



George Washington Primary School

Friday News

22nd March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 5 York Residential Year 5 have had a wonderful two nights/three days in York with lots of adventures including The Dungeon, going on a ghost walk, and even getting to make their own chocolate. Our children have been a credit to the school and behaved impeccably throughout. I am sure they will be very tired tonight and will be asleep by 7pm! If you haven't yet looked, there are lots of photos on Facebook. Thank you very much to the staff for both organising the trip and giving their time to lead it over the last few days. I am pretty sure they will be asleep by 7pm too!

Reception Parent Event Reception teachers have some fun sessions of Easter Crafts planned for their classes and would like to welcome parents and carers into school to take part. This will take place on Monday 25th March from 9.15am – 10.15am and 2:15pm – 3:15pm in the school hall. If you have not signed up yet, parents can put their name down on the sign-up sheet outside the reception entrance. We kindly ask that you only sign up to one of the sessions as spaces will be limited.

Year 5 Puberty Talk On Monday, the school nurse will be coming into school to deliver a session to all of the year 5 children about growing up, what puberty is and how best to cope with their development. The children will be provided with information booklets by the school nurse to take home and read in their own time. If you have any questions about these sessions, please contact the school office to speak to a member of Key Stage 2 staff.

Easter Egg Competition On Thursday 28th April (the last day of term), all children from Reception to Year 6 will be decorating an egg in school. There will be a prize for one winner in each class. Please can all children bring a **boiled** egg (or fake alternative) to school on Thursday to decorate. Children may also wish to bring some small items to help with their decoration.

Easter Egg Raffle To celebrate the end of the term, we will be holding an Easter egg raffle for each year group on Thursday 28th March. Raffle tickets are 20p each and can still be purchased in the classrooms (KS1) or at break time (KS2). Tickets will be kept in school ready for the draw on Thursday. Look out on our Facebook page for photos of all the prizes.

Girls' Football It was a great night of football for the girls' football team on Tuesday night. We had a bit of a bumpy start against Rickleton, losing 3-0. Despite this, the girls kept their heads up and gave it their all in the remaining three games against JFK, Biddick and St. Bedes. During these games, the girls secured two draws and a win against Biddick, only conceding one goal in total. It was a great night of football overall for the team, well done, girls.

Y4 Football What a phenomenal first run out for the Year 4 football team on Monday night. Not only did they go undefeated, but they finished the night with a plus 5 goal difference. Unfortunately, this was not quite enough to make it through to the semi-finals. We were narrowly beaten overall by Biddick who ended the night with a plus 6 goal difference. A massive well done to our whole team who were fantastic to watch.

Facilities Maintenance Operative we are looking to appoint a highly motivated and enthusiastic facilities maintenance operative. This role will work across all our Trust schools supporting our facilities team with maintenance and small projects. For more information and how to apply please see our website vacancies page. <https://www.gwps.org.uk/our-school/our-vacancies/>

Easter FSM Vouchers These will be available for collection from the main office on Monday (25th) morning. There will be a form to complete prior to them being issued.

Dentists Our Together for Children Family Support Worker has been informed that some local NHS dentists have stopped automatically sending out routine 6-monthly appointments for children on their register which may result in them being removed. She has advised that parents check in with their dental practice to ensure that the next appointments are booked in.

Year 5 and 6 parents We have received a message from Northumbria police about a WhatsApp group called 'everyone you know x'. There are currently 500 members and the group encourages members to self-harm following a social media trend. We would encourage parents and carers to regularly check their child's use of messaging apps and social media and discuss ways to ensure that they are safe online. If your child has been affected by seeing similar content online, the NSPCC website has information that you may find useful.

Easter HAF The Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) programme - named 'Wear Here 4' in Sunderland - is a Department for Education funded programme delivered locally and providing fun, enriching activities and tasty, nutritious meals during school holidays. The criteria for participation is for those children who are eligible for means-tested free school meals, those families who are struggling with the cost of living, and for children who have a special educational need or disability. For more information of what is being offered in Washington and to sign up, please use the link provided.

<https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/washington-timetable>



Forest School Dates - See below for the next forest school sessions:

Date	Class
Monday 15 th April	3WA RMS
Tuesday 16 th April	
Wednesday 17 th April	4JP 6GW
Thursday 18 th April	2KH
Friday 19 th April	1NM
Monday 22 nd April	3AW RLM
Tuesday 23 rd April	
Wednesday 24 th April	4CL 6EA
Thursday 25 th April	2NM
Friday 26 th April	1LM

Forest school will resume after the Easter holidays, please see table above.

PE Days Please find below updated PE days for this half term. On their PE days, children should come into school in PE kit for the full day. School PE kit is a white T-shirt with dark coloured shorts or trousers. **Football kits or similar clothing should not be worn.**

Year Group	PE Day	Swimming Day
Reception	Wednesday	
Year 1	Thursday	
Year 2	Tuesday	
Year 3	Wednesday	
Year 4	Tuesday	4CL – Thursday 4JP – Friday (school closed)
Year 5	Thursday	Wednesday
Year 6	Monday	

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Mr R Knight
Head of School

Class	Star of the Week
RMS	Lucy Davison
RLM	Luca Finn
1NM	Harry Cook
1LM	Amelia Taylor Deacon
2KH	Lily Ross
2NM	Poppy Pattison
3WA	Araoluwa
3AW	Leila Quinn
4JP	Aaliyah Hay
4CL	Fraser Phelps
5CW	All of 5CW
5BG	All of 5BG
6EA	Aaron Nichols
6GW	Lilly Frew