

Allendale First School
April 2010 Newsletter

Firstly can I thank all the parents, staff and children who made the sleepover a huge success. It was a really enjoyable, (if sleepless night for the adults!) and the children were fantastic. The money raised from the sleepover will go towards a whole school trip to Beamish on Thursday 15th July.

The Bags2School collection is next Thursday, 29th April. Any bags can be left at school from Monday 26th April. A good time to have a sort out!

We are currently collecting Tesco vouchers and Flora Cooking tokens.

We would like to thank the parents and friends of the school who came in last weekend to paint the garden equipment. The garden is a really valuable resource in school and help to maintain it is greatly appreciated.

Parents Evenings will be Tuesday 4th May and Wednesday 5th May. The children brought a letter home about this yesterday. .

The Outdoor Learning Programme has now resumed. Class 3 are going to Allenbanks on Friday, and doing a session in school on Monday 26th April. As their first session at the end of March was curtailed due to the snow, the Monday session has been extended to fit in the activities missed. Consequently, there will be **no swimming** on Monday 26th April.

Can I remind parents that swimming is now £3.00 per child. This is due to the increased costs of the transport.

During the Easter holidays a lot of repair and maintenance work has been carried out around the building.

- The roof has been repaired, (again), so hopefully parents and children won't be falling over buckets in the corridor now when it rains!
- The boiler has been repaired, (again), and we're hoping that the heating will now work consistently throughout school.
- A lot of electrical faults were identified in our statutory fixed wire testing. These have now been corrected and lights replaced throughout school.
- The ramp in class 2 has been replaced and we consider the surface to be much safer for the children now.
- Building work has been very swiftly carried out at the rear of the hall, where a new table and chair store is being constructed.
- The hall has been redecorated and looks much cleaner and fresher.

We're still trying to improve the access door in the corridor, the company have been back to assess it and hopefully will be able to make it easier to open and put the lock the right way up!

Parents who bring their children into school may have noticed a blue notice board, currently in the library and previously in the hall, on which the children are putting post notes with their comments. We are using this as a children's survey and would like to have this in the hall at the open afternoon for parents to have their say. It's a very simple format; we just want your opinions on what we do well inside and outside the classroom, what is ok and what can be improved. The children have come up with some interesting ideas and lots to celebrate about school.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 22 nd April	School photographs	
Friday 23 rd April	Allenbanks Trip	Class 3
Monday 26 th April	Outdoor Learning	Class 3
Monday 26 th April	PTFA meeting 7pm at the Golden Lion	
Tuesday 27 th April	Hexham Book Festival	Year 4
Tuesday 27 th April	Healthy Food Workshop	Reception
Friday 30 th April	PTFA Film Night	
Tuesday 4 th April	Open Afternoon and Parents Evening	
Wednesday 5 th April	Parents Evening	
Friday 7 th May	Nenthead Trip	Class 3
Wednesday 12 th May	Outdoor Learning	Class 3
Wednesday 12 th May	Vindolanda Trip	Class 4
Thursday 13 th May	David Slaville, Methodist Minister Assembly	
Tuesday 18 th May	Mr Hayrake & local farm visit	Year 3&4
Friday 21 st May	Funky Friday County Band to perform in school	
Monday 24 th May	Allenbanks Trip	Class 2
Wednesday 26 th May	Outdoor Learning	Class 2
Wednesday 26 th May	Golf tuition	Year4
Thursday 28 th May	Possible school event in village linked to out Finance Education Project. Watch this space!	

That's just this half term!

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