



NEWSLETTER

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**Happy New Year 2019**

Welcome back one and all. We hope your Christmas break provided everything you needed and wanted it to be for you and your family.

The children have returned excitedly and dived straight in to their new topics. There has quite literally been a *Bang!* in the form of an earthquake re-enactment in years 5 and 6 to launch their new topic on natural disasters! Curriculum information for parents will be sent out shortly and available on the website.

This term we will focus on applying our school value about *Rights and Responsibilities* to the outdoor area as work continues to make the playground a place where we all want to be. If you have had a clear out after Christmas of old toys, games and books then please consider donating them to school for our sheds. Much appreciated.

We would like to welcome back Mr Syd Mackenzie into our school community in a caretaking capacity. He will be responsible for maintaining the building and grounds as well as overseeing indoor and outdoor project work.

**Safety Poster Competition**

The safety poster competition that many of our pupils entered has been judged and some very successful entrants now have their art work displayed in a commercial calendar! Huge congratulations to **Lexie H, Lottie N, Lucy C** and **Jacob L** whose designs have been published in the calendar and **Isabelle F** (3rd place overall), **Emily M** (2nd place overall) and **Scarlet M** (1st place overall)! We are really proud of every pupil who entered the competition. It takes commitment like this to make successful people—well done!

**Homework**

We will send out a separate letter about homework following the consultation we held with parents. Changes to our policy have been made according to 3 things; research; what we know about children and how they learn; the views of our families.

Calling all Harry Potter Fans! Fantastic event being hosted by the Library Service — see below.

Harry Potter Book Night at Gilberdyke Mobile Library on Wednesday 30 January, 5.30pm - 6.30pm

Bring your wand to practice your spells, find spiders, a Patronus and more! We may even manage a Quidditch game (although it might be played on the floor!) Don't forget to book your place; they sell out really fast, It's just £4 per child for this amazing event, but worth it; you'll have an absolute blast!

Most suitable for children aged 7-11yrs

Book Online via Brid Spa at www.bridspa.com/libraryevents Call: 01482 392699

Booking Essential!



Toddler Group : Our toddler group has restarted and will be held every **Tuesday** between **2.00 and 3.15pm**. Please pass this information on to your neighbours and friends who have pre-school aged children.

New families are very welcome!



Healthy Packed lunches The new year provides a new start for healthy bodies and healthy minds so I am taking this opportunity to remind you how beneficial a balanced meal is for a child during the school day. Therefore please do not send sweets or chocolate bars in your child's packed lunch please due to the short term sugar fix these give to our children followed by reduced concentration during the afternoon. Many thanks for your support in this.



Attendance News

Overall attendance this year so far 96.7

Wrens 99.4 well done

Robins 95.7

Starlings 97.6 well done

Finches 100 Excellent

Falcons 99 well done

Kingfishers 99 well done

Kestrels 100 Excellent

Ospreys 94.6

Eagles 99.6 well done



Workers of the Week for

11/01/19

Robins **Darcey**

Starlings **Annie**

Finches **Jenson**

Falcons **Kaya**

Kingfishers **Leah**

Kestrels **Harley**

Ospreys **Laura**

Eagles **Finley**

House System



Ash — 150

Birch — 150

Horse Chestnut — 200

Sycamore — 150

Overall Scores

Ash — 2600

Birch — 2600

Horse Chestnut — 3000

Sycamore — 2600

Friday's Golden Table from Kingfishers

18/01/19 Chloe, Aryia, Millie, Tyler, Hayden, George



Key Dates Spring Term

These may change, so please check for updates on a regular basis

Spring Term

13 February—PTFA Valentines Disco (details to follow)

14 February — School Closes at 3.30 pm for half term

25 February — School Opens 8:45 am

26 March—Parents Evening

28 March—Parents Evening

5 April — School Closes 3.30 pm for Easter

