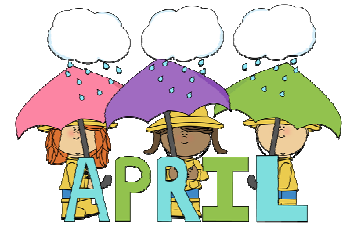




April 2016



Welcome Back

Welcome back to school after the Easter break. We do hope you enjoyed the holiday. We are pleased to welcome back Mrs King after her period of leave.

This Half Term

This half term Foundation Stage's topic is 'New Life' and there are some exciting activities 'in the pipeline'. Key Stage 1 have a science based topic this half term on Parks. They had a rather wet outing to Gosforth Central Park yesterday to kick off their topic! Key Stage 2 had a visit from an Ancient Greek man ('That History Bloke' in character) who was the stimulus for what will be an interesting history based topic. The staff will be sending out an overview of the topics shortly. If you are able to help in any way please contact your child's teacher directly.

Great North Museum: Hancock Butterfly



When Key Stage 2 visited the Great North Museum: Hancock last term they made a donation towards the work of the Museum. Thank you for your support of this. In recognition of this support the name of our school is to be permanently included on the Museum's Butterfly Wall. Our butterfly will be on display from 22nd April in the Galleria space located on the ground floor of the Museum.

The Big Pedal

The Big Pedal is happening again this year and will take place from 18th April until 29th April and children and their supporters (ie older or younger siblings and parents/carers) are invited to travel school on bikes or scooters. We had an average participation rate of 24% last year - let's see if we can increase it this year. We have covered storage for cycles and also a very smart scooter pod to which scooters can be secured so let's see if we can increase participation!



Glowercise Sponsored Event

We are thrilled to report that the total raised has risen to £1625.70! This is a fantastic sum and huge thanks go to everyone who has contributed. We will find out next week when we will get our defibrillator and the relevant training. If by any chance there is any more sponsor money to come in please send it into school as quickly as possible. Thank you.

Good News!

Mrs Mann has announced that she is expecting a baby in September. Our congratulations to Mr & Mrs Mann!

Sainsbury's Vouchers

We are collecting *Sainsbury's* vouchers. Please pass the word round family and friends! This year many Sainsbury's stores are printing the vouchers with your till receipt so do look out for them. In previous years we have collected significant numbers of vouchers and secured cookery and sports/play equipment with them.

Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who attended the Book Fair at the end of last term. A total of £401.31 was taken which gives us £160.52 in commission to spend on books for our school.

Use Your Head Day!

Next week, 18th - 22nd April is Parkinson's Awareness Week. One of our staff is affected by this condition and so we have decided to support a fundraising day on Friday 22nd April.

Children and staff can all get involved by making a donation to wear something smart, stylish or downright silly on their head for the day. It is a fun way to raise money and awareness to support everyone affected by Parkinson's. Money raised will be sent to Parkinson's UK to help fund research into the condition.



School Crossing Change

We have been asked to let you know that Yvonne, the School Crossing Patrol on Church Avenue is moving to a new site at the traffic island on Station Road, between St Nicholas Church and the Metro station, with effect from 3rd May.

Topic Money

We would be very grateful if you were able to support us by sending in £5 per family for this term. This money helps us to enrich the curriculum on offer to the children by providing additional resources and experiences.

Before Easter we asked for a voluntary contribution of £3.40 from Years 3 & 4 to help fund the Ancient Greek visitor. If you have not yet paid we are still happy to receive this. Thank you.

Lost Property

A silver bracelet with red hearts on it has been lost this week. Please keep your eyes open for it and hand it in to the Office if you find it. Thank you

April Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 14th April - Y4 Cycle Smart training - all day

Friday 15th April - Y4 Cycle Smart training - morning only

Monday 18th April - National Reception place 2016 Offer Day

- Big Pedal starts

- Parkinson's Awareness Week

Wednesday 20th April - Reception visit to Great North Museum: Hancock

Friday 22nd April - Use Your Head Day for Parkinson's

- Nursery place acceptance closing date

Friday 29th April - Big Pedal ends

May Dates

Monday 2nd May - School closed - Bank Holiday

- Reception place acceptance closing date

Monday 9th May - Class Photographs

Sunday 15th May - Gregg's Children's Cancer Run - Gosforth Park

Thursday 26th May - School closes for half term

Friday 27th May - Training Day

June Dates

Monday 6th June - School re-opens

Monday 13th June - M&M Productions - The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe

Wednesday 22nd June - Y4 Leavers' Service at St Nicholas Cathedral

July Dates

Thursday 7th July - Y4 Transition Day at GCMS

Friday 22nd July - Y4 Leavers' Assembly

- School closes for Summer holiday

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