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*"THE SMALL SCHOOL WITH THE BIG HEART
"El Colegio más pequeño con el corazón más grande"*

26th March 2021

Happy Friday everyone!

Wow! It is the end of term already! Where did it go? We have had such a fun and super busy three weeks while all the children have been back at school. We have celebrated World Book Day in our own Wearhead Style – focusing on Roald Dahl characters and activities. We have celebrated Comic Relief Day with a special cinema and popcorn afternoon and today we have been cooking, baking and crafting all things Easter. We also received a visit from the Easter Bunny who has been leaving trails of Easter eggs all over our school and playground!

We want to thank all the children for being so amazing this half term and settling back into school life so quickly and positively. Although we have had lots of fun, they have also worked very hard and I am sure they are looking forward to the Easter break.

Easter Lunch. Chef pulled out the stops again for the annual Easter lunch on Wednesday 24th March – He very kindly bought each child an Easter Egg. Photos are on the website.

Easter Bags - Each child has been given an Easter bag from the Weardale Methodist Churches & Fellowships | Willington Open Door Methodist Church

The bag contains:-

- Easter story booklet (in the same style and by the same author as the Christmas booklet)
- A sunflower seed, compost and pot
- Reflection on Jesus talking about a seed needing to die to raise to life (John 12:24), linked to Easter story
- Details of a free online Easter Holiday Club being run by Dionne McCreedy
- A sweet treat

The idea is that just as the Christingle helps to explore the meaning of Christmas, so the planting of the seed helps to explore the meaning of Easter (and hopefully the seed would flower and be a sign of hope in the weeks ahead).

Dinner Money

Dinner money for KS2 for the first half of the Summer term, 12th April until 28th May, will be £69.30. This can either be paid weekly at £10.50 per child or for the half term at £69.30. Money will be returned if your child(ren) are absent for lunch at any time during this half term. If paying by cheque, please make this payable to Durham County Council with your name and address on the reverse.

Water bottles

Please can we ask that children bring water bottles into school every day. Please fill with water only.

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Class Dojo

Unfortunately, we will not be using Class Dojo after the Easter holidays. If you need to contact staff, please do so by email or phone. We will be replacing Class Dojo and will update you on this when we have more information.

Contact tracing over the Easter holidays

We are being asked to continue with contact tracing over Easter, similar to the arrangements over Christmas.

Pupils, parents and carers only need to inform the school of a positive case where they developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in their education setting. Contact details are s.hodgkinson100@durhamlearning.net.

Pupils who test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) during the holidays, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in an education setting, you are not required to take any action. So, from 1st April pupils, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

Where pupils need to self-isolate due to contact with a positive case during the holidays, settings do not need to be informed about this until the first day of the Summer term, which is 12th April.

Email sent on behalf of Lindsey Davison - Child Poverty Operations Manager

Holiday Activities with Food – Easter 2021 update ***

Whether it's finding fun things for the kids to do, paying for extra childcare, or even just all that extra food they seem to eat, the school holidays can be a struggle for many families. Covid-19 has meant that many people's incomes have been reduced and children and young people are keen to get out and spend time with their friends.

This Easter we have launched our Fun and Food programme, providing fun activities with healthy snacks and meals for children and young people. Activities are provided by range of partners including schools, voluntary and community sector groups, sport and leisure services and our Family Centres.

For information on Fun and Food activities during the Easter holidays check out www.durham.gov.uk/FunAndFood

Activities are being added every day so please keep checking our webpage.

Interesting and/or useful links

<https://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/your-family/holidays/easter-holidays-fun-for-families/>

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/blog/easter-holidays-activities-things-to-do>

Wishing you all a safe and fun packed Easter holiday. We are really looking forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 12th April. 😊

From all the Staff at Wearhead Primary School.



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Message from Sarah Hodgkinson

Dear Parents,

I would just like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a peaceful and enjoyable Easter break. It has been a very busy term for our federation, with remote learning and all the challenges of Covid, but it's been great to see the children back in school enjoying their learning and time spent with friends. I would like once again to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continuing support of our schools. I would also like to thank all our staff for their commitment, enthusiasm and the fantastic job they have done, supporting both remote learning and key worker pupils this term.

Looking forwards to the summer term, I am very pleased that we will be welcoming Mr Sains as Deputy Headteacher to our federation. As you will be aware, I have been without a deputy since November 2018 and this has proved to be a tough juggling act on many occasions. I am excited that the additional leadership capacity will allow us to develop our provision in the Upper Dales even further. We have lots of ideas to promote the collaborative working between the four schools and to bring the children together when it is safe to do so. During the course of the summer term, the staff will be working together to finalise these plans.

When we return to school on April 12th, the staffing at St John's Chapel will be as follows: Mrs Evers will be delivering the majority of teaching to the older children for the first three weeks. This will allow myself and Mr Sains the opportunity to meet parents from all four schools and for Mr Sains to meet staff and pupils. From Tuesday 4th May, Mr Sains will then teach the children at the start of the week and will be working across the four schools at the end of each week. Mrs Evers will be teaching the older children on those days. Miss Kilty will be teaching the EYFS/KS1 children from April 12th but Mrs Judges will still be in some days in her role as supply teacher.

The staffing arrangements at the other three federation schools will remain the same as they are currently, until the end of the summer term.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Hodgkinson