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Our **Value of the Month** for March is **RESILIENCE**



Newsletter – March 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,



Red Team Winners

Last half term the team with the highest amount of stars was Red Team – all their hard work paid off! They were rewarded with a non-uniform day on the last day of term. Congratulations to them and good luck to all the teams for this half term.

Easter Lunch for Parents/Carers



A letter will be coming out shortly about our Easter lunch where parents/carers will be invited in to join their child (ren) in school. Infant lunch will be on Wednesday 5th April and older siblings are invited in for this too. Junior pupils will also have their lunch on Wednesday 5th April at 12.15pm. We hope you can come along. A letter will be sent out in due course and replies must be received by Tuesday 28th March 10am.

Easter Egg Competition



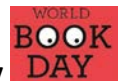
It is time to start thinking about designs for our Easter Egg competition. Each pupil can enter an imaginative design (maximum A4 size please) that they have made at home. There is a prize for the winner in each year group. Entries need to be in on Monday 3rd April and Tuesday 4th April as it will be judged on the morning of Wednesday 5th April. Good luck!

Parents' Evenings



Monday 27th March and Tuesday 28th March are the dates for Parents' Evenings this term. If you would like to arrange an appointment please send the reply slip back to school in the letter which will follow in due course.

World Book Day



World Book Day this year has a theme in our school – the works of William Shakespeare. Miss Knox has worked hard to organise events across the day where children will get the chance to learn more about some of Shakespeare's plays. We even have our very own Mr Shakespeare coming in on the day to talk to the children and answer their questions. We hope that children will join in the fun and dress up or come in non-uniform to celebrate our love of reading. There will be a prize this year in each class for the best costume so good luck to our pupils.

More information can be found on www.worldbookday.com.

Developing our Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths



We were proud to host an event for teachers led by the Royal Society and the CBI at our school recently. This session was aimed at linking school and colleges at primary and secondary level with local businesses to support STEM education. We invited schools in our local cluster to this event to find out more about the practical guide 'Making Education your Business' that was launched in Summer 2016. The event gave teachers and businesses an opportunity to hear from partnerships that are already happening in the area. We know that as a school we

continue to develop and improve our STEM opportunities for children. This event allowed us to develop our links beyond the successful ones we already have with Nissan and Newcastle University. Our next STEM link is with Gateshead College where Year 6 will be visiting soon to learn about career opportunities and complete workshops on construction, automotive, gaming and coding.



Electric Car in the News!

Did you see Year 4/5 in the newspapers recently? Mr Seaton’s class proudly showed off their electric car in the following newspapers: the Sunderland Echo, Evening Chronicle and Northern Echo. Some pupils gave interviews after the photos were taken and they were a credit to our school. They talked with great enthusiasm and gave details about winning the Green Goblin electric car and the skills they have developed in building it.



Woodland Trust

We are very pleased to announce we will be working with the Woodland Trust over the next few weeks on projects in our school. We have developed our outdoor areas over the last couple of years but we want to continue to improve on this and allow children to learn valuable science skills. Children will have the chance to plant trees and hedgerows in our grounds when working with the outdoor experts.



Test Dates

Just a reminder of dates for the national tests that children take this year. The dates for these are as follows:

Test	Date
Year 1 Phonics test week	Week beginning Monday 12 th June 2017
Year 2 SAT tests	SAT tests taken throughout May 2017
Year 6 SAT tests	Week beginning Monday 8 th May 2017

If you would like to speak to your child’s teacher about forthcoming tests they will be pleased to talk to you.



Year 1 class assembly

Our next class assembly will be presented by Year 1. Miss Jones has already begun to plan it and I am sure it will be a fantastic experience! A date will follow shortly for parents/carers of pupils in Year 1 to invite them along.



Awards for All Bid

We have been awarded funds through the National Lottery ‘Awards for All Project’ to develop a new library in our school. Miss Knox, Literacy co-ordinator, asked the children to design their ideal library. We are looking at their ideas to try and incorporate them into the new area. More information about how the project is coming along will follow and we can’t wait until the new library is unveiled and in use!

Easter holidays: school closes at 3.15pm on Friday 7th April 2017 and re-opens 9am on Monday 24th April 2017. We hope you have a very happy Easter holiday.

Yours sincerely Mrs L A Snowdon