



Dear Parents,

And there we have it – the end of the spring term! Every week seems to fly by, but the past weeks since the start of the New Year seem to have gone particularly quickly. It has been a very busy week, for both the children and the staff.

A fantastic time was had by all at our whole school visit to the Baltic Centre and Angel of the North on Wednesday – it was a great way to mark our learning about structures in a memorable way, and for the children to explore art in a real life gallery. I am sure they made memories which will last a lifetime.

Key Stage 1 enjoyed an Intra-School Sport Competition with Mr. Turnbull on Thursday morning, earning points for their team and today has been all about Easter – with our decorated egg competition (congratulations to the winners for an egg-traordinary effort, creating Easter Egg hunts for our friends and celebrating all of the knowledge we have gained during the year so far with our ever-popular Termly Quiz.

All of this, without mentioning our Easter Labyrinth yesterday. Each class produced their unique take on an aspect of the story of Holy Week. It was great to welcome so many of you into school to share their R.E learning and reflect on this special time of year.

We all have wonderful memories of this term – both in the classroom and out of the classroom. None of this would be possible without the fantastic team of staff we have – as always, a huge thanks to them.

Wishing everyone a great Easter holiday,

Mr. Donaldson

Quiz Club Success

A HUGE congratulations to our School Quiz Team who took part in the Quiz Club Competition last week and came an amazing 25th place out of 73 competing schools. We're so pleased that they will be representing us once again in the semi-final in early May. Well done, team!

Summer Term Clubs

A letter containing information about summer term clubs was sent home earlier this week. If you did not receive a copy, or would like further information, please let us know.

Governors' Corner

It has been a busy term. Trying to keep up with all the exciting events taking place in school requires a real team effort from the governing board. Luckily, between us, we are able to regularly visit school and share our findings with the whole board. Our aim, as ever, is to provide the right amount of support and challenge for school leaders.

One of our key areas of responsibility is to monitor finance. We held an extended discussion at our last meeting about the deficit we are currently running in order to provide school meals for all those who want one. The issue, you will not be surprised to learn, is one of rising costs all across the supply chain. We are currently making an unsustainable loss. The board agreed unanimously that a 10% price increase was unavoidable. Starting in the autumn term, meals will increase from £3.00 to £3.30. It is important to say that if you think you might be eligible for free school meals and have not applied yet, please do speak with a school leader.

May I take this opportunity, on behalf of all governors, to wish Mr Donaldson and all his fabulous team a restful and happy holiday. Moreover, we would like to wish all pupils and parents a relaxing Easter!

Patrick Barber
Chair of Governors

Diary Dates

When?	What?	Who?	How?
Monday 17 th April	Staff Training Day	All	See newsletter
Tuesday 18 th April	Start of Summer Term	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 19 th April	KS2 Visit to Bradford	KS2	Information to follow
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday Monday	All	See newsletter
Monday 8 th May	Coronation Bank Holiday	All	See newsletter
W/C Tuesday 9 th May	Year 6 SAT's Assessments	Y6	Information sent
Tuesday 9 th May	Y2/3 Cricket Competition	Y2/3	Information to follow
Friday 26 th May	Break Up for Half Term	All	See newsletter
Monday 5 th June	Return to School	All	See newsletter
Wednesday 21 st June	Sports Afternoon	All	Information to follow

Start of Summer Term

Monday 17th April is a Staff Training Day.

Pupils return to school on Tuesday 18th April.

Have a lovely Easter break – we look forward to seeing you in two weeks' time.

Easter Egg Competition

Congratulations to everyone who decorated an egg or two, three and even six for the competition!

So many different ideas and themes from royalty to moon landings, Hannibal and Hadrian's wall, dragons and other creatures were on display using fabulous materials sequins, feathers, painting and great props and scenes.

All very creative - well done!

Dee Lynn

Around the Classes...

Robin Class: Wow - what a week!! We have packed so much fun and learning into our final week of this term. We have enjoyed so many Spring and Easter activities within the provision from making eggs for our Outdoor Classroom Easter tree to making delicious Spring soup just to name a few. In Art week we have been looking at Sculptures and the children have created some wonderful 3D (linking to our maths last week) minibeasts and a fabulous whole class Nature inspired piece of Art! We of course can't forget our amazing whole school trip to 'The Angel of The North' and 'The Baltic' in Newcastle. The children behaved impeccably - we are so proud of how they lived up to our Golden Rules- 'Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Driven' with a real thirst for knowledge. So many wonderful inquisitive questions!

Kingfisher Class: What fun we have had practising for the Easter Labyrinth! We hope you all enjoyed it. We have thoroughly immersed ourselves in art as well – working together to create wire sculptures and mixed media collages inspired by cartoons. I hope you have a wonderful easter holiday – the Year 2 children have worked incredibly hard and deserve a well earned rest – and lots of chocolate!

Partridge Class: We have had such a fun and busy week this week! We finished off our history topic, the Stone Age, and linked this to our art lessons. We have had great fun, thinking like historians, about what resources they would have used to create art in the Stone Age. We even got to make some of our own paints using natural materials! We also had a go at creating some cave art, inspired by animals and using hand prints (similar to how they would in the Stone Age)! On Wednesday we also had a fantastic time on our trip to Newcastle, taking in all of the amazing sculptures and art works, including the Angel of the North. As well as this, we have been busy practising and performing our Easter Labyrinth- I'm sure you will agree the children did an amazing job! We finished the week with our Easter egg competition with some very creative entries! Have a fantastic Easter holiday everyone!

Woodpecker Class: Art Week- a fantastic week! A whole school visit to the Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art and the Angel of the North, it was such a privilege to see art up close with the children, especially since our focused artist, Anthony Gormley, had created the Angel of the North sculpture. Many art creations have been designed in the classroom this week, we have designed spaces, a personalised coat of arms and a new product! Maths has seen us explore perimeter and area, which we have all grasped well. Middleton team ended the week with a treat to the park for winning the house points this term. Have a great break, happy Easter to you all!

Safeguarding Reminders

Mr. Sam Donaldson is the Designated Safeguarding Lead.
Mr. Gavin Cope is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.
Mrs. Louise Wyatt is the Safeguarding Link Governor.

If you have worries or concerns about a pupil, please don't hesitate to speak to one of the people named above, in confidence.