



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Red Nose Day

*Take yourself funny for money
Come dressed in your oddest,
funniest, kookiest outfit. For
example; Pyjama's with
wellies, party dresses with
wellies, funky hair and
hilarious hats. Let your
imagination run wild!!!!
Suggested donation £1*

KEY DATES:

**Parent teacher
consultations 16th March
1-5pm**

**Yr 4 Pioneer Centre Trip
18th-20th March**

**Red Nose Day - Friday 20th
March**

**Iman visit - Tuesday 24th
March**

**Easter Service at Newcastle
Church with Rev. Lois 25th
March**

**Dental Nurse visit for
Reception children - 25th
March**

**Easter Holidays - 30th
March - 10th April**



FROM WILLY WONKA TO SPIDER-MAN: A COLOURFUL WORLD BOOK DAY ADVENTURE!

We've had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day! The children enjoyed a range of activities, starting with designing their own front covers for the book Feast. They also created beautifully decorated bookmarks to use in their reading books. Throughout the day, children listened to a variety of stories and completed reading code breakers to build their phonics and comprehension skills. It was wonderful to see how much care and enthusiasm they put into every activity—and especially into their costumes!

We welcomed an amazing array of characters, including Willy Wonka, Mr Durrell, Spider-Man, Zoe from Zoe's Zoo Rescue, the ladybird from What the Ladybird Heard, Pete the Cat, Stitch, Jasmine, a farmer, Asiya from The Proudest Blue, a palaeontologist, a horse rider, a cat and even an elf. The effort and imagination the children showed truly brought the joy of reading to life.

Message from Ms Mullock

It has been so lovely to finally see blue sky and sunshine this week! We've really made the most of the improved weather by taking some of our learning outdoors, and it has been wonderful to even hold collective worship outside in the sunshine. Long may it continue! A quick reminder to please book your appointments for parent-teacher consultations on 16th March.

To support our Year 5 and 6 history topic, we would also love to borrow any artefacts from the 60s, 70s or 80s. Items such as old telephones, electronic games, records, cassettes or floppy disks would be fantastic, as these are quite abstract concepts for the children and it would be great for them to see the real thing.

Teacher Feature

Oak Class

Oak Class has had a very busy and productive two weeks! In maths, we've been making excellent progress with decimals, working confidently with numbers up to three decimal places. The children have been ordering, comparing and rounding decimals with growing accuracy and enthusiasm.

In English, we have started an exciting new unit inspired by the short Disney film Feast. The children have written some fantastic openings to their own versions of the story. It has also been lovely to welcome Years 3 and 4 to our lessons – they've made a very positive start.

Year 5 and 6 have great fun devising a film trailer for the Book Fest competition, inspired by The First Year by Matt Goodall. Watch this space for updates!

In science, we've been investigating the properties of materials, exploring soluble and insoluble substances and learning how to separate mixtures through hands-on experiments. In history, we've been travelling through the decades from the 1960s onwards – discovering lava lamps, the arrival of colour televisions and enjoying music by The Beatles. We've now moved on to computing developments of the 1970s and will soon explore the 1980s. If you have any artefacts from these decades, we would love to see them!



Acorn Class

Acorn Class had a wonderful time exploring Ludlow Castle, using their topic knowledge to bring history to life. The children were fascinated by the depth of the castle well and enjoyed discovering the battlements, portcullis, open bailey and chapel.

In science, they have been learning about plants and the seasons, including identifying the parts of a flower and carefully dissecting a daffodil. Reception and Year 1 have also explored different fruits and vegetables.

In geography, the younger children have begun studying our local area, while Year 3 and 4 have started learning about climate zones. It's been a busy and exciting term!