

Holiday Club

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, going forward, we will be promoting a Holiday Club operated by Velocity Trampoline, which is based at Marsh House Avenue, Billingham.

Velocity's School Holiday Camps will run during our upcoming half term holiday from Thursday 27th May to Friday 4th June (excluding the Bank Holiday) and will include trampolining, gymnastics, games and craft activities.

Attached to this newsletter is more information about the School Holiday Camps and the link to book your child's place.

You will notice that there are two posters– one for children aged 3 and 4 and one for children aged 5 and above.

For children aged 5 and above, the full day will be led by Velocity at their gymnastics centre.

However, due to Ofsted requirements, Velocity are only able to provide childcare for 3 and 4 year olds between 10am-2pm. Additional wraparound childcare (between 8am-10am and 2pm-5pm) will be available, if required, and is provided by Forest Friends Childcare, the Nursery attached to Velocity Gymnastics Centre. The daily cost of each 4 hour session for 3 and 4 year olds is £12, with additional wraparound bookable through Forest Friends Childcare for £15 per day. The link to book the wraparound will be available when booking online with Velocity .

Forest Friends Childcare will welcome any parents who would like to visit in advance and this can be arranged by contacting them directly on 01642 566718.

Outdoor Shelter

You may have noticed the addition of the green outdoor shelter next to the Adventure Playground that was erected last week. This was purchased by Chris, our forest schools leader, following the fundraising event by parents last year. The shelter can fit a whole class and will be used by Chris during forest school sessions but also for outdoor learning at other times.

Thanks again to everyone who supported Chris last year.

Forest Schools

On Wednesday, it will be Year 2's turn to take part in an educational forest school lesson. Class 6 will go in the morning followed by Class 5 in the afternoon. **Children can come to school in their forest school clothes.** Please ensure they bring a waterproof coat and wellies.

Nursery September 2021

Thank you to everyone who responded to Miss Jemmeson's email to confirm their acceptance of a nursery place. Miss Jemmeson will be in touch via email to confirm which option your child has been allocated by the end of this week. Please note, if you do not receive your preferred choice of session option, we do hold your child's name on a waiting list, and will contact parents if any places for your preferred option become available.

Nursery and Reception Transition

As restrictions begin to ease, we are hopeful that we will be to run a more normal timetable of transition events for our new starters in Nursery and Reception this year. This will include drop in sessions for parents to meet staff and find out more about our Early Years provision, as well as opportunities for the children to attend transition sessions to become familiar with the setting before September. We will be in touch with parents in the next couple of weeks with dates and further details of our transition arrangements.



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UK Parliament Workshop

Next Wednesday, Year 5 and 6 will be taking part in an online workshop led by the Parliament Education team. They will be learning more about democracy and how UK parliament works, including the difference between the House of Commons and House of Lords.

Stars of the Week

Our stars of the week are:

Nursery: William D **Class 1:** Sophia **Class 2:** Marnie
Class 3: Hattie **Class 4:** Hazel **Class 5:** Shaurya
Class 6: Rosie **Class 7:** Sienna **Class 8:** Zahra
Class 9: Vihaan **Class 10:** Jack G **Class 11:** Ellis
Class 12: Harriet **Class 13:** Maddie **Class 14:** Georgia

Newly Hatched Chicks

Mrs Hall, a member of our office staff, and her daughter Ava, who is in Year 4, began incubating some eggs at home on Easter Sunday. Last Wednesday, they began to hatch and today we welcomed five chicks- Daphne, Barbara, Ruby, Crystal and Miracle- into Nursery and Reception. The children loved learning more about them and handling them, as you can see from the photos below.



Year 2 Visit from Ross Turnbull

Following on from Year 2's Spring topic, Amazing Africa, children received a visit from a very special guest. As many of the Year 2 parents know, children have been learning about the Ivorian footballer, Didier Drogba. They have written their own biographies about him, with lots of fantastic information, including the fact that Didier Drogba scored the winning penalty against Bayern Munich to win the Champions League final in 2012.



One of Didier's Chelsea teammates on that night, Ross Turnbull, kindly brought in his Champions League trophy and medal to show the children. The children were very excited to meet Ross and asked lots of interesting questions about his life as a footballer, his new job as a coach and of course his teammate Drogba!