

Dear Parents and Carers,

April 2022



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With the last week of term upon us I wanted to email you with you some updates and reminders about this week.

I mentioned in our March newsletter about **Y4's Multi Sports event this Tuesday – 5<sup>th</sup> April**. I also reminded you that **Y1 and Y2 will compete in their football competition this Friday** – both events are taking place at our school and the children need to be in their P.E. kits.

### **A reminder regarding our Easter Egg Decoration Competition**

This will take place on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April. As with last year, we'd like the lower school children (Pre-School, Reception, Y1 and Y2) to decorate their egg at home and bring it in that morning.

We'd like the upper school children (Y3 to Y6) to bring in their hard-boiled egg/s along with any resources they'd like to use to decorate their egg. They'll spend some time during the morning decorating this.

Sadly, we have decided that we are not going to invite parents in to take part in this so sorry for any disappointment. We will, however, share all decorated eggs via our YouTube channel by the end of the week.

The children will bring them all home at the end of the day on 6<sup>th</sup> April.



### **Change of plan for the Easter Celebration service at St. Margaret's Church**



We've decided to hold this **on the morning** of Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April, rather than the afternoon as originally planned. As we are unable to invite parents due to the limited space, we decided to hold it on the morning as we'll have more time to walk the children to and from church. The forecast is currently for showers so please make sure your child is suitably clothed to walk to the church. As stated in the March newsletter, those children who are reading or are in the choir will leave a little earlier than the rest of the upper school. We will hold the service and then

everyone will walk back to school getting back in time for lunch. We will record the service and share this via our YouTube channel. I am sure it will be a lovely occasion for all involved.

**Can 56T and 6P come dressed in their school uniform on Thursday and bring their P.E. kit to change into in the afternoon – thank you.**

### **Litter Pick**

This is on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April**, organised by the School Council. It will take place after school, in and around the woods next to school. Everyone is welcome and your support would be greatly received. Please meet on the Lower School Yard after school on Thursday if you and your child would like to take part.



### **Educational Visits**

Reception will be visiting the Frog Spawn Pond this Friday. They'll walk there during the morning and will be back for lunch.



Y3 and Y4 are going to Beamish on Friday and will be re-enacting Oakie's Eviction. They are really excited about the visit, and I am sure will have a very enjoyable learning experience.





## Red Nose Day

A huge thanks for the donations you sent in for Red Nose Day. We raised £291 for this charity. I know the money will be put to good use... thank you.

## Easter Raffle

Many thanks also for all the donations the Friends of Tanfield received for the Chocolate Egg Easter Raffle. I know the raffle tickets have been selling fast too and the draw will take place this week.



## Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to all who have completed the Parent View survey on-line and for sending back the questionnaires.

All forms returned by Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March were entered into the prize draw and the Bennett family's form was pulled out first so their child will receive his prize this week.

We will be collating your responses from the Questionnaires and will respond to these in due course.

## Damage to the School Wall

We have recently noticed some damage to the outside of our school wall – the wall between our main entrance car park and the woods. It appears as though someone has been taking the stone from the wall. If you ever seen anyone doing anything suspicious around our property please let us know, or if it is out of school hours, please inform the police. Many thanks.



## Absent from school

Please don't forget to ring school to inform us if your child is off school. You can leave a message if ringing before 8 a.m. or speak to someone in the office after 8 a.m. but it's important that you let us know and that you also keep us updated if they continue to be off school. Thank you.

Finally, we break up for Easter at the end of this week - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April - and will return to school for the start of the summer term on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

