



## Spring 2017 Newsletter 3

### A FEW REMINDERS BEFORE WE BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM

Y3 and 4 were looking forward to their multi sports competition at Willowburn today. They were smartly turned out and a credit to the school. Unfortunately, when the transport arrived, (arranged by Active Northumberland), the coach wasn't big enough and the children had to stay in school. The children showed amazing resilience and as a reward they have spent the afternoon at Woodland Workshop (thanks to the live stock free field!)

The Ellingham School 'Daft as a Brush' ambulance paid us a visit today so please don't be alarmed when your child comes home and tells you they have been sitting in an ambulance!

We are once again collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Please ask friends and family to collect them for us. We usually have enough to replenish some of our PE equipment and every voucher helps.

We are still having huge problems with missing uniform. Our uniform company offer a service where you can buy 20 iron on labels for £2.40. These are particularly good labels which appear to be very robust. One parent is ironing them on to the inside of the hood on the hoodie which makes it extremely easy for identification. It also looks as if they would successfully glue into shoes.

Over the holidays please could you check you have the right uniform and if you want to take up the offer of the iron on labels, let Kathy know by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and send the money in a clearly marked envelope. A bulk order will be sent from school incurring you no further costs for postage.

After half term the children continue to need indoor and outdoor school PE kit. Please try to name **EVERY PIECE** of clothing your child is taking off in school (including shoes). Some of the younger children have no idea what they were wearing or what their shoes look like! As the weather is cold please ensure your child has a coat every day.

There is a PTA meeting on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February**, at 3.00pm in school, a crèche will be available.

It is World Book Day on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March but we will celebrate it on the Friday, **3<sup>rd</sup> March**, by dressing up as a children's book character. Please make sure your child's costume is still suitable for outside play.



We will celebrate Red Nose Day on **Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>**. Please wear something red and donate to this fantastic charity. We sold our 80 red noses in 48 hours but they are available in Sainsbury's and Oxfam if you need more! We will combine this with Tea and Treats for Mothering Sunday - more details will be sent closer to the time.

Norma Young kindly continues to collect clothes, shoes, bedding (not duvets) towels and curtains for us at the Christon Bank shop, for the Great North Air Ambulance appeal. Please drop in any donations over the half term. The next pick up is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March. A percentage of the total raised goes back into school funds and the rest to an extremely valuable local service that has touched the lives of many of us.

Thank you to John Davidson for giving up his time to lead our Tag rugby after school sessions; the children have had great fun and developed their skills. Thank you to parents /carers for dealing with such muddy kit.

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It has come to our attention that a number of girls are wearing pierced earrings. It is PE policy that no earrings are worn for PE or swimming. Please don't send them to school with earrings on a Tuesday Thursday and Friday. If they have only recently had their ears pierced they may wear plasters until their ears are healed.

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, Early Years and Reception will be visiting the Lego Dinosaurs at Woodhorn Colliery. If they normally have school lunch they will be provided with a packed lunch and will return in time for the end of the school day.

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Y3, 4 and 5 have a community project day in school organised by Young Enterprise

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