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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.

World Book Day

We are celebrating 'World Book Day' on Thursday 7th March. Children are invited to dress as their favourite book character or come into school in non-uniform.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/resource/dressing-up-ideas-for-parents/>

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day

It is 'Comic Relief' (Red Nose Day) on Friday 15th 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.

<https://www.comicrelief.com/what-your-money-does/>

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 took part in a gymnastics festival and came first. The children, and staff, were so proud of their gold medal.

Dance Festival- Class 8

Children in Class 8 will be taking part in a dance festival at the Glebe Centre in Murton on Thursday 28th March. A separate letter will follow outlining all the details.

Science Week

The week beginning 11th 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:

Monday 11 th March	Class 1 at 9.15am Class 2 at 1.45pm
Tuesday 12 th March	Class 3 at 9.15am Class 7 at 1.45pm
Wednesday 13 th March	Class 8 at 9.15am Class 9 at 1.45pm
Thursday 14 th March	Class 6 at 9.15am Class 4 at 1.45pm
Friday 15 th March	Class 5 at 2pm

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 Friday morning. At the moment the children are thinking about all of the ways they are safe in school.

Police visit

In assembly, our local PCSO, Nicki, came into school to talk to children about her role. The police will be back in school on Monday 25th March with their police dogs.

Occupations

At school we talk to children about the jobs they would like to do when they are older. We have arranged some visits from the police, fire brigade etc into school to talk to children in assemblies. If you would like to share with the children some facts about the job you do, please contact Mrs. Longstaff on (0191) 586 4437.

After school clubs

After school clubs are running very successfully this half term and will run until **Thursday 28th March**. We will offer different clubs after the Easter holidays.

Support for families

The cost of living crisis is affecting lots of people - as a school we can provide additional support to families. 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. <https://feedingfamilies.org.uk/>

★ 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.

Coffee mornings

We will be hosting some coffee mornings over the next few months, with a range of speakers who can support you and your family.

Our next coffee morning will be on Monday 18th March, at 9.15am. Annie, from ‘The Bread and Butter Thing’ will be coming into school to talk more about their service. We hope you can attend.

Year 2 animal visit

‘Angela’s Ark’ is coming into school on the morning of Tuesday 26th March to visit Year 2 children. The children will find out about different types of animals and will have the opportunity to observe, handle and draw some different species.

Year 1 visit to the church

Year 1 children will visit St. Cuthbert’s Church on Friday 22nd March, during school time.

Easter Holidays

School will close on Thursday 28th March for the Easter holidays and reopen on Monday 15th April. I hope you all have a lovely break.

Important spring term dates:

Wednesday 6 th March	Class 2 allotment visit
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day
Week commencing 11 th March	Science Week
Monday 18 th March	Coffee Morning at 9.15am
Wednesday 20 th March	Class 2 allotment visit
Friday 22 nd March	Year 1 Church Easter visit
Monday 25 th March	Police visit
Tuesday 26 th March	Year 2 animal visit (Morning)
Thursday 28 th March	Break up for Easter Holidays
Monday 15 th April	Children return to school

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Longstaff