

Newsletter

Friday 9th February 2018

Headteacher Comment

Well another half-term is over and we are now half way through the school year. What a busy time here at Choppington over the last 5 weeks. We have had visits from BBC, NUFC, NSPCC. Children have been out to Seven Stories, St James' Park and The Blyth Battery. These are the experiences that we want the children to have and enjoy.

This half term we have also begun to use a new reading program, which ensures that the books are at the correct level, according to their reading tests. This again has been successful with the majority of children becoming enthused by reading for pleasure. To help with this the PTFA helped us to buy some books by donating £500, those books are in the library already being enjoyed by the children. Thanks again for all the work that they do in raising money to support the children in school.

Enjoy your week off with your children. We are back to school on 19th February, with Breakfast Club open from 8.10.

Thanks



Mr D. Nelson
Headteacher

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School Uniform

A quick reminder about school uniform, including PE kit.

The correct school uniform consists of - maroon jumper, light blue t-shirt/shirt, black or dark grey trousers/skirt and black shoes.

The correct PE kit is - white t-shirt, black or navy shorts/leggings and a pair of trainers. A tracksuit may be needed if the children are doing PE outside.

NSPCC Donations

We need all the NSPCC donations in to school by Tuesday 20th February. Hand in to class teachers

LIVE Kitchen

We are changing to LIVE Kitchen from the 2nd week back after half term. This will allow you to order from the menu at home and make sure your child gets a dinner they want. The system will enable us to offer wider variety on our menu.

In the future we will be asking the children to help create the menus, so they will be getting their say too.

Make sure we have your email address to set you up on the system.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 1st March and we are celebrating it by asking the children to come dressed as a character from a book by one of these authors:

- ⇒ Julia Donaldson
- ⇒ Judith Kerr
- ⇒ David Walliams
- ⇒ JK Rowling
- ⇒ Roald Dahl

We will have prizes for the most imaginative and original.

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Safeguarding

Online Safety -

We know some parents feel confused by the internet. It's constantly changing, and it can be hard to keep up with the latest apps and trends. It can be particularly tricky for parents of children aged 8-12. That's the age when children start doing more online, becoming more independent and using different devices. So, we've put together this guide. To reassure you, and give you the information and advice you'll need to keep your child safe online. The internet's an amazing place, so we want to help your child to get the most out of it, and to do that safely. The NSPCC guidance is actually really simple :

Talk to your child. One of the easiest – and most effective – things you can do is simply talk to your child.

Get the family involved. Helping your child to take control is great, but there are really useful things you can do as a family too.

Safety starts with you . As a parent, there's plenty you can do to keep your child safe online. E.g Check the settings of the device and the internet history once the children have been on.

After School Clubs

Monday

Bushcraft with Miss Brown
3.15—4.15 KS2

Tuesday

Art Club with All-Star Productions
12.15—12.55 KS1 & 2

Multi-Skills with NUFC Foundation
3.00—4.15 KS2

Wednesday

Drama Club with All-Star Productions
3.15—4.15 KS 2

Thursday

Street Dance with All-Star Productions
3.00—4.00 KS1 & 2

* Yet more clubs will be coming soon. *

Upcoming Dates

Here are some dates for your diary for next half-term. They are as follows:

Tuesday 20th February

NSPCC Sponsor Money due in.

Thursday 26th February

LIVE Kitchen starts

Thursday 1st March

Mini-band at Woodhorn Museum

Friday 2nd March

World Book Day - dress as a book character

Monday 26th March

Easter Egg Competition

PTFA Coffee Afternoon

Thursday 29th March

Last Day of term

Breakfast Club

We are changing the way we would like the children to come into Breakfast Club. After half-term the children need to enter breakfast club via the rear entrance (off the yard). The door will be open until 8.30.

This should make it easier for the children as they can hang up their coats and bags as soon as they enter the building, before coming into the hall for their breakfast.

Breakfast club is FREE and open from 8.10—8.30 everyday.

