

Welcome Back!

Welcome back for the final term of this academic year – we hope everyone had a lovely Easter break! Although the sun has managed to break through the rain clouds today, it is quite chilling outside still. Hopefully, sunny weather is on the way! As the weather is so unpredictable at this time of year, please continue to send your child to school with a coat so they can enjoy time outside, whatever the weather.

Dates for Your Diary

Please see the list below of upcoming events for this term, which we currently have planned. Further information will be sent out about these event via letter or future newsletters. Please keep checking the weekly newsletter as this is always a busy term and further events and dates are likely to be shared as the term progresses.

- 24.04– Class 7 at Racket Skills Festival
- 24.04-26.04– Year 5 London Residential
- 26.04– Parents’ Coffee Morning
- 30.04– Year 4 Quad Kids Event
- 03.05- Non-uniform Day
- 10.05– Year 4 Football Competition
- Wb. 13.05– Year 6 SATs
- 15.05-17.05– Year 4 Robinwood Residential
- Wb. 20.05– Mental Health and Wellbeing Week
- 21.05– Year 5/6 Outdoor Athletics Competition
- Wb. 03.06 & 10.06– Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
- 12.06– Year 6 Leavers Service at Durham Cathedral
(unfortunately, this event is for pupils only)
- Wb. 17.06– Year 6 Paris Residential
- 29.06– Summer Fayre
- 03.07- Class 10 visit to Pizza Express
- 10.07– Class 9 visit to Pizza Express
- 22.07– Year 6 Leavers’ Performance—2pm

Forest Schools

On Wednesday, Year 5 will be taking part in an educational forest school lesson led by our forest school leader, Chris. Please ensure children wear suitable clothing and footwear for the weather and bring a waterproof coat. We also ask that any long hair is tied back for this session.

Year 2 Trampolining

This week, Year 2 will begin attending trampolining sessions every Wednesday afternoon as part of their PE sessions. Further information will be shared by class teacher’s on eSchools.

Parents’ Coffee Morning

Please see the attached poster from our Mental Health and Wellbeing team in school, Miss Jones, Miss Wade and Miss Wilson, about an upcoming coffee morning they have planned for parents.

Newsletter

Monday 15th April 2024



Easter Egg Competition Winners

During our final week in school, we enjoyed lots of Easter celebrations. This included a special Easter worship, led by Madi and Reverend Emily from Vine Church Wynyard, and a fantastic Easter egg competition. We would like to say a huge well done to everyone who produced an egg. All staff visited classrooms across the day and voted for their favourite egg. The creativity and hard work that went into all of the entries made it ‘eggstremely’ difficult!

Our winners were:

- Nursery: Eloise and Louis
- Reception: Georgia and Quincy
- Year 1: Alfie and David
- Year 2: Leah and Niamh
- Year 3: Martha and Sienna
- Year 4: Bobby and Lucas
- Year 5: Harriet and Bethany
- Year 6: Erin and Devon



WOW- the walk to school challenge

We have been chosen to be part of an exciting behaviour-change initiative to encourage more children and their families to walk to school. ‘WOW – the walk to school challenge’ is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible experience the benefits of walking to school.

The pupil-led challenge enables children to self-report how they get to school every day. If they travel actively (walk/wheel, cycle, scooter or Park and Stride) at least once a week for a month, they get rewarded with a badge.

There is an additional letter attached to the newsletter with more information about this exciting project. We hope that you enjoy getting involved with your children and experience the benefits of walking to school.

Homework Parent Survey

In the newsletter dated 11th March, we shared the link to a parent survey about homework. Thank you to all families who have complete the survey -we have been really pleased with the number of responses we have had. The survey will close at the end of this week so if you haven’t had a chance to complete it yet, and you would like to, please do so using the following link

<https://forms.gle/A491mSk5eJaJpkSJA>

Once the survey has closed at 5pm on Friday 19th April, we will evaluate our current systems alongside parent and pupil views. We will communicate the outcomes with you later on in the Summer Term.

Start Small, Dream Big Careers Project

We are delighted that our school has been selected to take part in an exciting pilot programme to improve careers education in primary schools across England. Over the next year, Mrs Coates will be coordinating this project which is designed to increase the awareness primary-aged children have of the world of work, raising aspirations and reducing stereotypes. The programme will bring learning alive by linking lessons to careers. It will also provide opportunities for pupils to meet inspiring employers so they can explore different jobs and understand the skills they’ll need for the future. We’re excited to begin this new journey!