# Newsletter



## Spring 1 2020



#### Alan Windram's Visit

The author of the book One Button Benny, Alan Windram, came in to visit the children. He read his book, had the children singing and robot dancing then signed books the children bought. It was a great event, thanks to the parents that came and a big thanks to the Scottish Book Trust for organising the event.







Scottish Book Trust



#### **School Governors Needed**

Your school needs new governors to strengthen its existing Governing Body. Please come and talk to us if you are interested.

A letter of information will be sent to all families after half term and information packs will be available from the office.

Full support will be provided to new governors.

#### Mark Mather's Donation

A big THANK YOU to Mark Mather for donating money to the school to buy the children a team rugby kit. Year 4 are really looking forward to going to a rugby tournament at Berwick rugby club next term in their new kit.



Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Our School Governors have recently reviewed the Pupil Premium Menu and the extra resources it can provide. It is now available on the school website on the Pupil Premium tab for you to view. Pupil Premium is a grant given by the government to schools for pupils eligible for free school meals.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2, he/she is entitled to receive Universal Free School Meals which is different from Free School Meals. Universal Free School Meal is a government funded scheme where all infant age pupils are entitled to a hot school meal free of charge regardless of individual financial circumstances. It is still essential that if you are entitled to income related free school meals you apply as greater benefits may be received for your child and your child's school.

You can apply for free school meals to Northumberland County council on:

https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/ citizenportal/form.aspx?form=Free\_School\_Meals

#### Gymnastics with Noel

Year 3 and 4 have been having great fun with Noel this half term doing gymnastics. Lots of children have been interested in his after school club of dance/movement skills. If your child didn't get a place this term they are welcome to come next half term so please get those slips in.



### **Family First Magazine**

On the school website, you will find a link to Family First Magazine. Family First was launched in 2017 with the sole aim of producing a free magazine that provides parents with all the tools required to help keep their children active, eating healthy and playing more sports. You can learn more about Family First on their website: www.familyfirst.co.uk

The magazine can also be accessed from this link:

https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ffissue\_5\_digital130120



#### **Beethoven Concert**

Year 4 have been learning about and playing the music of Beethoven in preparation for our trip to the Sage Gateshead on 25th February to celebrate 250 years since the birth of this great man. Here you can see Robbie conducting the start of Beethoven's famous 5th Symphony which we can play on glockenspiels and xylophones. We have also learned to play 'Ode to Joy' from his 9th Symphony. We are really looking forward to this exciting trip.



HM Government

NHS

# CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours. To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

Find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus

#### That History Bloke in Willow Class

Year 3 had a special visitor this half term. The History Bloke came in to tell them all about the Romans. He was great fun and brought lots of Roman artefacts in. They loved the armour, the Roman helmet and the shield. They got to dress up as a Roman and play some Roman games. It was great fun!!













#### Lantern Walk at the Duck Ponds

Year 3 and 4 made lanterns for the lantern walk last Friday evening. The children had great fun making them and they were really effective on the lantern walk around Wooler ponds (even though it was very cold).



#### Respect, Resilience and Responsibility Day

Chris Hudson came into our school to run a Barnabas RE day. The theme of our day was Respect, Resilience and Responsibility. Chris worked with all the classes in school, incorporating drama, story telling and art.

#### We all thoroughly enjoyed it !



#### That History Bloke in Maple Class

Maple class also enjoyed an interactive visit from That History Bloke who taught us lots of interesting things about the Anglo-Saxons. Year 4 were able to hold different Anglo-Saxon artefacts, have a go at writing with a feather and ink and play games that the Saxons played.



## NORTHUMBERLAND NOR/es NORTHUMBERLAND FESTIVAL OF MUSIC

7th March Morpeth Methodist Church

14th March East Bedlington

Workshops Morning: Vocal, Piano & Recorder

**Community Centre** Workshops

21st March Newbiggin **Sports Centre** 

Morning: Woodwind

Afternoon: Steel Pans **Tuned Percussion** 



Morning Workshops: Strings Guitar

# NORTHIMBE

These workshops are all FREE and students have the opportunity to also perform a duet or solo piece and receive feedback from the tutors.

If you would like to apply for your child to take part, please click here or visit https://music.northumberland.gov.uk

Students can meet other players and receive feedback on their playing. All abilities are welcome to apply! This could also be included as part of your child's Arts Award programme.

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#### **Dates for Your Calendar**

Back to School	Monday 24 February	At 8:50am
Beethoven Concert Year 4 and Year 7	Tuesday 25 February	11:30am – 3:50pm Gateshead
Yr 3 Farm to fork day	Monday 9 March	All day
Robinwood Meeting	Wednesday 4 March	3:45pm
Parents Evening	Mon 09 March	After school
Parents Evening	Tues 10 March	After school
Woodhorn Year 4 and Year 5	Tuesday 17 March	ТВА
Puppet Workshop for Year 3	Tuesday 17 March	10:00am-12:00 Wooler Library
Operation Encompass Yr group TBC	Thursday 26 March	AM drop-in session
Yr 4 Assembly	Friday 27 March	3:00pm
Caffee Morning for The Music Trust	Saturday 28 March	10:30am – 12:00 School Hall
Easter Assembly	Tuesday 31 March	2:00pm
Break-up for Easter	Friday 3 April	At 3:30pm
Back to School	Monday 20 April	At 08:50am
Robinwood Residential	From Monday 20 April	To Wednesday 22 April
May Day Bank Holiday	Friday 8 May	All day
Yr 1 Assembly	Friday 15 May	3:00pm
Break-up for half-term	Friday 22 May	At 3:30pm
Back to School	Monday 1 June	At 8:50am
Countryside Day Yr Group TBA	Thursday 4 June	All day
Oak and Little Acorn Assembly – Stay	Monday 15 June	9:30am
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Year 3 Assembly	Monday 6 July	3:00pm
Break-up for Summer	Friday 17 July	At 3:30pm

## **Wooler Food Bank**

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Are you struggling - whether you are single or a family?

Wooler Food Bank can provide you with essentials to tide you over until next payment

Wooler Food Bank is open every Wednesday from 1.00pm to 4.00pm at Wooler Fire Station. No need for an appointment - just turn up. Every Wednesday Afternoon.

In an emergency please contact Claire on 07771 345 830 to arrange alternative collection

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