



Growing Together



Friday 29th March

I've been invited into two exciting lessons since writing the last Friday Letter. I have toasted marshmallows with Reception children in Forest School on Friday and watched them all follow the safety rules. They really enjoy the marshmallows! I was then invited to watch a google classroom lesson in Year One on Tuesday. The children knew so much about Neil Armstrong and then used all their IT skills to make a power point! It was unbelievable how talented our Year One children were in the lesson. It was also really nice to see so many of you at our Parents Evening and hearing the lovely comments you have made about the staff and the work the children have completed. We also hope that you found the new online booking system easy to use. Mrs Taylor

Message Board

Plant Donation

Mr Johnson is currently transforming a part of the school grounds that has been over grown and not used. He is looking for any donations of flowering plants to help enhance the area not shrubs. When the garden is finished the children will be able to have access to it to carry out tasks and explore the wildlife that lives there. If you think you can help by donating any flowering plants you do not need please bring them along and leave them either at main reception or near the nursery gate. Thank you.

Reception Visit to St James' Church

The children really enjoyed visiting the church to learn about Noah and his ark. The children enjoyed singing songs and making their own ark during the session. We are really proud of the children and their awareness of their own safety when walking to and from the church and could explain why it was important to stay close to the adults and walk sensibly. Thank you to all the parents who came and joined in with the activities.

April 4th Parent Online Safety Event

Thank you all for submitting your questions for our online safety events - keep them coming! Both events are open to all parents from nursery to Year 6. It will be a really worthwhile event. For more information see Twitter or follow the link on the Teachers2Parents text.

Clubs

Please note there will be no clubs running the last week of term. This is with the exception of Mr Wilson's digital detectives club which WILL be on in order for the children to complete their work. New club information will be sent out after Easter. Reminder that clubs will not be on the first week back after the holidays.

Family learning

This week we have a member of staff from the foundation of light visit our KS2 children to talk about a family learning course we are hoping to run after Easter. Please see the attached flyer for more details. Mrs Gray

Play Care

Burnopfield Play Care are holding an Easter disco on Friday 5th April between 3.30 and 5.30pm. It will be held in the Junior Hall. Raffle and refreshments will be available. Tickets are available from Play Care and are priced at £2.50.

Year 5 and 6 Children

Walking to school - There are several Year 5 and 6 children are arriving late for school. The children should be on the yard at 8.50am and be ready for the teachers to bring them in at 8.55am. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. If the same children are continually late they will have to be brought to school by an adult as they will lose the privilege of walking independently as we feel parents are not aware that they are often late to their lines.

Also children are reminded that if they bring a mobile phone onto school they must turn them completely off before they come onto the school grounds and they must not be turned back on again until they leave the grounds. Children should not have them on in the yard. Thank you

Anyone wishing to book their child in for the Easter holidays can contact Margaret Little on 07914780804. Activities will include pj day, mermaids and pirates, and Easter arts and crafts.

Year 2 Trip

On Wednesday Year 2 had a fantastic visit to Washington Wildfowl and Wetlands Centre. They caught mini beasts, experienced pond dipping, watched different animals from a hide and saw otters and flamingos being fed. They learnt so much about the creatures living in the different habitats. Behaviour throughout the day was fabulous. Well done Year 2.

Year 3 Trip

This week, Year 3 travelled to Hexham to visit the abbey there as part of their RE work. We were "bowled over" by just how grand the place was, as well as how intricate all of the stained glass windows were, not to mention being a little scared of the crypt which we were lucky enough to clamber into. After lunch, we then walked in the sun, noting all of the physical and human features we came across, which fed into our previous topic of Around the UK in 80 Days. We topped the day off by taking part in a Hexham High Street Quiz. Behaviour on this trip was, as usual, excellent, and coupled with the many insightful questions that they asked in the abbey, the children left us feeling very proud... and tired. Incredibly tired. Mr Gibson, Mrs Marley & Mrs Dixon.

**tweet of the week**



**Burnopfield Primary @Burnopfield\_sch · 3h** ✓  
Everyone is so EGGcited by our new deliveries. Mrs Brunton would like to introduce Cracker 🐣 Another update.....we now have 4 little ducklings! YAY! - Miss Farries and Miss Oxnard

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## School dinners

Parents are reminded that we need to have 2 weeks written notice if your child wants to change from dinners to packed lunches and vice versa. If you are changing from dinners to packed lunches and notice is not given then you will be charged for the meals.

We have completed an audit of school dinners and have found lots of parents who have not paid for their children's school meals. Parents will be contacted individually about monies owed. Please can we remind you that all dinner money must be paid on a Monday morning for the week. If you are paying half or full termly it needs to be paid in advance and not at the end of the term.

**FREE**  
course

# FAMILY LEARNING COURSE

Learn, play and help  
your youngsters get  
the most out of school

Foundation of Light's Family Learning course welcomes any family member over the age of 19 years. Runs two hours per week - one hour learning with other adults and one hour playing fun games with your children - over 10 weeks.

- Meet and learn with other parents
- Gain skills and knowledge that can improve your life
- Help your child get the most out of school

Family Fitness is a 10-week informal course which takes place at school. It involves 2 hours a week, the first hour is adults only where we will look at healthy aspects of keeping your family fit such as nutrition, exercise and healthy minds. The second an activity hour together with your children that attend Burnopfield Primary School. The course also involves a graduation at the brand-new Beacon of Light complex in Sunderland.

**VENUE:**

Burnopfield Primary School

**START DATE:**

30<sup>th</sup> April

**DAY AND TIME:**

Tuesdays 2.15 - 4.15pm

For more information contact one of our  
team on

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**Please fill in your details below to register your interest. Return to class teacher or reception**

Your first name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone/mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



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