

April 2018

CLASS 1 CHRONICLE

Reception

Welcome back to the summer term, we hope you all had a restful holiday. The Easter Stay and Play was very successful. Lots of families came and the children really enjoyed spending time in school with them. We raised £50 for our class fund which will go towards lots of exciting activities for the children this term. We are planning to do a summer Stay and Play in the second half of the term and hope to see as many parents as we did for the Easter and Christmas events. Thank you for your continued support.

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SUMMER

Plants

As summer is on it's way (hopefully), the children are going to be learning more about the plants around us in our area. As part of this topic, they will be learning about the different parts of plants and will gain experience in planting seeds/growing plants, developing their understanding of what plants need to grow well. We are hoping to use a number of the raised beds in school to grow some plants (peas/beans) that we can harvest and eat before we leave for the summer holidays. Part of the curriculum requires children to be able to recognise and name some of the common plants that we can find growing around us. It would be great if you could help your child with this by naming plants in gardens, parks and landscapes around us.



The Seasons

We are continuing to help the children to develop their knowledge about the different seasons. We will be looking closely at the changes that are evident as spring changes into summer and exploring what happens to the plants and animals around us during the summer months. Many of our children are finding it difficult to remember the order of the seasons and the months of the year. It would be great if you could talk to your children about the seasons and months, to help them to understand them better.

Grace Darling

As part of the History National Curriculum children are required to learn about a significant person in history. The children should also be given the opportunity to explore significant historical events, people and places in their own locality. This term we have chosen to find out about a North Eastern heroine - Grace Darling.

As part of our work exploring the life of Grace Darling, we will be focussing on the similarities and differences between ways of life in different historical periods. The children will be encouraged to ask and answer questions about Grace's story, using a range of sources to find out more about her life.



Important Dates so far...

Half Term: Week beginning 28th May 2018- return to school on Monday 4th June 2018

Proms in the playground: Tuesday 3rd July 2018 (info to follow-whole school)

Sports Day and Summer Fair: Tuesday 10th July 2018

Reports will be sent out: Friday 6th July 2018

Summer Stay and Play:

Wednesday 11th July 9-10.30am

Dates and times to remember.....

PE	Tuesday Mornings
Outdoor learning with Wheatley Hill Community nursery (reception)	Friday mornings
Drop in sessions	Monday Mornings 8.45 - 9.15 am

PE kits

A number of PE kits have yet to be returned to school after the holidays. Please can you send them in with your child as soon as possible. Thanks

Class Fund

Thank you for your voluntary 50p contributions to our class fund.

This helps to fund cooking activities, playdough ingredients and craft activities. This term we are saving for some new water-proof suits as our old ones are a bit tatty. Please could you send your donations in an envelope labelled with 'class 1 fund'.

Thank you very much for your support.



There is no parents evening in the summer term as reports are sent out in July. However if you would like to speak to one of the team at any point about your child's progress, please feel free to come in and see us. We still have an open morning on a Monday where you can pop in between 8:45-9:15, but if you are unable to attend these sessions you are welcome to catch us at another time.

Milk

Just a reminder when your child turns 5 they no longer receive free milk. If you would like them to continue to have milk at snack time with their friends you will need to contact Cool Milk to pay for it.

www.coolmilk.com

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Materials for the workshop

As many of you are aware, our children love to create models in the workshop, using a range of 'junk' materials. We are incredibly grateful to those families who regularly send in materials to be added to the workshop. We would love it if this could continue and would be grateful if you could collect and send in different items, particularly milk bottle tops, kitchen roll tubes, small boxes (toothpaste boxes for example), yoghurt pots and small pieces of unwanted fabrics or wool.

Thank you for your support



Changes in the weather

We are hoping for some sunny weather this half term, but at the moment it is still pretty chilly at times. We spend a lot of our time outdoors so please can you make sure your child comes to school with a coat, while the weather is unpredictable. As it gets warmer children will need to bring a sun hat to school and have sun cream applied before school. If you wish your child to apply it themselves at lunchtime, they can do this with adult supervision.



Thank you

