



Spring Term 2018 Newsletter 1

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Term's End 2017

It may only be 4 school weeks since our last newsletter but a lot has happened in that time.

The final weeks of Autumn term were very busy ones. Reception, Y1, Y2 **Christmas performances** of The Sleepy Shepherd, It's a Baby and the Y3,4,5, and 6 performances in St Cuthbert's church were enjoyed by parents, children and staff. The singing, acting, presenting, narrating and performing of all our children helped us to end the term on a high and showcased the talents of our children and the importance we place on these vital skills.

Also, well done to all of Y2,3 and 4 for your lovely **carol singing at Golden Acre** for our local residents and to our Y4 children who sang **carols for the residents of Shotley Park Old Peoples Home**. Thank you to all of our brass instrument players for entertaining us in the **annual Christmas Brass performance**. Every year group enjoyed a lovely **Christmas party** and behaved exceptionally.

Our **school book fair** was a great success. Thank you to all parents and children who bought books. Your purchases earned school £675 in commission to spend on new books for school.

Thank you to Ms Nolan, parent governor, and Mrs Kirkland who worked alongside our Y6 children to **trim and replant the willow tunnel** in our Benfieldside Road site.

Congratulations to Y3 children and all the children who donated to **Mission Christmas Appeal**. Our donations filled a further 2 cages to other donations in Consett. Metro Radio and Santa both responded to the children to thank them for all their generosity.

Thank you to Mr Patterson and all the staff and children who supervised and took part in KS2's **Christmas Movie Night**. Lots of fun was had by all and the evening raised £400 to go towards this year's fundraising project.

A huge congratulations to **Mr Murphy and our KS2 Girls' football** team who came third in the County Durham and City of Sunderland finals before Christmas. The winner of that tournament represents the District against the remaining teams in the North East of England.

Happy New Year 2018

Since returning to school last week the term has already been incredibly busy. **KS 2 clubs** are well underway with Y3,4 Gymnastics, Y3 Netball. Y5,6 Netball, Y5,6 Coding club, Y5,6 Basketball, Y3,4 Recorder Y3 to 6 Brass, Y3 to 6 violin and Y3,4 Drama. Thank you to all of the providers and all the staff who enable us to have so many clubs. Please speak to Mrs Coombe if your child would like to join any of these clubs. **KS1 clubs**. Children are enjoying Circus Skills club with Marty. Football club will start soon and further clubs will begin in February.

Our KS2 netballers are looking forward to the **netball spring leagues** beginning. Our Y5,6 **gymnastics squad competes** against local schools and our **swimming squad competes** in the local gala later this term.

Olympic athlete Peter Bakare is visiting KS2 children to inspire us all.

Class Assemblies for Classes 11, 6, 13, 3, 9, 7 and 14 take place this term. Each takes place at approximately 9:10 on a Wednesday morning. Please do attend if you can to enjoy your classes performance and learn all about their learning.

Valentine's Disco letters will go home with full details nearer to the time. Discos take place on February 8th in each building. YR, KS1 3:15 till 4:30. KS2 3:20 till 5:00. All children are to bring their disco clothes to school and change out of uniform at the end of the school day. School policy on jewellery and makeup is to be followed at discos too. No makeup. No jewellery please.

World Book Day Tuesday 6th March details will follow in a letter to parents closer to the time. We will celebrate World Book Day and there will be lots of fun activities.

Parents Evenings 7th and 8th March will take place in your child's own site this time. Teachers will organise meeting times closer to the date.

Mothers' Day Activities 9th March. Sadly we are no longer able to accommodate our Mother's Day assemblies as school has simply grown too large. So this year we are holding Mother's day activities in every classroom. Mothers, or significant ladies in our children's lives, will be able to visit their child's/children's classrooms at any time from 2:00 for as long as you wish up until the end of the school day to join in with Mother's day activities. This afternoon will not require tickets or reply slips as we can safely accommodate lots of visitors this way. If successful, Father's Day will take place in a similar way.

School Ski Trip 10th to 17th March

21 Y5,6 children travel to Les Menuires, French Alps for a week's skiing and cultural education. Y5,6 children not travelling to France will be participating in activities all week in and around school.

Sports Relief Day 23rd March. The children will enjoy Sports Relief Day activities in their own sites. More information will follow.

Spring Term 1 Newsletter Calendar of Events
Please note that some dates may have changed since previous Newsletters

	Event	Venue	Involving
January	Dec 25 th – Jan 5 th Holiday. 3 rd Term starts Jan 8 th	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
	17 th Class 11 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 11 Parents
	24 th Class 6 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 6 Parents
	30 th Olympic Athlete visiting	Snows Green Road Site	KS2 children
	31 st Class 13 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 13 Parents
February	7 th Class 3 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 3 Parents
	8 th Valentine's Discos	Both Sites	All children
	Half-term Holiday 12 th – 16 th inclusive	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
	21 st Class 9 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 9 Parents
	28 th Class 7 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 7 Parents
March	6 th World Book Day	Both sites	All children
	7 th Parents Evening	Both Sites	All parents
	8 th Parents Evening	Both Sites	All parents
	9 th Mothers' Day Event	Your child's/children's classrooms	All children/ladies
	14 th 15 th Author Adam Bushnell visits	Both Sites	All children
	10 th to 17 th School Ski Trip	French Alps	21 Y5,6 children
	12 th to 16 th Activities Week	SGR Site	Remaining Y5,6 children
	28 th Class 14 Assembly	SGR Site	Class 14 Parents
April	Easter Holiday March 30 th – April 13 th inclusive	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
May	2 nd Class 12 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 12 Parents
	7 th Bank Holiday	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
	9 th Class 4 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 4 Parents
	23 rd Class 10 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 10 Parents
	Half-term holiday Mon 28 th May – Fri 1 st June	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
June	13 th Class 8 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 8 Parents
	15 th Fathers' Day Event	TBC	TBC
	20 th Class 5 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 5 Parents
	27 th Year R Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Year R Parents
July	13 th Summer Fair Timing tbc	SGR Site	All children and parents
	16 th Sports Day (17 th Sports Day Reserve)	SGR Site	All children and parents
	18 th Whole School Trip	South Shields Beach	All children and Staff
	20 th Year 6 Leavers Assembly	SGR Site	Year 6 Parents
	20 th Last day of Summer Term		

