

Duns PS Newsletter March 2018



We at last seem to be saying goodbye to winter as we move into spring. This month has been very busy as we battled with the winter weather, school closures and transport issues. However this has not stopped our children from working hard and achieving so much this month.

Staffing

We say goodbye to Mrs Murray (P2M) and Mrs Miller (P5M) as they both begin their maternity leave. We also say a Goodbye for now to Miss Lindsay who is taking up a secondment at BHS. We welcome back Miss Dalgety who will be teaching P2M on a Monday and P6K on a Tuesday. Miss Will comes back from her maternity leave in May and will teach P5M. In the interim Mr Maunder will be teaching in P5M on a Wednesday to Friday and Mrs McLeod on a Monday and Tuesday.

Water Bottles

Please remind your child to come to school with a water bottle. It is a proven fact that water activates the brain and improves concentration. For this reason pupils are permitted to have their water bottles in the classroom and can access them whilst engaged in a work task. Please note that juice is not allowed in water bottles as we follow the SBC dental guidelines which discourage juice other than at mealtimes - also it can cause sticky spillages on desks. Cups of water are also available in the dining hall for packed lunch children.

Late Arrivals.

Please remember that all children who arrive late must report to the school office before going to class

Rights Respecting Schools

We are very pleased to tell you that we have been awarded the first stage of UNICEF UK's Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA), Bronze: Rights Committed.

We are always striving to create the best possible learning environment for our children and this achievement shows that we are committed to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children and young people to respect the rights of others in school. You can find out more about UNICEF, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Rights Respecting Schools Award from the RRSA website: www.unicef.org.uk/rrsa

World Book Day

Well done to everyone who took part in our World Book day event. There were so many fantastic costumes and everyone had a great day celebrating their love of reading. The children especially enjoyed some strange characters teaching them for the day.

National Entitlement Card

Primary 7 have been sent home their application forms for their Young Scot cards. These are required for High School. Please remember to return all forms by Friday 20th April.

Duns Whittle

Congratulations to everyone who took part in our annual Whittle competition.

- Jesse Adeosun
- Angus Calvert
- Eloise Fleming
- Eliza Bevan
- Rogan Glass
- Mirren Renton
- Josie Bayles
- Debbie Harris
- Alexa McKenzie
- Katie Royan

Burns Competition

Congratulations to all our pupils who took part in the Borders Burns Federation Competition in Hawick. Everyone did us very proud. The results were as follows:
Jesse Adeosun- 1st Piano
Angus Calvert- 2nd Trumpet
Mirren Renton- 3rd Flute
Alexa McKenzie- 3rd Singing
Josie Bayles- 2nd Violins
Eliza Bevan- 1st Recitation, Trombone, singing.

Dance Festival

We were delighted to host this year's Berwickshire Primary Schools Dance Festival in our fantastic assembly Hall. Children from all across Berwickshire took part. Well done to all classes who performed their Dances.

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Border Schools Cross Country

The Primary Schools Cross-Country Championships were held at Netherdale on Thursday 15th March. Children from P6 and 7 went to represent Duns. The P6 boys team were 3rd overall, a tremendous result.

PE Kit

Next term all pupils will be outside for PE and will require outdoor PE kit trainers or sturdy gym shoes.

New Library

Our new Library is looking fantastic! A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered to help set up. A special thank you to Pauline Heron and Mrs Brodie for all their hard work. The children are really benefitting from the fantastic new facility.

Library Donations

Our new library is taking shape however we would greatly appreciate any donations of books to increase our stock.

Class Assemblies

Over the course of this year each class will be leading an open assembly in which we warmly invite you all to attend. Our assemblies are on Thursday afternoons starting at 2:25pm. Dates for class assemblies are as follows:

29th March- P1
19th April- P6/7D
26th April- P5/6H
3rd May- P4T
17th May- P2M
24th May- P6M
31st May- P2F
7th June- P3/4G

Localities Bid Fund

We are delighted that we have been successful in our localities bid and have been awarded £29,000. A huge thank you to all who voted!

Communication

Please continue to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and visit our website

www.dunsprimary.org.uk

Uniform Ordering

A reminder that we have an online system for ordering uniforms. These can be ordered from the link below www.beschoolwear.co.uk and following the online instructions. Information on how to order can also be found on our website under the school uniform tab. Please note there has been a change to the delivery of uniforms. Orders can no longer be sent to school and there will now be a £2.50 delivery to home 10 - 14 days after order. As of April Border Embroideries have informed us that there will be a 50p increase to all school uniform items.

Up-cycling Uniform

We urgently need a supply of school clothing, in particular red jumpers for older pupils for our surplus uniform stock. If you have any items that you no longer need we would appreciate any donations.

Uniform Free Day

We will be having a non-uniform day on Thursday 28th March. All donations welcome for Cash for Kids 500 faces. We are face number 32 for this year's appeal.

Happy Holiday

The staff and pupils would like to wish everyone a happy and relaxing Easter holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 16th April.

Summer Term

Monday 16th Apr - All resume
Thursday 19th April- P6/7D assembly
Thursday 26th April- P5/6H assembly
Thursday 3rd May- P4T assembly
Friday 4th May- Staff in service day
Monday 7th May - May Day holiday, school closed
Thursday 17th May- P2M assembly
Thursday 24th May- P6M assembly
Monday 28th May- Casual Holiday
Thursday 31st May- P2F assembly
Thursday 7th June- P3/4G assembly
Wednesday 27th Jun - Last day of term for pupils and staff

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