



Hesleden Primary School – Newsletter [Feb/Mar 2020]



School website



All of the information provided in whole school letters should also appear on our website which we try to update at least half-termly, visit us at www.hesleden.durham.sch.uk ; Up-to-date news and pictures are shared through our Twitter account, follow us at www.twitter.com/hesledenprimary

Dates for your diary – Spring 2nd half-term

The events planned so far are listed below and further information will follow where necessary.

<i>February:</i>	Mon 24 th	Hoopstarz sessions – whole school, to be rescheduled
	M 24 th - Th 27 th	Book Fair – 3pm
	Tues 25 th	Y2 – Hoopstarz festival (am)
	Fri 28 th	C2 & C3 Family Friday Wear red for CHUF – whole school (see over)
<i>March:</i>	Mon 2 nd	Adam Bushnell – writing workshops in KS2
	Tues 3 rd	Father Kyle visiting Class 2 (pm)
	Wed 4 th	Year 3/4 Football festival (am)
	Thur 5 th	WORLD BOOK DAY activities (in school time)
	Fri 6 th	Hannah Fishburn visiting Eco-Schools group
	Mon 9 th	Sport relief week Year 6 – Safety Carousel (all day) Year 4 & 5 – Now Press Play session (pm) PCSO Goodwin visiting Class 2 (pm)
	Tues 10 th	Father Kyle visiting Class 4 (pm)
	Wed 11 th	Deanna Van Der Velde – Judaism workshops for Y4/5/6 Y1/2 Football festival (am)
	W 11 th – F 13 th	Poverty Proofing Audit (separate letter will follow)
	Thurs 12 th	Sarah McAllister, Enterprise (Chocolate) with KS1
	Fri 13 th	Class 4 & 5 Family Friday; 9-9.30am Y3 & Y4 Parents meeting for Moor House, 3pm
	Mon 16 th	School Photographs – individuals & families
	Tue 17 th	Class 3 visit to Durham Museum of Archaeology Father Kyle visiting Class 5 (pm)
	Wed 18 th	Dance festival – details to be confirmed
	Thurs 19 th	Parent Consultations (Y1-6 from 1pm; Reception from 3pm)
	Fri 20 th	Whole school Science day – Steve’s Animal Ark Hannah Fishburn visiting Eco-Schools group
	Tues 24 th	Father Kyle visiting Class 3 (pm)
	Wed 25 th	Class 2 Parents’ Assembly, 9.05am
	Wed 25 th - Fri 27 th	Y3 & Y4 Outdoor Activities Residential at Moor House
	Thur 26 th	Y5/6 Basketball festival (pm)
	Fri 27 th	Class 1 Family Friday; 9-10am
	Mon 30 th	Whole school – Easter Service at Hesleden Chapel Final Placement Trainee Teachers in Classes 4 & 5
	Tue 31 st	Family Easter crafts – from 1.30pm
<i>April:</i>	Wed 1 st	Family Easter crafts – from 1.30pm
	Fri 3 rd	Break up for Easter break – return to school – Monday 20th April

Happy Birthdays..following an annual review of our Data Protection procedures, birthdays will no longer appear on our newsletters, although, of course, they will still be recognised in school.

Term dates and holiday times for this academic year [2019-20]

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Easter 2020	Friday 3 April 2020	Monday 20 April 2020
Summer half-term 2020	Thursday 21 May 2020	Monday 1 June 2020
Summer 2020	Friday 17 July 2020	

Note: School will be closed to children for staff training on Friday 22 May 2020.

New Lunchtime Supervisor

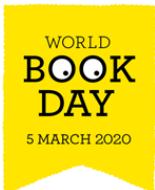
Our new Lunchtime Supervisor is Miss Vicky Jackson. She will begin her role this half term and we welcome her to the team.

CHUF



On **Friday 28th February** we will be **wearing red for CHUF** – Children's Heart Unit Fund – for the Freeman Hospital.

This year, as a one off, we have been asked, by one of our families, to support the charity which raises money for equipment, facilities and family support. We are asking for a **£1 donation on the day**, and for children to wear as much, or as little red as they wish.



Children are invited to come to school on Thursday 5th March dressed as a character from a book.

We look forward to seeing as many imaginative costumes and outfits as possible, and will award a prize for the best dressed/best idea in each class. To celebrate World Book Day, we will be organising a special day of reading and writing activities.

Sport Relief



We will be supporting Sport Relief with a week of activities from Monday 9th to Friday 13th March. Once the School Council and Sports Ambassadors have planned the week, they will be sending full details home of how they would like your support.

Easter Activities and Raffle

On Tuesday 31 March and Wednesday 1st April, we will be holding afternoon family Easter craft sessions. You will be able to come into school and enjoy creating Easter-themed items for our family competition. There will be prizes awarded during our end of term assembly on Friday 3rd April, so if you are unable to attend, you can send entries in from home.



We are also hoping to have a **giant** Easter-treats raffle for the children again this year. **We would appreciate any donations of prizes**, including Easter eggs and sweet treats. Raffle tickets will be on sale from Monday 16th March for 20p each.

Parking

Over the past term, parking around the school entrance has become an issue, once again. Staff have been asking parents not to park down the drive, around the gate entrance, as this area is in constant use – particularly around Breakfast club drop-off time.

Double parking and parking on the footpaths at 8.45am and 3pm has also been reported as an issue. The Police have informed us that they have sent letters to car owners who had been reported by other parents and residents.

Please, for the safety of all your children, park away from the school drive, and sharp corner opposite our entrance.

Coffee Morning

The Friends of the School host a coffee morning every Friday, 9-10am, in the Entrance conservatory. Everyone is welcome for a cuppa and a cake (£1). They hold a weekly raffle at 50p.



All money raised is used to support school activities, including paying for transport costs to the cinema and most educational visits.

Why don't you pop in after this half-term's Family Fridays – you'd be most welcome!



This half-term we will be telling children that they still need wellies to play on the field. We expect it to still be muddy, but most children do play sensibly (old trousers/tracksuit bottoms might be a good idea to put over uniforms).

We have had a good sort out of the equipment and there is lots to do on the field during break times. This improves behaviour and keeps most children engaged.

We have spoken to some children about the state of their clothing when they have intentionally slid in mud, or jumped in puddles – they know that this is not acceptable and that they need to be more responsible, particularly towards those who have to do the laundry.