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Newsletter – October 2015

Dear Parents and Carers,

Gardening Improvements



Our outdoor learning environment has been improved by the addition of a polytunnel and potting shed. Mrs Parks, Science co-ordinator, is very keen to offer more outdoor learning opportunities for children across the school. We know that pupils really enjoy being ‘hands on’ and learning beyond the classroom. This year we are applying for the Gold Primary Science Quality Mark and therefore continue to focus on improving our Science opportunities for children.

Flu Spray for Year 1 and 2 Pupils



Pupils in Year 1 and Year 2 are being offered the flu nasal spray this year as part of the government health programme. The spray will be administered by our nurse during school time. This has been booked for Wednesday 11th November. Further information will follow from our school nurse service but please be assured this is a simple, quick procedure to support your child’s health.

Football Team Results



Our Year 5/6 football team have been working very hard. On their first outing they showed great team spirit against some tough local competition. By the following week they were beginning to even the score line and managed to hit the back of the net themselves. Well done to the team for their determination and excellent attitude.

Year 3 Trip to the Hindu Temple



Year 3 recently went to a Hindu Temple in Newcastle following on from their work in the classroom. The children demonstrated their knowledge by asking a range of excellent questions. To follow up from this visit, a member of the Hindu temple will be in school on Wednesday 7th October to further develop the pupil’s knowledge of the Hindu religion.

Reception Reading and Phonics Workshops



A letter has gone out to Reception parents on 5/10/15 giving details of the reading and phonics workshops. If you haven’t received the letter please contact the school office who will give you a copy.



Neighbourhood Watch for Year 5/6

Pupils in Year 5/6 are benefitting from working with a range visitors from their local community. Over a ten week period they will meet representatives from the Dogs Trust, Wildlife Awareness, Road Safety Team and Police to name a few. The aim of these sessions is to help raise awareness of local issues that affect them and give them a chance to share their opinions.



Class 3 Assembly

Mrs Parks and the pupils in her class would like to invite Year 3 parents/carers to their class assembly on Wednesday 21st October at 9am. The children will show what they have been learning about in class in a fun and lively way! We look forward to seeing you then.



Hoopstarz

The whole school showed off their hula hoop skills when they worked with the Hoopstarz team recently. The aim was to offer children a chance to have great fun while keeping fit. There are a few hula hoops on sale in school at a cost of £4 if you would like to purchase one.



Test Weeks for Year 1, 2 and 6

Just for your information the following dates show when pupils will be taking their national tests in school.

National Test	Date
Year 1 Phonics Test	Week beginning 13 th June 2016
Key Stage 1 SATS	Completed during May 2016
Key Stage 2 SATS	Monday 9 th May - English reading test Tuesday 10 th May - English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 1: spelling; English grammar, punctuation and spelling Paper 2: questions Wednesday 11 th May - mathematics Paper 1: arithmetic; mathematics Paper 2: reasoning Thursday 12 th May - mathematics Paper 3: reasoning

Holiday date reminder for Autumn Term 2015:

We close on Friday 23rd October for half term and re-open on Monday 2nd November. In addition this term we have a Staff Training Day on Friday 27th November when school will be closed. A full list of our school holidays are on our website or available from the school office.

Yours sincerely, Mrs L A Snowdon (Headteacher)