



# Spring Newsletter 2



## Staffing News

Thank you for all of your good wishes, following my recent wedding. I'm slowly getting used to being 'Mrs Tait'!

## World Book Day



We will celebrate this in school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. The children are invited to dress up as a character from a Julia Donaldson story book. This year we are going to have completely mixed age classes, with a wide range of story related activities planned for the children to do.



## Church Links

Well done to our Year 1 children, who attended St. Margaret's Church on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February. I have heard nothing but praise for your beautiful reading and singing all linked to your Year Group Worship about 'Caring'.

On Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March we will be welcoming Bishop John Hayden into school. He will lead worship with our junior children and then give the children the opportunity to ask him questions and to look at some artefacts he is bringing along.

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March St. Margaret's Church is holding a 'Talk to Jesus' event. Our children and families are invited to drop by and take part in the wide range of planned activities, from sending semaphore messages from the top of the tower to art and crafts inside the church. Myself or Mr. Baker will be there from 10-2pm, if you would like to drop any children off between these times.

On 12<sup>th</sup> March there will be a 'Messy Church' event for children at St. John's Church, where the children can enjoy arts and crafts on a Lenten theme.

## Safer Internet Day



The whole school carried out activities relating to the theme: Be the change; unite for a better internet. The content was mainly based around photographs and displaying them online. We will be holding an internet safety information evening for parents on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. I am increasingly alarmed at how seemingly innocuous apps and games accessed by our children can leave them open to the dangers of on-line grooming. Please come along to ensure you are up to date with the latest advice for parents.

## Y5 Panto

A huge thank you to all in Year 5, for entertaining us all superbly with your recent pantomime, 'Snow White the Sequel'. Your professionalism, confidence and talent was clear for all to see.



## Sporting News

Our sports teams have been working hard- 40 children from Years 5 and 6 took part in the Cross Country league, running on three consecutive Saturdays, often in inclement weather. Overall our school team won the league- the girls were joint winners with Newker Primary and the boys were runners up. Freya and Zach were awarded prizes for their individual performances. A fantastic result for our Cross Country Team! The Winter League football team saw 30 junior boys in action over the three weeks. Our 5-a-side team is through to the final. A huge thank you to our parents and staff for your continued support in accompanying children to these events.



## Choir News

Congratulations to our School Choir, who sang beautifully at the Sage just before half term. Mrs Bell, Mrs Rose, Miss Nattrass and myself were extremely proud of you all!

## Changes to School Lunches

The deadline for making changes to lunch choices for the first Summer half term is on **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**.

## School Uniform

The next deadline for ordering uniform is **April 16<sup>th</sup>**.

## Parking

Please ensure that you park safely and considerately. There have been several complaints from local residents to school about blocked driveways and cars reversing onto pavements when there are children nearby. Please remember to park on the left hand side of Archery Rise as you face down the hill and keep the right free, so as to allow access for emergency vehicles and other traffic.



## Dogs

Dogs are not permitted within the school grounds. A complaint has been made to the Environmental Health due to the excessive barking by a dog tied up at the school gate. If your dog becomes distressed when left tied up, please don't bring it to school.

# Diary Dates



- 3.3.17 - World Book Day
- 8/9.3.17 - Open Evenings
- 15.3.17- Year 6 to Safety Carousel
- 16.3.17- Y2 and Y4 Dance Festival at the Gala Theatre
- 17.3.17- Cross Country Finals
- 20.3.17- Year 3 to the Oriental Museum
- 22.3.17- Years 5 and 6 Eucharist Service at St. John's Church
- 23.3.17- Year 2 to Hardwick Park
- 24.3.17- School Games Final Day
- 31.3.17- Friends of the School Non-Uniform Day- 'Sports and Hobbies' theme
- 31.3.17- School Disco
- 4.4.17- More Than Dance to work with Years 2 and 4
- 4.4.17 @ 6pm- More Than Dance performance of liturgical dance at St. Margaret's Church
- 7.4.17- Whole School Easter Service at St. Margaret's Church
- 7.4.17- Reception Class Easter Worship at 3pm
- 9.4.17- Reception children invited to play a part in the 10am Sunday Service and create some Easter crafts at St. Margaret's Church

**We break up for Easter at 3.30 pm on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April and return on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Please note that Y6 SATs will be taking place from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> May. There will be no absences authorised during this week.**

**Year 2 SATs can be done any time during May.**