

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term and a warm welcome to our new families and children joining us this week. It's another very busy term ahead - **please see the attached diary for information**. Here are some of the highlights of last half term...

## Nursery

Nursery have learnt all about farm animals. They can name Mummy, Daddy and baby animals and all about how they live.



Nursery have enjoyed two stay and play sessions with their grown-up visitors and have done lots of exercises with Little Movers.



They have also been on a lovely spring walk and taken part in a range of Easter activities. Their Easter nests were delicious!



## Reception

Reception have been learning all about healthy eating this term. They tried some new fruits and vegetables and made their own sandwiches using healthy ingredients.

They have also been focusing on the importance of team work and have enjoyed sharing their creative ideas with their friends outside. During dance in PE, they practiced taking turns by pulling their friends along in a game of boat rides to make their arms strong!

During their visit to Hall Hill Farm they learnt all about farming and met lots of baby animals. They even learnt how to milk a cow!





## Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about the history of toys and enjoyed their visit to Beamish.



They also had a great opportunity to work alongside the National Opera and join lots of other children to perform 'The Magic Flute' at the



Civic Centre in Newcastle. They were the youngest children there and we were really proud of them.





## Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about Plants and what they need to grow – they have planted and grown their own too.



As the children move through school they develop their design and technology skills with a range of materials. Year 2 have designed and made some brilliant Easter egg baskets.

They also thoroughly enjoyed a visit to the Northumberland Zoo to learn more about animals.



### Year 3

All of our children will get to enjoy Forest School over the coming months. This half term it has been Year 3's turn. Mr Donnelly, Mr Wright, Mrs Brooks and Ms Tustin are all now trained Forest School leaders. This gives the children the opportunity to learn all sorts of skills.

Year 3 have learnt to make bows and arrows as well as exploring the forest and learning about nature.



Year 3 have written fantastic descriptive stories based on The Iron Man. We have seen huge improvements in writing and times tables this half term. Well done!





## Year 4

We're thrilled to share that Year 4 has had an incredible Spring Term packed with enriching experiences and remarkable achievements! Throughout the term, they delved deep into the significance of water through a comprehensive project, showcasing their dedication to understanding global issues.

Their commitment to making a difference extended beyond the classroom as they organised a successful non-uniform day, raising money for Water Aid. Their literary talents shone as they shared their captivating independent writing with other year groups, inspiring creativity across the school. Embracing the outdoors, they immersed themselves in Forest School activities, revelling in muddy adventures while honing their teamwork skills building dens.

Additionally, their creativity was on full display during a dynamic Design and Technology project, where they researched, designed, and crafted their own electronic Jitterbug toys.



## Dinnington's Got Talent

What an amazing array of talent the children displayed throughout the heats and in the final. It was an absolute pleasure for us to see the children shine and share the wonderful things they are learning to do. We had dancers, singers, sports displays, gymnastics, amazing mathematicians, pianists, musicians, story tellers, jokes and artists. The children were so brave to stand up and perform and all their friends were truly supportive and cheered them on.

Well done everyone!

Our well deserved KS2 winners have been learning to dance for a long time and showed us a really practiced and talented performance. They have also recently won a dance competition with JETS – huge well done to them.

We really enjoy celebrating the children's successes beyond school so please get in touch if your child has a story to share.







The staff joined in too...





## Team GB Gymnast Visit

Thank you to Team GB Gymnast Joey Fishburn who inspired the children with his story of over coming adversity to become the best in his sport. He talked to them about determination and resilience and how gymnastics is for all! We are lucky enough to have trained GB gymnastics coaches teaching gymnastics in school and will continue to support the children with this in our curriculum.

## Out of School Club

Please note the out of school club will close at 5pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July (Last day of term).



## Northumbria Police Message

Northumbria Police have shared the following update with us about messaging some of you may have see last week:

On Friday, March 22, communication was shared about a report of a group on a social media messaging app containing inappropriate content aimed at young people.

Although this messaging was shared in good faith, some of the details had at that point not been verified.

We would therefore ask you to please not reference this, including on social media.

As always, we would also ask that you continue to take an interest in your children's use of social media and if you do have concerns that you report these to the police.

Officers take matters such as this extremely seriously and are investigating the report of the social media group.’

## Coffee Mornings

Thank you to parents and friends for hosting our community coffee morning. We have been asked to continue these and give more advanced warning – there are two further dates in the diary for next half term.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ash (Head Teacher) and all the staff.

