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March Newsletter

Website information

<http://www.acrerigg-inf.durham.sch.uk/>

Our website is updated on a regular basis. You will find information about the curriculum, events in school and policies. All newsletters can be found on the website too.

Marvellous Me

Please ensure you have signed up using your child's unique code and check the app regularly for any messages from school. If you do not have your child's code, please speak to Miss Garrod in the school office. Text messages will still be sent to primary contact mobile numbers we hold on file.

Comic Relief- Red Nose Day

It is Red Nose Day (Comic Relief) on Friday 21ST March Children can come into school, wearing red/ non-uniform. If you would like to, please send a small donation into school to support the cause.

Vacancy for a parent governor

School governors provide strategic leadership and accountability in schools. On a regular basis, they meet together with the Head Teacher and make key decisions about the school.

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. If you are interested in becoming a school governor, please come into school for an application form.

Gymnastics festival

Six children from Class 8 and Class 1 children took part in a gymnastics festival at East Durham College.

As always, the children were a credit to you and the school. Behaviour was exceptional.

Science Week

The week beginning 10th March is Science week. Children will take part in a range of Science activities. Parents and carers have been invited into school to work alongside children. Please see dates below:

	10 th March	11 th March	12 th March	13 th March
9-10am	Class 9	Class 8	Class 1	Class 3
2-3pm	Class 7	Class 2	Class 5	Class 4

School Council

Our school council is made up of two children from each class. Class mates chose their school council representative. They play an important role in school and meet with Mrs. Darby and Mrs. Airey every week.

Breakfast club

Due to increased numbers in our breakfast club, from Monday 10th February, we will now be charging £1 for nursery children, for the childcare element of the provision. Two teaching assistants are currently supporting nursery children in the hall.

Children need to be in breakfast club no later than 8.25a.m. to be able to sit and have their breakfast. Thank you for your support.

After school clubs

After school clubs are running very successfully this half term will run until **Thursday 3rd April**. We will offer different clubs after the Easter holidays.

After school childcare

Our after school child care started on Monday 13th January and is currently running until 5.30p.m every night.

Child care if available from reception through to Year 2. It is £3.50 from 3.15-4.30p.m. and £6 from 4.30p.m. -5.30p.m. All children receive a wrap or sandwich, crisps, piece of fruit and a drink as part of the provision. If you would like further information please contact the school office.

Safe Parking

When dropping off and picking children up from school, car drivers please refrain from parking on the path outside the school.

Support for families

As a school we can provide additional support to families. The cost of living crisis is affecting lots of people. I have listed below some of the ways in which school can support you:

Feeding families

We have linked in with Feeding families, to provide food parcels for families. The parcels will be shared in school and can be accessed as, and when you need them.

The Bread and Butter thing

The Bread and Butter Thing is an affordable food club which offers low cost weekly shopping bags made up of fruit and veg, fridge favourites and cupboard staples for £8.50. For further information please visit: <https://www.breadandbutterthing.org/>

Family Hubs

Family Hubs support families from pregnancy right up until your child turns 19, or 25 if they have special educational needs and disabilities. They can offer help and advice. For further information please look at: <https://familyhubsnetwork.com/>

School swap shop

In school we have some lovely pieces of uniform, donated by parents. We also have new uniform we buy as a school.

We would like to offer the uniform to parents as a “swap shop”. You can bring items your child no longer uses and swap them for the next sized clothes. Alternatively, you can take uniform without donating anything. There will be a rail, in school, with uniform on for you to choose. This will be open at all times. Please email school with your child’s name and size of clothes and we can try and help you.

As a school we also recognise that paying for uniform, all at once, in September can be an expensive time for parents. We have a savings scheme available. You can send money into the office and pay money on a regular basis. This will enable you to save for uniforms and buy them once you have enough money on your payment card.

Easter holidays

School will close on Friday 11th April for the Easter holidays and reopen on Monday 28th April. I hope you all have a lovely break.

Important spring term dates:

Monday 3rd March to - Bikeability Classes 2 and 3

Wednesday 5th March

Thursday 6th March to - Bikeability Class 4

Monday 10th March

Thursday 6 th March	-	World Book Day
Monday 10 th March	-	Science Week
Tuesday 11 th March to	-	Bikeability Class 5
Thursday 14 th March		
Monday 31 st March	-	Vision Screening for Reception
Friday 11 th April	-	Easter Holidays
Monday 28 th April	-	Return to School