

NEWS

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It has been a very fun-filled few weeks within school since our last newsletter.

Just this last week we had a special visitor – Professor Brainstorm in school for science week.

All of the children in school participated in science workshops where great fun was had with Professor Brainstorm. Echoing around school were shrieks, bangs and pops galore as he wowed the children with science experiments including using a banana as a hammer!

Ask your children about the fun they have had during science week within school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

7th April 9am

Easter Assembly and PAF coffee morning.

Parents/Carers welcome (numbers limited).

8th April

School closed for Teacher Training Day

25th April 8.55am

School resumes for the children



Safety reminders:

There are no scooters, bikes, wheeled toys or wheeled footwear permitted to be ridden or used on the yard. Children have been advised of the sanctions if they are observed breaking this important Health and Safety rule.

No dogs are permitted within the school grounds please.

Can we also remind all adults transporting children to and from school, to park respectfully. We have very good relationships with our residential neighbours and want these to continue.



Easter Egg-stravaganza!

It seems such a long time since we have been able to share an invite to an assembly – however we are hopeful that our Easter assembly on 7th April at 9am will be our first.

Obviously, we will still have to be compliant with hall capacity numbers, however we would like to invite 50 parents/carers to join us for this assembly. We will be admitting people on a first come-first served basis and request that due to space limitations, babies in pushchairs/prams are not brought to the assembly.

Unfortunately, if Covid infection rates within school rise before the assembly, we may have to cancel this, so please keep an eye on your emails.



The PAF have kindly donated prizes for the Easter colouring competition (which goes out to children Monday 29th March) and winners will be announced and awarded their prizes during the assembly.

The PAF Association are also hosting a coffee 'meet and greet' morning after the assembly – this is an opportunity to meet with the current members and find out more about the group and how important they are to school and the children. Without the PAF Association fundraising for school, we would not have all of the lovely enrichment activities we do.



NEW AND NEARLY NEW SOFT TOY APPEAL

Please can you all look through toy boxes, shelves and at the foot of beds for any new or nearly new soft toys and teddy bears who you are looking to rehome! We are hoping that these very special cuddlies will form part of a new feature at our summer fayre. We cannot take hard bodied dolls or toys which cannot be washed however.

Please donate all soft toys in a carrier bag (as we know that some will be being covertly donated!) for the attention of Mrs. Reed who is coordinating the collection, by May 9th. That gives everyone 6 weeks to donate their unwanted teddy bears and soft toys.

Governor update:

Hi my name is Lance and I am a parent governor.

Following a job move I relocated with my family to Holywell in November 2016. I have two daughters both of whom attend Holywell First School. I have a background in Education, having previously worked as a secondary school maths teacher. My interests include photography, writing and travelling.

As part of my governor role I recently visited school to observe a maths lesson and gain an overview of how maths is being planned and delivered across the whole school. In line with Holywell school vision I found the pupils in class to be curious about learning and they demonstrated a give it a go attitude and perseverance.

Teaching staff were attuned to the emotional presentation and needs of the pupils. All pupils appeared to be emotionally regulated towards accessing learning. Pupil's approach and attitude towards learning seemed positive. One of the key maths priorities at school is developing mathematical language and I was able to observe this during my visit. Maths vocabulary was clearly being reinforced throughout the lesson.

PE Kit reminder:

Please can all children ensure they bring their PE kit to school each Monday morning. As the weather improves, more PE sessions will take place outdoors so PE kits are essential and need to contain trainers please.

Thank you to those parents/carers who have answered our plea for help and have joined our PAF Association – we are very grateful to you.

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Book Festival

We are pleased to announce Morpeth Book Festival will be taking place on Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th April.

The events take place at Morpeth Library and Pleased to Meet You Morpeth, with events for all ages, and including an accessibility event.

Authors appearing include Ann Cleeves, Mari Hannah & Glenda Young. We have a poetry programme, and a series of panel events including "Murder & Mayhem" with Trevor Wood, Fiona Erskine, Robert Scragg and Fiona Veitch Smith, in conversation with Helen Bridgett.

For children we have workshops with Miles Hudson "Postcards from Space", "Adventure Babies" with Ashleigh Dale, and "The Adventures of Pennie" with Penny Claire McAndrews.

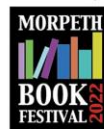
The link to view the whole schedule and book is: www.gmdtevents.eventbrite.com

It is also possible to pop in to Morpeth Library to get tickets.

We hope some of the children will be able to attend the events within the Easter holidays.



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