



We break up today for half term. Back to school Monday 28th February.

Newsletter 18th February 2022

Nursery



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Jaydon Wall for sitting and listening carefully during carpet time this week.

Year 1



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Hunter H for excellent enquiry and investigation skills.

This week year 1 had some breaking news! An alien spaceship had crashed onto the school field! Year 1 had to cancel their English sessions to investigate. Please see class dojo and school website for a preview of our exciting week.

Year 3



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Macie for making excellent progress with her reading.

Year 5



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week Lexi Bartlett for her excellent progress with her STAR Maths test.

Reception



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Benjamin Dennison for great segmenting in Phonics.

Our topic next half term is *Pirates*.

Year 2



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Alex Taylor for trying extremely hard to improve his writing. Well done Alex!

This week I have asked the children what they enjoyed about this week in Class 2:

Amelia Smith, "I have enjoyed reading and writing about Flat Stanley in English."

Louisa King, "I have enjoyed making pancakes in English after writing instructions how to make them."

Subhash Saladi, "I loved the splat game with Mr Gough in Drama."

Year 4



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Faith Knowles for being a kind and helpful friend.

Year 6



Pupil of the Week

Pupil of the Week is Nieve for always being kind, helpful and considerate to others.

Please pay dinner money via Parent Pay. School office staff may contact you if debts are unpaid. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office, if you are having problems paying for your child's dinners. We are here to help.

World Book Day

West Cornforth Primary School decided to celebrate World Book Day differently this year. During March, all of the children will be visiting Seven Stories in Newcastle. Further details will follow after half term.

On 3rd March, we will be enjoying some of our favourite books and planning our exciting visit. The children will not need to be in costumes for this day.

Thank you, Mrs Brown.

Robinwood Year 5 and 6

The Robinwood residential visit is still going ahead this year. There are still a few places available for Year 5 and Year 6 children. It will be a fun packed couple of days away from school. Mrs Hodgson and another member of staff will accompany the children.



Equality and Diversity

The organisation *Just Like Us* hold a diversity week every year for schools. This year, the special week takes place on the 20th-24th June.

Headteacher's Awards

Mr. Whitelock gets the award this week for being in several places on the yard- at once. He works hard to ensure everyone plays fair, gets plenty of exercise and enjoys their time outside.

Kayla, Lilly and Sophie and Sophia (Year 6) deserve recognition for their sensible, studious attitudes and exemplary behaviour.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Updates

SEND Coffee Morning

We are holding an informal coffee morning on **Monday 7th March at 10am** for parents and carers of children with SEND. Invites will be sent out after half term. Claire Stirland (Occupational Therapist) from Sensory Worx will be there alongside Miss Gregg (SENCO). The coffee morning will be a chance for parents, carers, staff and professionals to meet and have informal discussions. It will be useful to have discussions and gather views on SEND support at West Cornforth Primary School, as well as find out what information you would like to be covered in future coffee mornings. If the morning is a success, we will be organising further events with different professionals to further support parents and carers, so please come along if you're free!

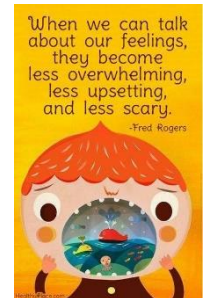


SEND Meetings for Parents and Carers

SEND review meetings will be in place of progress meetings for parents/carers of children with SEND. These meetings will take place on **Tuesday 15th March**, with appointments available **from 1:15pm**. You will be contacted by the school to arrange an appointment. This meeting will be with the class teacher and the school SENCO (Miss Gregg). Your child's SEND support will be reviewed and you will also be given a general progress update regarding their attainment and achievement in school. If you have a preferred time, please contact the class teacher via Class Dojo.

What is ELSA?

There will always be children and young people in schools facing life challenges that detract from their ability to engage with learning. Some will require greater support to increase their emotional literacy than others. ELSA is an initiative developed and supported by educational psychologists. It recognises that children learn better and are happier in school if their emotional needs are also addressed. We are very lucky to have two members of staff who are almost finished their Emotional Literacy Support Assistant training. They have been trained by educational psychologists to plan and deliver programmes of support to pupils who are experiencing temporary or longer term additional emotional needs. The majority of ELSA work is delivered on an individual basis, but sometimes small group work is more appropriate, especially in the areas of social and friendship skills.

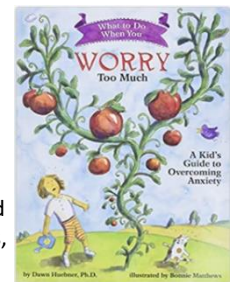


Parents Self-Help Section

Do you have an anxious child? Follow the link below for some useful guidance on helping your child overcome anxieties:

<http://blogs.psychcentral.com/stress-better/2016/03/49-phrases-to-calm-an-anxious-child/>

What to Do When You Worry Too Much (A Guide to Overcoming Anxiety) by Dawn Huebner is a self-help book designed to guide 6-12-year olds and their parents through the cognitive-behavioural techniques most often used in the treatment of generalised anxiety. Engaging, encouraging, and easy to follow, this book educates, motivates, and empowers children to work towards change.



Miss Gregg is our school SENCO. if you would like to speak to her about your child's special educational needs, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Bruce's Corner

Bruce loves food!

He gets fed twice a day and enjoys a raw treat after his morning biscuits.

All of his puppy teeth have fallen out now and he has got most of his adult teeth.



Bruce says:
Remember to brush your teeth morning and night. Your gnashers might end up as white as mine!





Mr Gough's Drama Superstars!

Reception

Paris
Aria Q

Year 1

Larosa
Hunter

Year 2

Lexi
Liyana

Year 3

Archie
Aleia

Year 4

Isabelle
Max

Year 5

Faith
Christina

Year 6

Jake
Ava

Great work in drama!

General News

Please note the price of a Primary School lunch will be increasing from 4th April 2022. Please find the new DCC meal prices below:

Primary
Pupil £2.20 per day
Nursery £2.20 per day

Progress Meetings

Open evenings will take place Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd March. More information will be shared after the half term break. All curriculum information is available on the school website.

Photo Permissions Letter

If you haven't already returned the form for your child's photo permissions, please do this as soon as possible. We think it's important to share all of the wonderful work the children are doing, but we need to know your preferences.

Kasey's Safeguarding Tips of the Week

Never trust people you do not know.

Online dating is a bad idea. You could be 'talking' to someone lots older than you.

Mr. Whitelock's Sports Superstars

Reception

Henry S
Aria Q
Andrius

Year 1

Ethan & Larosa

Year 2

Liam A & Maddie

Year 3

Niamh
Cooper

Year 4

Hayden
Isabelle

Year 5

Jack
Holly

Year 6

Holly W
Cole



Mr Whitelock's Sports News

Football Match 2nd March:

WCPS v Ferryhill Station at HOME.

Cricket 3rd March:

Durham Cricket Club are coming into school to deliver an *All Stars Roadshow* for Years 1,2 and 3.

As well as participating in forty-five-minute cricket activities, children will be invited to take part in summer sessions during the holidays.

Mainsforth Cricket Club and Sedgfield Cricket Club will be running a programme this year, where I will be the lead coach. Use the link below to sign up to the course:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/028ffc18-dea6-4868-987c-ded759f818b7>