

Newsletter

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Spring Term

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Stars on the Stage!

We have had wonderful feedback from parents, carers and members of staff about the star-studded cast of the CATS production, 'Mary Poppins'.

Beth Caygill and Tillie Walton performed incredibly well, learning their lines 'off by heart'.

Fabulous songs were also sung and enjoyed by all!

Well done girls—we are all very proud of your achievements and talents!

A Message from Mrs. Boulton

Your children have, once again, been a real credit to yourselves and our school. We have had many visitors in school recently who have very positively commented on your children's respectful behaviour and politeness towards adults.

Visitors to our school have also commented upon the particularly calm atmosphere in school, and the concentration and focus of the children's learning in their lessons. This is something to be really proud of.

Another busy term lies ahead for us all. Information about transition to new classes ready for September 2017 will follow in due course in the Summer term.

Have a good Easter holiday.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child back to school on Monday 24th April 2017.

Mrs. Boulton

Staffing Update

Mrs. Reid, our Assistant Head Teacher, has taken over Miss Edwards' class. The children have worked with Mrs. Reid for some time now and are continuing to work hard towards their SATs alongside Mr. Wilcox's Y6 class and our Y2 classes.

Congratulations to Mr. Wilcox and his partner on the safe arrival of Baby Miller! Wonderful news!

Attendance is improving!

UNCRC Article 28 – All children have the right to a good quality education.

Our school attendance is showing an improvement! This is wonderful news and certainly something to be celebrated. Thank you for sending your children to school. It is vitally important that our improved attendance levels are maintained and built upon – so please keep up the good work!

Your children are certainly good 'Attendance Ambassadors'! They are very keen to aim for that 'Golden Train' each week. Good news indeed.

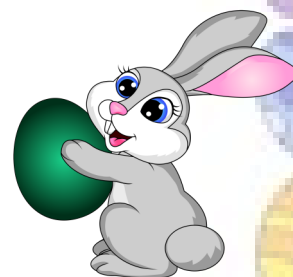
Well done!!

Pupils of the week

1T Stevie-Kate Neilson, Ryan Bell, Talisah Mulley, Tillie Ellwood, Reece Tinkler
1H Sofia Marshall, Declan Young, Stevie Townsend, Chloe Howe, Taylor Davison
2T Cameron Raamsalu, Connor Scaife, Riley Askew, Brodie Whitefield, Kenzie Watson
2H Joe Dixon, Alex Andelin, Riley Smith, Daniel Best
3T Jamie-Leigh Ward, Charlie Broom, Mason Hopwood, Rueben Bennett, Whole Class
3H Harvey Derbyshire, Alfie White, Lukas Kirby, Lucas Ellwood, Jamie Conner
4T Liam Plews, Cameron Gibson, Anya Rutherford, Jack Robson, JonnyLee Pye
4H Jordan-Lee Kirwin, Logan-Ray Prince, Michaela Foster, Peter Copland, Whole Class
5T Owen Wells, Riley Wilkinson, Trinity Colling, Jack Cooper, Chloe Mason
5H Harry Morgan, Grace Wake, Cayden Laffey, Joji Basudra, Owen Robertson
6T Anthony Marley, James Plews, Matthew Airey
6H Dylan Matthews, Kate Morgan, Ben Scaife, Joshua Craggs, Rose Porter

Holiday Dates

Friday 7th April – School closes for the Easter holidays
Monday 24th April – School re-opens at 8.50am
Thursday 27th April – Y3 visit the Oriental Museum
Friday 28th April – Reception visit to Bowes Museum
Monday 1st May – School closed for May Day Bank Holiday
Friday 26th May – School closes for summer half term
Tuesday 6th June – School re-opens at 8.50am
Wednesday 14th June – Y2 visit to Durham Cathedral
Wednesday 28th June – Careers Day Y5 and Y6
Monday 3rd July – Reception Sports Day at 1.30 p.m.
Wednesday 5th July – Y1/Y2 Sports Day at 1.30pm
Thursday 6th July – Y3/Y4 Sports Day at 9.30 a.m.
Thursday 6th July – Y5/Y6 Sports Day at 1.30 p.m.
Friday 7th July – Nursery and 2 Year Olds Sports Day 9.30am
Monday 10th – 12th July – Y6 Robinwood visit
Tuesday 18th July – Y6 Leavers Party 6-8pm Civic Hall
Friday 21st July – School closes for the summer holidays



Polling Station—Good News!

For many years, the school's Governing Body and Leadership Team, having listened to the concerns of parents and carers, have strived to change the venue of our school as the community polling station, which has left us no option other than to close the small building of our school for safeguarding reasons during polling days. After continued perseverance from the Governing Body, Leadership Team, and colleagues from Durham County Council, I am delighted to inform you that our school main building and small building will no longer be used as a polling station. Instead of the use of the school's small building, the school's Children's Centre building will be used as a polling station. The school's Children's Centre building will be used as a polling station on Thursday 4th May. **This means that our school main and small buildings will remain open on 4th May, and for other polling days in the future.** I am sure you will agree that this is a positive step forward, and addresses those concerns raised by parents and carers both currently and historically, particularly in relation to supporting parents and carers with their pupils' attendance.

Our Governing Body

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Our Governing Body work hard to ensure our children are given the very best opportunities.
Please take a minute to find out more about our School Governors.

