



Welcome to the Monthly Bulletin

The next issue will be out in June

May 2017

Active 10 at Stannington Infant School

At Stannington Infant School we love to be active! Exercise has lots of benefits; it is good for our physical and mental health, it boosts our academic performance and improves social skills. Each class will be taking part in a daily challenge called 'Active 10.' At any point during the day the teacher can decide that it is time for ten minutes exercise to get our heart rate up which will increase brain activity and recharge us ready for more super learning!! It is up to the class what they do; so far we have seen dancing and running round the playground and field. Look out for us having fun keeping our bodies and brains active.

Ask your child about their 'Active 10.' I wonder if they have managed to beat their teacher running round the playground!?



10 day
Active Travel
challenge!



10 day active challenge starts on
Tuesday 6th June until Friday 16th June.

Remember to add your sticker to the
class chart each time you travel
'actively'



The Bunny Hunt was a huge success this year.

Many thanks to the PFA and all the parents who helped to organise and run the day.

We had the most wonderful entries in our egg and hat competition. Here is a small selection:



Representatives from the Governing body will be available at the Foundation Stage welcome meetings on the 22nd and 23rd of May and at the Transition / Curriculum meetings for Y1 on the 4th July and Y2 5th July.

We have a vacancy for a parent Governor; please speak with Mrs Binns if you are interested in joining the team.

Staffing 2017 – 18

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to some staff this summer. Mrs Barker, Mrs Catherine Hawley and Miss Moffatt are all leaving, as is Mrs Grayhurst. I am sure you will join me in expressing appreciation for everything they have done to support school in its continued strive for excellence.

So our staffing for September will be

Foundation Stage

FSB Mrs Billingsley

FSD Miss Howell (*and Mrs Darrington when she returns from maternity leave*)

with Mrs Hawley, Mrs Platts and Mrs Simpson

Year 1

1GE Mrs Greensmith and Mrs Everitt

1GR Miss Gore and Mrs Robinson

With Mrs Woodhead and Mrs Leaf

Year 2

2H Mrs Harris

2F Mrs Fisher

With Mrs Grayson and Mrs Turner



PLEASE CAN YOU HELP?



Are you able to spare 1 morning or afternoon (or part of) each week to help the children change library books?

This would involve fetching small groups of children from each class, helping them to choose a book and ensuring the ticket is placed in their name card wallet.

We would really appreciate any help you are able to give. Please speak to Mrs Binns if you can support this.

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Deputy Headteacher: Liz Harris

Chair of Governors: Liz Tunnard



Educational Visits

Please note that all families requiring school to provide a packed lunch must order this prior to the visit. Thank you for the support for the recent educational visits.

Y2s thoroughly enjoyed their theatre visit to see Fantastic Mr Fox

We went on Wednesday 4th May 2017 to see Fantastic Mr Fox at the Lyceum Theatre! We had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed seeing one of his books brought to life through song and acting. The children laughed and gasped at the adventures and mishaps Mr Fox and his friends had as they escaped the clutches of Farmers Boggis, Bunce and Bean.



Foundation Stage meet the Gruffalo

Our author focus for this half term has been Julie Donaldson. We have enjoyed learning The Gruffalo story and joining in with the repeated refrains. We invited The Gruffalo to come into school to bring our storytelling to life. We enjoyed a fantastic day retelling the Gruffalo story using drama, musical instruments and dressing up as the characters. The Gruffalo was hiding in our school and we had to follow the clues to try and find him. We collected orange eyes, purple prickles, a black tongue, turned out toes, a poisonous wart and he then came to meet us with a special bookmark and songs. We also enjoyed playing Gruffalo board games, making puppets, acting out the story using musical instruments and dressing up as the story characters. The children's comments the following day during circle times showed how much they had enjoyed the day. "I loved it all especially meeting the Gruffalo." "I loved dressing up."



And they met creatures too!

The children have been keen to learn about animals so we chose the topic to be All Creatures Great and Small for the final weeks of the half term. We were keen to follow up the children's interests and asked them what they wanted to learn. They were keen to learn about zoo animals, jungle animals and pets so we followed their interests. The theme began with a first-hand visit to school from All Critters Great and Small. The children were introduced to a snake gecko, a Palm Civit, a skunk, a racoon, cockroach and a giant millipede. The children were fascinated and keen to handle the creatures. They asked fantastic questions about "What do giant millipedes eat?" "What is Palm Civit?" "Do the geckos camouflage themselves?" The children listened and handled the creatures with great care and sensitivity. We learnt about the habitats the creatures lived in when in the wild, what they ate and where they were kept. The most exciting part of the children's morning was getting the opportunity to hold a 17 foot snake with small groups. They were so strong because the snake weighed 4 stone!! We followed our learning up in the classroom writing about our favourite creatures, writing thank you letters, painting our favourite animals, making model animals and researching animals using information books. The children are now keen to develop their knowledge of jungle animals and so our learning journey takes us into the rainforest this week to find out about the animals that live there and we will take a virtual tour inside the Amazon Rainforest.





School Terms and Holidays

Academic Year 2016/2017

Term Dates (All dates inclusive)

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| Spring | Tuesday 3 January 2017 | Friday 7 April 2017 |
| Summer | Monday 24 April 2017 | Friday 21 July 2017 |

Holiday Periods

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| Half Term | Monday 24 October 2016 | Friday 28 October 2016 |
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| Spring Half Term | Monday 20 February 2017 | Friday 24 February 2017 |
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| May Day | Monday 1 May 2017 | |
| Spring Bank | Monday 29 May 2017 | Friday 2 June 2017 |
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| SATs Weeks | First three weeks May 2017 | |

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