

# NEWSLETTER

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### Reception On the Move!



Next week the children in our Reception class will be moving their lessons out of their classroom and into our hall. This is to enable us to clear the classroom in readiness for the building work that will be starting soon. The dividing wall that separates the two classrooms is being partially removed to allow for the free-flow of movement between the two rooms. This work will be completed during the half term holiday however next week parents should bring the children to the gate leading into the garden area that adjoins the playground; one of our staff will be waiting to escort the pupils into the hall. When collecting the children parents should wait at that same gate and a member of the Reception staff will escort the children from the hall to the playground.



### Safer Internet Day 2018

Tuesday 6 February

Safer Internet Day 2018 will be celebrated globally on **Tuesday 6th February 2018** with the slogan "Create, Connect and Share Respect: A better internet starts with you". Safer Internet Day is celebrated worldwide to encourage the safe and positive use of the internet and digital technologies. Over 1,600 organisations were involved in Safer Internet Day 2017, growing each year from 2011 when there were 70 supporters. At our school we encourage the pupils to fully engage in the many digital technologies that are available to them in today's world. They use the web on a daily basis and technology is now fully embedded into every aspect of the curriculum. As a school we constantly remind the pupils of the importance of internet safety.

You can read more about Safer Internet Day at: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2018>

### Official Offer Days



#### High School Offer Day

National Offer Day 1 March 2018  
Offers to be accepted by 14 March

#### Reception Offer Day

National Offer Day 16 April 2018  
Offers to be accepted by 27 April 2018

### Photograph Day



**WEDNESDAY 7 FEBRUARY** - Don't forget to hand your form in to the school office if you want a family group photograph. We do not require the slip if you want a single photo as every child will get an individual photograph taken. Packs start from £7.00 and proofs will be available on the day. Unfortunately, for safeguarding reasons, we cannot take photographs of groups of friends.

### Website Live

CHECK OUT OUR

We mentioned last week our website has been off-line recently as it has been undergoing a major update. We are delighted to tell you that our site is now LIVE and looks great. It is much clearer and easier to navigate around. Why not take a look at [www.percymainprimary.org.uk](http://www.percymainprimary.org.uk). We must thank **Ian Aird** from Churchill College who has carried out this upgrade on our behalf. We really do appreciate the enormous amount of work that has gone into making our site compliant with Ofsted requirements.



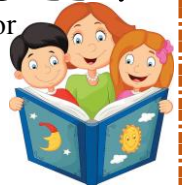
### House reward day



This half term's House Reward will take place on the morning of Friday 9 Feb. The winning house will be announced during week commencing 5 Feb. We have arranged a super treat for the winners, so good luck everyone and keep earning those house points – *every point counts!*

### COSTA - TONIGHT CANCELLED!

Unfortunately the last of the 'Reading for Pleasure' evenings at COSTA coffee, which was scheduled for tonight, has had to be cancelled. The store is still very keen on promoting the importance of reading so they will try to re-arrange this event after the half term holiday. They apologise for any inconvenience or disappointment this has caused.



## Open Evenings

Normally, during the spring term we hold our second formal parents' evening. However we have decided that a less formal meeting may work better. Families could look through their children's work in a relaxed atmosphere while enjoying some light refreshments. This would not only provide an opportunity for parents to meet staff in a less formal situation, it would also give parents the opportunity of looking around the school and observing how their children's learning journey develops through the years.

**The dates for these informal 'drop in' open evenings will be Tuesday 27 February and Thursday 1 March from 3.30 until 5.30 (no appointments required).** Parent questionnaires will be available during both evening to obtain your feedback on this event.

However if you feel that you still require an individual meeting, just speak to the class teacher, they will be happy to arrange a convenient date/time



## HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School will **close for the half term holiday at 3.15 on Friday 9 February** (3.30 for Nursery). School will re-open at on Monday 19 February. Breakfast club will be available from 8.15 a.m.



## Heights & Weights

### Reception and Year 6

On Tuesday morning a team of Public Health School Nurses visited school to carry out the annual heights and weights checks on our Reception and Year 6 pupils. It is widely recognised that good schools play a vital role as promoters of health and wellbeing within their school communities; they understand that there are connections between pupils' health and their education achievements. The National Child Measurement Programme helps schools and parents promote healthy lifestyles. This is an annual programme involving all pupils in **Reception and Year 6** and is now a statutory public health function of local authorities. Our school fully endorses the work of the NCMP and has participated in the programme for several years; we are committed to continuing this involvement. A letter giving full details of this programme was issued to parents who have children in Rec and Year 6 a few weeks ago.



## Year 4 - Egyptian Experience

On Thursday next week (8 February) our Year 4 pupils will be spending the morning at The Great North Museum in Newcastle. The pupils are studying the Ancient Egyptians this term, and this visit will enhance and support their learning. The current exhibition gives an exciting exploration of life and death in Ancient Egypt, and combines the Museum's own Ancient Egyptian collections with a number of spectacular objects on loan from the British Museum. Our pupils will become Egyptian detectives as they follow a trail of clues (*previously prepared by Miss Oliver*) which will lead them to discovering a variety of ancient Egyptian objects. We are sure that the pupils will uncover some fascinating facts about this ancient civilisation during their visit to the museum.



## Skipping Festival

Tomorrow morning our Year 2 pupils will be taking part in a skipping festival. Recently the class have had great fun learning different skipping techniques including; *Side Swing, Cross Over and Pretzel*. They have also practiced *Run Out, Jump Out*, and the old fashioned game of *Keep the Pot Boiling* and skip dancing. This will be an excellent festival which we are sure will be full of fun but also prove that skipping can be a fantastic and versatile way of keeping fit.



## Y6 Visit UPDATE



Yesterday our Y6 students were transported back in time to World War 2. The pupils were evacuated to the country (Beamish) and as soon as they arrived they were met by an angry farmer who put them to work on his farm. They baked carrot cookies on the old cold fired cooking range and after drawing the 'blackout' curtains, considered what it must have been like coping with life during the blackout. After this a corporal from the Home Guard marched the children off for drill training before returning to Home Farm where they received the news that the bombing had stopped and they could return home (school). However before we returned we decided to explore the rest of the town and discovered more about life in the 1940's. This report is just a small sample of what the class covered during their visit to the museum; if we told you everything they did we could fill the newsletter. This was an outstanding experience which has greatly supported the children's learning and helped them appreciate what it must have been like living during the war years. We must thank **Mr Easton** one of our Governors for helping us supervise this visit; it was really kind of him to give up his day to support the children.

Handouts issued this week;

- There are no handouts this week