




# Newsletter



Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

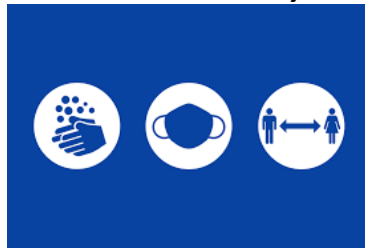


	<i>Pupils Involved</i>	<i>Event</i>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March		
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school	PE - children can come to school in PE kit.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception	Forest school
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school	PE - children can come to school in PE kit.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception: Forest school Fun Friday: It's 'Red Nose Day' so let's wear anything red. 	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March		
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Whole school	PE - children can come to school in PE kit.
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception	Forest school
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole school	PE - children can come to school in PE kit.  Children's Easter egg bingo - straight after school until 5pm.
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Fun Friday - let's attempt to wear something 'Eastery' a bunny or chick headband, an Easter bonnet? Or just something in a nice bright Spring colour!  Reception: Forest school  School closes for the Easter holidays	



*Please contact school as soon as possible if your child is absent – thank you.  
For the safety of all children - please inform school directly if there are any changes  
to your child's home time arrangements – thank you.  
If your child has any COVID-19 symptoms you will be asked to get them tested or  
isolate for the government recommended period.*

*We thank you for your support in this unusual situation and hope you appreciate  
that as a school we cannot take any unnecessary risks.*



*Please remember that the virus has not gone away and we still need to be sure to  
follow the guidance to help keep us all safe.  
Northumberland guidance can be found at the link below:*

*[www.northumberland.gov.uk/coronavirus/Latest-information-and-advice-on-Coronavirus.aspx](http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/coronavirus/Latest-information-and-advice-on-Coronavirus.aspx)*

*'Friends of Bellingham Primary School'*

*Our team of dedicated fundraisers are raring to go and will be  
setting up the ever-popular '100 Square' to begin today.  
This can be viewed on Facebook and paid for using ParentPay.*



*Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March – a donations page has been set up for this charity  
day in school when children can wear anything red. Please use your  
ParentPay account make a donation – thank you.*

## What's happening this week in our classrooms?

**Reception: Books of the week** - Ravi's Roar by Tom Percival and Ruby's Worry by Tom Percival.

**Personal and Social Development** - *Children talk about how they and others show feelings. They show sensitivity to others' needs and feelings of others.* Children talk about how the characters are feeling in the story Ravi's Roar and Ruby's Worry.

**Communication and Language** - *Children answer 'how' and 'why' questions about their experiences and in response to stories.* Children answer how and why questions about how the characters are feeling.

**Physical Development** - *Children handle equipment and tools effectively, including pencils for writing.* Children use pencils, paintbrushes, tweezers etc. to complete a range of activities set up around the classroom.

**Literacy** - *Links sounds to letters, naming and sounding the letters of the alphabet.* Recap our single letter sounds and sh, ch and th. *Children use phonic knowledge to sound out and blend CVC words and write words which match their spoken sounds.* Children practise reading and writing CVC words.

**Mathematics** - *Children count reliably with numbers from one to 20.* Children play a variety of games to encourage their number recognition and counting.

**Understanding the World** - *Children talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members.* Children talk about what makes them happy at home and at school. Children join in Red Nose day activities.

**Expressive Arts and Design** - *represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings through design and technology, art, music, dance, role play and stories.* Children paint pictures of the things that make them happy.

Class 1:

English- We will be focusing on basic skills using the book 'Ruby's Worry'. We will be continuing to write sentences and learning about verbs.

Maths- We will be continuing learning and exploring 2D and 3D shapes. Year 1 will be naming 2D and 3D shapes and exploring pattern. Year 2 will be exploring the features of 2D and 3D shapes.

Geography- We will be creating a map of school and comparing our school to Ruby's school.

Art- Ruby loves being out in her garden and finding different flowers. We will be drawing daffodils from my garden.

PSHE- We will be sharing what makes us worried and what to do when we are worried.

Science- Our topic is animals. Year 1 will be learning all about mammals. Year 2 will be learning about which animals give birth and which animals lay eggs.

P.E- Last week we had lots of fun playing team games with Mr Ellison, we will be continuing team games this week.

How to help at home: Read 3 times at home. I was very impressed with your home reading last week.

Class 2 :

English - We are going to try some descriptive writing this week and make sure that we are using adjectives, nouns and verbs in our writing. We will also continue learning about the two main characters in our story. We will be thinking about how they can resolve their problems and ways to help them. We will be writing diary entries as the characters and creating our own comic strips showing friendship and kindness.

Maths - Our work on fractions this week continues with a consolidation of equivalent fractions, counting in fractions on a number line and finishing the week with adding fractions.

Science - Our sound topic leads us to creating our own musical instruments with junk modelling.

RE - We will be learning about the Easter Story this week and why Christians celebrate Easter.

Art - We will be doing some paper weaving to design Easter eggs.

Topic - Our work on the railways will continue this week with thinking about the impact that the railways have had, both positive and negative.

PE - Games with Mr Ellison.

***Whilst we recognise the importance of everyone's wellbeing and feelings of anxiety around returning to school we feel it is important to reinstate some normality; therefore our daily routine hasn't changed. Children will be taken in small groups to do some additional work with Mrs O'Connor focusing on specific needs and basic skills revision. We will continue to access additional specialised support for those who need it.***



### Easter Egg Bingo

We are super-excited to announce the return of one of our favourite after school events for all children ...Bingo!!

This will be held in our 'bubbles' after school on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

Children can stay, have a snack and play a few games of Bingo with their friends and teachers.

Please use ParentPay to confirm your child's attendance with payment of £4. (includes hot-dog, juice and biscuit)

Our fundraising money this term will be spent on re-vamping our outdoor area in the hope that we can spend more time outside when the sun is out!



Our classrooms will soon be seeing the arrival of new resources thanks to a very kind donation from the Ray Wind Farm.

We plan to spend our latest donation from them on music provision for the whole school – Thank you!

## School meals

COVID-19 has brought about many disappointments and changes to our lives but has also made us re-think about how we do things and what might work better...

Since returning to school in September we have served our own meals and proved that it has many benefits - children are in class for longer prior to lunchtime, they get the opportunity of 'seconds' and also get longer outside for playtime.

We feel that now is the time for change and are really excited to be working with The Boe Rigg for our school catering needs as from April 12<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone in the school canteen for all the lovely meals provided- especially our delicious cake and custard days!

Menus are on our school website and Class Dojo. There will be no change to our ordering or payment systems.