rory S
Year 1	Can Y	Nina A	Honey D
Year 2	Poppy H	Phoebe A	Maisie C
Year 3	Sophia H	Shyla C	Emily-May M
Year 4	Lucy H	Henry A	Dallas W
Year 5	Amelia T	Emily T	Jordy P
Year 6	Layla H	Lilly M	Billy B
Treehouse	Dominic I	Dylan A	Conroy K

Easter Raffle Winner: Congratulations to our two raffle winners, Elijah J (nursery) and Darcy G (year 4) who each won one of our Easter hampers. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket for the raffle; your support for the school is appreciated we raised exactly £300.

Year 2 Trip: On Thursday, the weather couldn't dampen the enthusiasm from our year 2 pupils as they visited Washington Wetlands. They had a great day, completing various activities including pond dipping and flamingo spotting.

Year 1 BugsnStuff: As part of year one's All Creatures Great and Small topic, the children had some exciting visitors in school today. We had the pleasure of welcoming Guy from Bugsnstuff. He brought some 'friends' with him including scorpions and millipedes from Africa, stick and leaf Insects from Asia, a tarantula from Mexico, a corn snake from America and a bearded dragon from Australia. The children enjoyed holding and touching the different animals and learning facts about them.



Year 5 Singing: On Wednesday, our year 5 pupils walked to Washington Village, to take part in a vocal showcase, which was held in Holy Trinity Church. Three schools took part in the event, and they each performed two contrasting songs. We were very ambitious in our song choices, with one of them being in 3-parts, but the children were amazing, and they were a credit to the school with their performance.

Staffing: Today, we say goodbye to Miss Malcolm in nursery, as she has been successful in obtaining another position at an outdoor nursery. The outdoors, and its use for teaching, is a passion for Miss Malcolm, and she is looking forward to her new role. On behalf of the school, I would like to wish Miss Malcolm good luck for the next stage of her career.

I would also like to welcome back two members of staff from maternity leave. Miss Owens will be resuming her position of nursery teacher, and Mrs Owen will be working in the reception and Treehouse areas of school. They are both excited and are looking forward to working with all the children during the summer term.

Football: On Tuesday night, the school football team played one match against Wessington Primary. The team started brightly and took an early lead through Jack C however, an unfortunate own goal saw the match evened up at one apiece. Determined to strike back, the team went and scored a quick second before half time, Billy B courageously battling the keeper before passing unselfishly to Harry G to finish into the empty net. The second half saw the team pick up the pace and Jack C score the third before scoring the final goal of the game direct from a corner, completing hat-trick. A great last game before Easter.

On Thursday night, the girls' football team took part in the WPSFA Girls Trophy at St Bedes Primary School. The first game of the night was against Barmston. Although the girls had the majority of the ball and carved out the most chances, they were unable to get past the Barmston goalkeeper, resulting in a 0-0 draw. The second game of the night was against the hosts, St Bedes. The girls conceded early but showed great determination with Lily C equalising, taking the ball off the defender before coolly slotting it past the goalkeeper. The second half started as the first ended, with Lily W making a brilliant run and crossing for Lily C to tap in for her second goal of the game, a fantastic assist. The girls defended well throughout but were unable to keep the lead, with the game finishing 2-2. The final game of the night was against Springwell, Lilly M bravely stepping into the role as goalkeeper for the last match. The girls were brilliant throughout creating a number of chances, including Amelia T hitting the post from outside of the box. Gracie D scored two quick goals to give us a 2-0 lead going into half time. Quickly into the second half, Holly R scored her first goal of the season with a brilliant finish into the bottom corner. Springwell pulled one back late on but the girls held on to win 3-1. Well done to everyone who played!

PE Lessons: Children can wear their PE kit to school on the day. This should be a plain white t-shirt, black jogging bottoms/leggings and trainers. A jumper can also be worn. Some lessons will be on the yard or field depending on the weather.

Week Commencing 17 th April		
Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Year 4 swimming Year 1	Year 2
Tuesday		Year 6
Wednesday		Year 4
Thursday	Year 3	Year 5
Friday	Reception Treehouse swimming	Year 5 swimming (5DF)

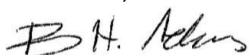
Forest School: Please send your child into school dressed appropriately for their session – long sleeves and trousers, wellies and a waterproof coat if possible. For Health and Safety reasons, earrings should not be worn, or if needed,

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Day	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Treehouse	3BMc
Tuesday		4IT
Wednesday		
Thursday	2FM	
Friday	RAM	

