



Spring Term Newsletter 2 Friday March 6th 2020



The Spring Term is finally starting to feel a little more spring-like and hopefully there will be no more snow days! Thank you all for your understanding on the rare occasions we have to shut school. On this occasion, Mrs Lamb and myself both got to school from our parts of Northumberland quite easily but the majority of staff travelling in from the opposite direction could not guarantee getting safely to school. Thank you to all of you who posted pictures and videos on Twitter of the lovely things you got up to in the snow.

There have been so many exciting events and activities in school since the last Newsletter including: Our first, very well attended, class assemblies of the year, our hugely successful maths week, special days such as Holocaust Day and World Book Day. Music has also been thriving since we welcomed our new specialist music teacher, Mrs Armstrong, into school for Y1 to Y6 classes. Well done to our swimming squad who represented school so well in the area swimming gala. Congratulations to our indoor cricket league team who won the area cup and congratulations to our dance club pupils who wowed the audience at the Consett Empire dance festival.

It was lovely to welcome staff and pupils from Wolsingham School who asked to give a talk to parents about their school. Here is a message from Mr Furstenburg, Head of Wolsingham School...

You are warmly invited to attend a Coffee Morning for Shotley Bridge parents at 10:15am on Thursday 12 March where you will meet myself and Ms Beverley Gaughey, our Transition Coordinator. You will also have a tour of the school so you can see what a normal school day looks like. In addition, you can visit us anytime: if you would like to arrange a personal tour or just want to ask more about us, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Gaughey or myself on info@wolsingham.school.net You can also ring on 01388 527302 or visit our website at www.wolsingham.school.net. Please let us know if you intend to visit on the 12th.

If any parents do visit then please feel free to take your child with you if that is your wish. Mr Bell.

Please do look at @ShotleyBPrimary Twitter feed to see daily updates on everything that is happening in school and to make engagement with your children about their curriculum and school experiences so simple. Of course you can log on to school's website to find a link to the feed if you do not want to follow school on Twitter.

March 13th Sports Relief Day 2020 Children can come to school in PE kit on the 13th to enjoy fun, sports activities. Donations can be made via parentpay from Monday 9th March – Friday 13th March.

March 20th Mothers' Day/Special Ladies' Day Activities Afternoon Mams/special ladies are welcome to come in to school from 2:00pm on March 20th to join in with activities with their children in classes.

Parents' Evenings, Termly Reports, End of Year Reports. Our Spring parents' evenings take place on Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd April 2020 from 3:30pm to 6:00pm. Appointment times will be available from Friday March 20th.

Advice from Public Health England We have been given very clear advice from Public Health England, regarding the coronavirus, which we check every day for any updates, changes and developments. I have posted the link to follow on our Twitter feed or one can google COVID 19 guidance for educational settings.gov.uk

We will continue to remind every child about the importance of good hand hygiene and are very grateful for your support with this. A general principle to follow is that everyone should cover a cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the bin. 'Catch it. Bin it. Kill it.' We will continue to keep you updated with developments.

Future Newsletters and letters home Within the next few weeks we will have switched over to our new system for sharing letters etc... with parents and will be able to communicate paper free. Please check that you have replied to Mrs Coombe or Mrs Parker about email addresses.

Calendar of Events March to Sept 2020

Please note some dates may change and other dates will be added throughout the year.

	Event	Venue	Involving
March	4 th Class 4 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 4 Parents
	5 th World Book Day 2020	Both sites	All children
	11 th Class 14 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 14 Parents
	13 th Sports Relief Day 2020	Both sites	All children
	20 th Mothers' Day Activities Afternoon	Both Sites	Children and Parents
	25 th Class 7 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 7 Parents
April	1 st Class 6 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 6 Parents
	1 st Parents Evening	Both sites	All parents
	2 nd Parents Evening	Both sites	All parents
	Easter Holiday April 6 th – Fri April 17 th inclusive	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
May	6 th Class 10 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 10 Parents
	8 th Early May Bank Holiday	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
	13 th Reception Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Reception Parents
	20 th Class 11 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 11 Parents
	Half-term holiday Mon 25 th May – Fri 29 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN	
June	10 th Class 9 Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Class 9 Parents
	17 th Class 8 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 8 Parents
	19 th Fathers' Day Activities Afternoon	Both Sites	Children and Parents
	24 th Class 3 Assembly	Benfieldside Road Site	Class 3 Parents
	26 th pm Sports Day	Snows Green Road Site	All children and parents
	30 th Y6 Transition Day Consett Academy	Consett Academy	Year 6
July	8 th Parents Eve's	Both sites	All parents
	9 th Parents Eve's	Both sites	All parents
	10 th Summer Fair 3:30 to 5:00	Snows Green Road Site	All children and parents
	15 th Whole School Trip to beach.	South Shields Beach	All children and Staff
	17 th Year 6 Leavers Assembly	Snows Green Road Site	Year 6 Parents
		20 th INSET Last day of Summer Term	School CLOSED to children
September 2020	First day of term	School returns Weds 2nd September 2020	