

Newsletter

February 2019

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 6 weeks. We have had visits from NUFC, GEM Education, Creatures. Children have been out to Laing Art Gallery, St James' Park, Blyth RNLI, Hancock Museum and Grace Darling Museum. These are the experiences that we want the children to have and enjoy.

This half term has seen a donation by **Timber Pallets** to buy every child a water bottle, thanks to them for their help with this. The PTFA have also continued to support the school through a number of fundraising activities, thanks to them and all who have contributed or attended.

This final week has also been our Arts Week, where the children have been involved with a number of activities related to a piece of music. It has been a fun week with a focus on being creative.

Enjoy your week off with your children. We are back to school on 25 February, with Breakfast Club open from 8.15.

Thanks



Mr D. Nelson
Headteacher

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School Uniform

The House Captains discussed school uniform with the children and they decided that they would like to add a hoodie to the school uniform. This has been arranged with Emblematic, so soon you will be able to buy Choppington hoodies for £12.50.

The hoodies will not be a replacement for the school jumper but is to be used as an extra layer or in the summer as a coat.

Before and After School

When you are dropping off your children or picking them up at night, can I remind you that the children are not allowed to do the following:

Play on the play equipment.

Ride bikes within the school grounds.

Please make sure that your children do not do this as we want school to be a safe place for everyone who is on the yard at these busy times.



World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March, but we will celebrate this on Friday 8th March. We are celebrating it by asking the children to come dressed as a character from a book they have read in class this year.

Your class teacher will send out a Class Dojo message with the books that have been covered this year, so far.

We will have prizes for the most imaginative and original.

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Safeguarding

Attendance/Punctuality

Attendance figures for school are good at the moment, 97%. In order to maintain this it is important that your child is not off school for minor ailments, for example - a cough, head-lice, sore throat or a runny nose. If your child comes to school and is not well enough to stay we will always ring you to let you know.

A number of children are arriving late for school, which has a negative impact on their day. Please make sure that you get your child in the school yard on time. If you are late for any reason make sure that you report to the office and sign them in.

Thanks for your continued support with this.

After School Clubs

Monday

Bushcraft with Miss Brown
3.15—4.15 KS2

Computing with Miss Clarkson
3.30—4.30 KS2

Tuesday

Hockey Club with Mr Nelson
8.20—8.50 Y5/6

Family Football with NUFC Foundation
3.30—4.15 KS1 & 2

Science Club with Miss Railton
3.30—4.30 KS 2

Wednesday

Singing Club with All-Star Productions
12.30—1.00 KS1 & 2

Dance Club with All-Star Productions
3.30—4.30 KS1 & 2

Thursday

Netball Club with Mr Nelson
8.20—8.50 Y4/5/6

Drama with All-Star Productions
3.30—4.30 KS1 & 2

Upcoming Dates

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

Wednesday 27th February

Year 3/4 Roman Trip.

Tuesday 5th March

Reception Parents Lunch - 12.00pm

Friday 8th March

World Book Day

Wednesday 20th March

Year 1/2 Parents Lunch - 12.15pm

Friday 29th March

PTFA Mother's Day Afternoon Tea - 2.30pm

Wednesday 3rd April

Easter Egg Competition

PTFA Coffee Afternoon - 2.30pm

Friday 5th April

Shrek Performance - 10.00am

Last Day of Term - School finishes at 1.30pm



Class Assemblies

We are changing the way we host class assemblies next half term. As part of the class assembly we are inviting you (the parents) in to class to work alongside your child on an activity related to the topic the children are covering.

This will happen before the assembly and then you will stay and watch the assembly and hear what the children have been learning and their experiences within school.

It is hoped this will help you see more of what we are doing in school.

Dates for next half term:

Year 5/6: Thursday 7th March - 10.00am

Year 3/4: Thursday 21st March - 10.00am

Year 1/2: Thursday 4th April - 10.00am