

Headteacher's Blog



Class 2 having great fun at the Skipping Festival at Willowburn on Thursday.

Friday 10th February 2023
Multiple page issue.

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Welcome to this weeks HT Blog. It was lovely to see many of you at our community tree planting last Friday. Just a reminder, our new library space will be open as a 'warm hub' on Mondays and Fridays 2p.m. -3.30p.m. If you would like to make use of this space please call into the office and we will sign you in and take you across to the 'hub'. As part of this new initiative we are now able to offer refreshments and a book swap.

Next week is our last week before the half term holiday. We break up on Thursday as we have a Teacher Training Day on the Friday.

We are having some building work on the playground as another stone shed roof is replaced and some internal work to school so there will be workers on site throughout the half term. Therefore, the school playground and fields will be out of bounds for at least the first part of the holiday. If works are completed sooner I will send a message out so anyone wishing to use our field will be able to.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Mr Charlton on Gate Duty if you have any suggestions on how we can improve, concerns, queries or comments. Staff are also happy to talk to you at the end of each day during collection time.

Best wishes,

Belinda Athey - Headteacher.



Community Tree Planting

Some photos can be found here and more can be found on our school website in the whole school photo gallery.



Children's Mental Health Week

A great many of our children love to be outside, whether it be for Forest Schools, PE or at break times. As part of our wellbeing activities this week the children were given new break time equipment some of which can be pictured here:

Reminders:

On Thursday 16th February there will be a Coffee and Chat at 1.30p.m. followed by Class 2 Assembly in the school hall at 2p.m. Everyone welcome.

The letter with details of After School Clubs for the next half term has been sent out. Please send your replies back to school as soon as possible so that we can confirm which clubs we are able to offer before the half term holiday.

On 7th March the girls in Y3,4 and 5 have been invited to attend a football festival at Alnwick Town Juniors Club - letter to follow.

World Book Day 2nd March 2023.




As part of our love of reading and ways to promote this with children we have always celebrated WBD. In the past the children have dressed as their favourite book character while taking part in book related activities throughout the day. This year we did not want to put additional financial pressure on families to go out and buy costumes so had intended not to include a dressing up theme this year. However, after talking to some of the children this week who have already chosen their costume we have decided that dressing up as your favourite book character will be an option for children if they wish. A while ago when we had our clothes swap shop it was mentioned to me that it would be good if we could have a costume swap shop so next week there will be an impromptu pop up shop.

See poster overleaf for details.

We loved welcoming new faces to our Storytime Adventure. The children loved sharing the story Whatever Next. We return to Friday sessions from March and home more families can join us.



Events you might like

<p>Join our panel of experts for a live webinar</p>  <p>County Lines 3 - a Free Webinar for Parent & Child (aged 12 and under)</p> <p>Wed, Feb 15, 2023 6:30 PM GMT</p>	<p>Join our panel of experts for a live webinar</p>  <p>County Lines 3 - a Free Webinar for Parent & Child (aged 13 and over)</p> <p>Wed, Feb 15, 2023 7:15 PM GMT</p>	<p>County Lines - Parent Webinar</p>  <p>Hear from Kendra, a survivor of county lines who was criminally exploited as a child.</p> <p>"Thank you so much for an incredible webinar. Kendra's story was very powerful and impactful!" - Nene</p> <p>County Lines Session 2 - Free Parent Webinar-North East & Cambridgeshire</p> <p>Wed, Feb 8, 2023 7:00 PM GMT</p>
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Keeping Children Safe.

I have been asked to pass on the following information by our school safeguarding team who do an excellent job of supporting schools with up to date training and information.

In 2021 the National County Lines Coordination Centre (NCLCC) approached Pace (Parents Against Child Exploitation) and Barnardo's TVT regarding the delivery of county lines awareness webinars for parents and carers, following NCLCC recognising a gap in the current awareness and outreach programmes, in that parents have had little engagement. Following a successful pilot of the parent webinars, targeting locations identified by the NCLCC, funding was secured to expanded.

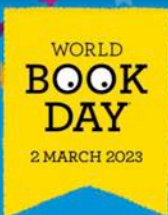
There are 3 sessions within the parent package, the first an introduction to criminal exploitation and county lines, the second a lived experience approach from the lens of the child and following feedback from parents and carers requesting a third session to offer opportunities for the parent to attend with their children a third parent and child session was commissioned and added to the webinar series for 2022-2023.

The sessions are planned for early evening to allow more parents to attend. It is promoted via Eventbrite as well as the option of ringing Pace and booking directly. (See below for the link to Eventbrite)

The sessions are delivered for 1.5 hours remotely via Zoom, with an hour dedicated to delivery and 30 minutes for questions and discussion.

Help and Support for affected parents is offered throughout the session. Facilitators created a space after the event for those who attended to stay on to speak directly to Pace and Barnardo's as well as the SPOC for their area. We also offered private direct messaging as well as contact details to follow up with after the sessions. Impact on parents Following each session, parents are invited to complete feedback via an anonymous poll.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/county-lines-in-the-north-east-free-parent-webinar-tickets-519160822997?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>

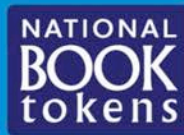


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COSTUME SWAP SHOP

Wearing a costume is optional but many children love to dress up. Costumes can be expensive and worn infrequently. If you have a costume from last year which will no longer be used please bring it into school from **Monday 13th February**. We will have a swap shop stall on the morning of **Thursday 16th February** during school time. No charge will be made if you are unable to provide a costume to swap, a adults book for our reading hub book swap would be wonderful.

