



# Dinnington First Newsletter

## No 7 - April 2024-2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely break and we are looking forward to welcoming the children back tomorrow for the start of the summer term.

As we approach the final term of the year I would like to say a huge thank you for your ongoing support – it makes such a positive difference for our children when we all work together.

Also, a huge thank you to Parents and Friends for organising the Easter event. Many of you passed on your thanks and appreciation as to how well organised it was and how much the children enjoyed it! The money raised goes straight back into funding resources and events for the children such as the discos in the summer term.

We also raised over £500 for Comic Relief so well done everyone!

We look forward to seeing you at the events over the summer term but we appreciate it isn't always possible to attend everything.

As always please get in touch with the school office if you have any queries or concerns.

Kind regards - Mrs Ash and the Team



### Upcoming Events

28<sup>th</sup> - Return to school

30<sup>th</sup> - Little Kickers EYFS & every Wed

30<sup>th</sup> - Maths Stay and play Class 2 (2pm)

#### May

1<sup>st</sup> - Year 2 Souter Light House Visit

1<sup>st</sup> - Maths Stay and Play Class 3 (2pm)

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday

6<sup>th</sup> 'During The War' theatre production visiting school for Year 3&4

7<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 Laing Art Gallery

8<sup>th</sup> VE Day Red White and Blue non-uniform and school discos for Y1-Y4.

9<sup>th</sup> Class photos

12<sup>th</sup> The Railway Children theatre production in school Y1-Y4

22<sup>nd</sup> School Nurse in school

23<sup>rd</sup> Great North Air Ambulance Assembly

23<sup>rd</sup> Finish for half term holiday

#### June

2<sup>nd</sup> - Training Day - School closed to pupils

3<sup>rd</sup> - Tuesday return to school

5<sup>th</sup> - Glendale Country Show

5<sup>th</sup> - Zoo Lab Reception

10<sup>th</sup> - Nursery trip to the beach

12<sup>th</sup> Year 1 George Stephenson Museum

20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> - Robinwood Y4

24<sup>th</sup> - NUFC stadium Y3

30<sup>th</sup> - 9am EYFS Sports Day

2pm Year 1 & 2 Sports Day

#### July

1<sup>st</sup> - 9am Y3 & Y4 Sports Day

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - Transition to new classes / GEMS (Academy TBC)

7<sup>th</sup> - 9am Leavers Assembly

16<sup>th</sup> - Reception celebration assembly

17<sup>th</sup> - Leavers treat day

### Car Parking

Unfortunately, we continue to receive regular complaints about unsafe parking and driving around school at drop off and pick-up times. The local authority are going to monitor this again.

The main issue is parking right next to school which makes it unsafe for those who are walking and trying to use the path and see the road clearly.

If you could please park slightly away from school this will make it much safer for all our children.

Please drive with extreme caution and also switch off your engine as soon as you are parked. Thank you

### Summer!

As we (hopefully) approach the sunny weather, please could you ensure that the children have a school water bottle (available at the school office), hats/caps (with names in!) and apply an all-day sun cream before school. In particularly hot weather you are welcome to send your own cream in for the children to reapply.





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## Nursery

On World Book Day we came to Nursery in our pyjamas and brought in one of our favourite books. The teachers read one of their favourite stories to the class.

This half term we are looking at Farm to Food, we have focussed on certain farm animals - cows, pigs, sheep and hens. In our week about cows we made ice cream using milk that we get from cows. In pig week we made our own ham sandwiches (cheese for those who didn't like ham), we spread the butter ourselves and cut the bread. When we were learning about sheep we decorated a biscuit to look like a sheep. In hen week we had scrambled egg with our morning toast. It was lots of fun and tasted scrumptious!



## Reception

Reception have been working extremely hard this half term to develop their sentence writing skills, and are improving every day! In Maths we have been practicing number bonds to ten and learning about 'teen' numbers. Our topic was You Are What You Eat, and the children learned all about fruit, vegetables, how to eat a balanced diet, and where our food comes from.



"Eight and two makes ten and that's my favourite number bond."



"I know it is a fruit because it has seeds."



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## Year 1

In Year 1 we have been learning all about toys from the 50's which included an amazing trip to Beamish Museum. In our music lessons we have learnt songs from the opera "The Magic Flute" by Mozart. In PE we have been practicing our super skipping skills and learning how to become expert hockey players! Our RE lessons have focused around the Easter Story. We have been working extremely hard!



## Year 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed the beginning of Spring and our warmer, woodland learning lessons outside. Our favourite lesson was finding natural materials and using them to create a lighthouse. We have also enjoyed learning more about pirates, ready for our report writing in English and improving our golf and basketball skills in PE.





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## Year 3

In Year 3, we have had a fabulous time throughout March and April enjoying the beginning of spring and all the learning opportunities it provides. We have been learning to play tennis and Ultimate Frisbee and have developed our understanding of geometry in maths.



## Year 4

This month, Year 4 have been busy exploring the topic of Sound in science. The children had lots of fun investigating different instruments, discovering what made the sound and identifying which parts of the instruments were vibrating. We also took our learning outdoors and visited the forest, where we sat quietly and created sound graphs to show how far away the sounds we heard were coming from. A highlight of the month was our visit to Gosforth East Middle School to watch their fantastic production of Moana – it was truly inspiring! In English, we've been learning about the Christmas Day truce of 1914. The children have really engaged with this topic, especially when they re-enacted the event to explore the feelings and emotions involved.





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