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Our **Value of the Month** for March is **RESILIENCE** and for April is **COURAGE**



## Newsletter – March and April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Parents' Evenings – booking via text



Parents' Evenings this term are on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. If you would like to arrange an appointment please respond to the text that will be sent out soon so you can choose your appointment slot. Please note that due to time constraints it is only one appointment per child and with a limit of 1 adult (maximum 2) per appointment. If you have any issues booking a slot please contact the school office who can support with this.

### Year 6 Leavers' Show in July

We know it is a long way off but we are giving parents of Year 6 children the date for their Leavers' show so you can plan ahead and put the date in your diary. It is so wonderful for us to be able to do this after the past 2 years even though we really don't want our lovely Year 6 pupils to leave us. However, we want to ensure that they have the chance to reflect on their time in school and look ahead to their new adventures. The date we have for this is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 9am.

### Year 6 SATs PowerPoint for Parents

Year 6 SAT tests are taking place this year and will be held on week beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. Mr Seaton has put together an informative PowerPoint for parents and this will be uploaded to Teams soon. All pupils in Year 6 have their own Teams log in, due to all their amazing home learning work on this, so they can find it and share it with parents. All other tests have also resumed this year including Key Stage 1 SATs, Year 4 times tables test and Year 1 phonics. We continue to support our pupils as they work towards these national assessments.

### PE Workshop



Year 3 had a dance workshop last week with a qualified coach from the Schools Sports Partnership. They had great fun and learned various different dance styles including line dancing, street and cheer. Miss Purdy said they all enjoyed it and they were very engaged and enthusiastic dancers. We are pleased to say that sports competitions with the Sports Partnership are back on for this summer. Mr Seaton, our PE co-ordinator, has organised events for the summer term and dates and information for these will be sent out nearer the time.

### Nursery Easter Starters



Since opening our nursery, we have had many children join us in our provision. Children can join the term after their third birthday for free morning or afternoon sessions as well as free 30 hours (for eligible parents). We look forward to meeting our Easter starters soon when they are invited in for their transition visits. We know that our nursery was highly praised by Ofsted where it was noted that children in Early Years get off to a flying start. If you would like to speak to a member of staff about putting your child's name down for our nursery, please phone the school office.

### Red Nose Day – 18<sup>th</sup> March



Red Nose Day this year is on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. On this day children can wear non-uniform and if you would like to donate, we are doing it slightly differently to trial something new. Parents can donate on Parent Pay by logging into their account, finding the tab that says 'Red Nose Day' and you can donate and pre-set amount of £1, if you would like to.

### Diversity Week



We will be focusing on diversity as part of our learning during the forthcoming 'Diversity Week'. We will talk about a world without diversity and how dull it would be. Children will discuss and take part in activities to promote diversity and encourage children to value and celebrate the fact that we are all different. Each class will be learning

about a different aspect of diversity related to gender this year in our school. For this, children will learn about their rights and think about gender stereotypes. This allows children to think about equality both in their life and in the wider world.

### Rocks and Soils work in Year 3



Dr Leddra has been in our school this week to teach Year 3. Dr Leddra is a retired lecturer, and one of our governors, and his visits are part of the work on the Science topic 'Rocks and Soils'. Miss Purdy said how engaged and enthusiastic the children were and they provided great answers and ideas. Dr Leddra is in for 2 sessions as he taught the fossils part of the programme and will return to focus on rocks next week.

### Flag Competition

Mrs Kershaw recently organised a flag drawing competition in school as part of our Primary Geography Quality Mark work. We had some brilliant designs and it was very hard to pick a winner. The flag below combines the fantastic ideas from Matthew and Arabella which we have combined as both were excellent! Please see the winning entry below which will be made into a banner to display in our school. Well done to everyone for their great ideas.



Well done to Matthew and Arabella!

### Easter Egg Competition



It is time to start thinking about designs for our Easter Egg competition as it getting closer! Each pupil can enter an imaginative design (maximum A4 size please) that they have made at home. There is a prize for the winner in each year group. Entries need to be in on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April or Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April (by 9.30am on 5/4 please) so prizes can be awarded. Good luck and we look forward to seeing what the children come up with this year. Our Chair of Governors is looking forward to coming to school to judge the competition.

### Events and School Holiday Dates for 2022

Below is the list of events school holidays for your information. This will ensure that holidays are taken out of term time to allow your child to attend school – you can find full details of holiday dates on the Durham County website.

Staff training days (school closed to pupils)	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March
Easter 2022	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April to Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April
Bank Holiday 2022	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April to Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
SATs week for Year 6	Begins Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> May
Summer half-term 2022	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June
Staff training day (school closed to pupils)	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June and Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June
Summer 2022	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July (we close on Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July at 3.15pm)

**SCHOOL IS CLOSED ON MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH FOR STAFF TRAINING**

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**JUST A REMINDER THAT SCHOOL CLOSURES AT 3.15PM ON FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> APRIL FOR OUR EASTER HOLIDAY. WE RE-OPEN ON MONDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022.**

Yours sincerely, *L A Snowdon* Mrs Laura Snowdon (Headteacher)