Mrs. V. Dowson – Chair of Governors
Mrs. N. Best – Vice-Chair of Governors
Mrs. P. Crook - Co-opted Governor
Miss N. Stainsby – Co-opted Governor

With thanks to Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Walton who have served our school in their role as Governors. Mrs. Morgan and Mrs. Walton have made an extremely valuable contribution to our school. We wish you well for the future.

Local Authority Governor

I am very pleased to inform you that we have a new Local Authority Governor who has recently joined our Governing Body, Town Councillor Shirley Quinn.

Mrs. Dowson, our Chair of Governors, and members of our Governing Body, and school staff, warmly welcome Councillor Quinn to our Governing Body Team.

UNCRC Article 19 – All children have the right to be safe.

Parking is an ongoing problem for the school and wider community. Although many of our families using cars park very safely, there are a number of parents and carers who park irresponsibly leading to potential road traffic accidents outside of our school.

Mrs. Simpson, our School Crossing Patrol, continues to be extremely concerned about this, as we are in school.

Our Junior Road Safety Officers in school presented information to the children in assembly. They continue to work with Miss Johnson on this important community issue.

Please ensure that you park safely outside of school, and do use the voluntary one-way system to ensure the safety of your children. Thank you.

Ofsted Update

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We continue to make progress on our school Ofsted priorities.

Our school's HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector) has been in contact with school recently and was pleased with our school's progress towards our school priorities.

Our HMI was very interested to find out more about Reading and Attendance; two important priorities on our School Improvement Plan.

Please continue to support your children by reading every day with them at home, and by sending your children each day into school. This all helps to enable your school to make progress against our Ofsted priorities.
Thank you.



UNCRC Article 17 – The right to information.

We raised a grand total of £245 on Red Nose Day.
Thank you to everyone for their valued contributions.

RED NOSE DAY



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Family Learning

Our Family Learning group attended their graduation at the Sunderland AFC Stadium of Light on Monday 20th March. The celebration included an award certificate, presentation and a tour of the stadium itself. Everyone involved who completed the course received tickets to a Sunderland AFC premiership game! Look out for any future courses as they are great fun!

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The winners from the first week of the Big Pedal were:

Emily Brown	3H
Bobby Jayne Hodgson	Reception
SJ Oman	3H
Matthew Airey	6T
Peter Copland	4H

The winners from the second week of the Big Pedal were:

Jake Johnson	Reception
Ben Edney	6H
Jessica Box	4H
Finlay Armstrong	6T
Mason Mottram	4H

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World Book Day

We had a lot of fun celebrating World Book Day. You may have seen pictures of us in The Northern Echo!

Your children enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book character and enjoying French stories all aboard the French Book Bus!

Thank you for supporting our school Book Fair. We raised a whopping £634, all of which will be used to buy new books for your children. Thank you for your support.

BUSY BEES TABLE TOP SALE!!!

Friday 21st April 2017

10am till 1pm

Held at “**Foundations**” Office, Shildon.

(Couple of shops up from Hays Travel)

Bargains Galore with lots of things for £1 and under!

Thank you for helping support local charities

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School Uniform

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Thank you for sending your child to school looking smart in their Timothy Hackworth School Uniform.

May I remind you that plain black school shoes must be worn, rather than trainers. Earrings must not be worn.

Towards the end of this term, we have seen an increase in the number of children who wear trainers and earrings to school. Please ensure that black school shoes are worn. This is part of our School Uniform policy.

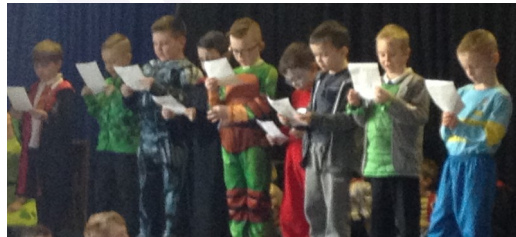
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Poetry *Slam*



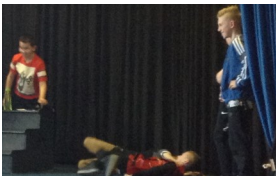
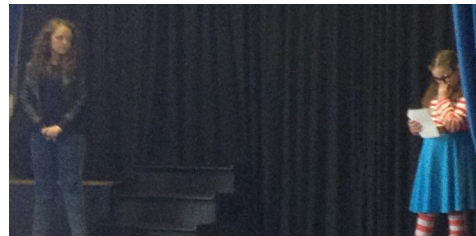
We held a whole school poetry competition for World Book Day, where children from all over the school read their best poems in an attempt to the best poet in the school. Do you recognise our judges?!

Our first competitors were four groups of year 2 children competing for their place in the final.



After the year twos we went into full swing as groups and individuals arrived on the stage trying to prove they were the best!

Overall, every entry we had was fantastic!



All of our finalists gathered on stage as the winners were selected.

Lewis Davis and Matthew Jones were in 1st place!



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SHILDON LEISURE CENTRE

Easter Thrive Junior Activity Camp

(Full Day) 11th April 9-4pm, cost £20
(5to11years)

A mix of Easter crafts & Egg Trail Hunt on the athletics track,
sports hall fun & games

Easter Thrive Junior Sports Camp

(Half Day) 18th April, 1-3pm, cost £4

(5to 11 years)

A mix of multi-sports, dance, fun & games

To book a place, please call in at Reception, or for more information, telephone 03000 266448. Payment must be made at the time of booking.

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