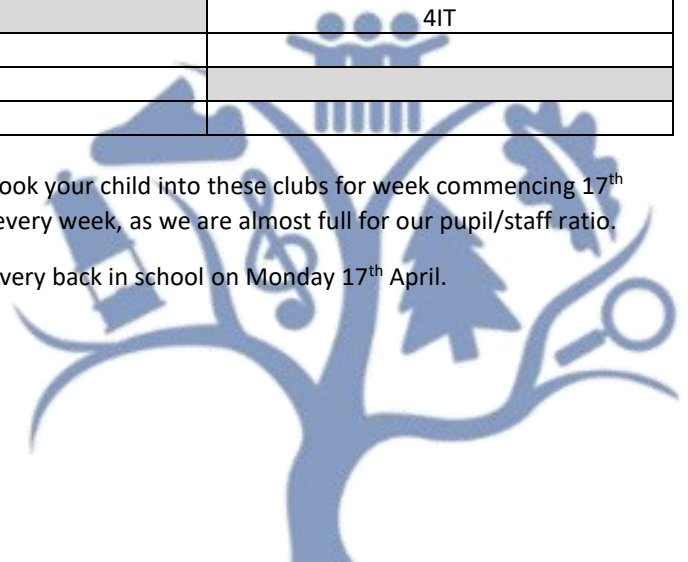
Breakfast and After School Club: Please use the following link to book your child into these clubs for week commencing 17th April – [B & ASC Booking Form](#). Remember this must be completed every week, as we are almost full for our pupil/staff ratio.

Enjoy your Easter holidays everyone, and I look forward to seeing every back in school on Monday 17th April.

Best wishes,



Mr B Adams
Head of School





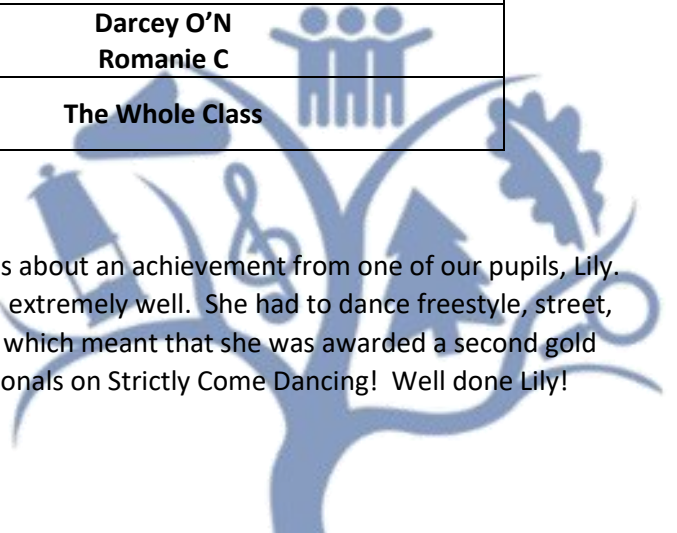
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Stars of the Week

Year Group	Class	Star of the Week
Nursery	NLM	Max M Macie N
	RSC	Jake A Lennox B
Reception	RAM	Darcie P Khadija D
	1ES	Archie H Jayden L
One	1MS	Flynn H Olivia T
	2MA	Sophia S Seth A
Two	2FM	The Whole Class
	3BM	Olivia B James B
Three	3MA	Alice L Mia W
	4AF	Elliot S Dallas W
Four	4IT	Emmy H Amelia A
	5RN	Lily W Grace L
Five	5DF	Anabelle R James P
	6PP	Paige B Jake S
Six	6LM	Darcey O'N Romanie C
	TSK TNP	The Whole Class

JFK Superstar: This week, I am delighted to share amazing news about an achievement from one of our pupils, Lily. She has just completed her gold level dance exams, and she did extremely well. She had to dance freestyle, street, two slows, and also a line dance. She scored 94, 94, 94, 97, 95, which meant that she was awarded a second gold level with honours. I can't wait to see her as one of the professionals on Strictly Come Dancing! Well done Lily!



Easter Holiday Family Support

Washington Community Food Project: During the Easter holidays, the WCFP will be offering their free packed lunches to all local school children accompanied by an adult. Simply hop along to Unit O-opposite Virgin Money- in The Galleries, each Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday (not on Good Friday) throughout the school holidays between 12pm - 3pm. This scheme is open to all and no referral is necessary.

Washington Mind: Please see below a number of events Washington Mind are running over the next couple of weeks. Please note the 'Family Film and Food Club' night will not be running on Monday 10th April.



Learning, Skills and Employment Fair: Are you looking to learn new skills or gain a qualification? Sunderland City Council, Learning and Skills Service will be holding a Learning, Skills and Employment fair which is free to attend and you do not need an appointment:

📅 Wednesday 19th April 2023

🕒 10:00 – 13:00pm

📍 Washington Millennium Centre, The Oval, Concord, Washington, NE37 2QD

