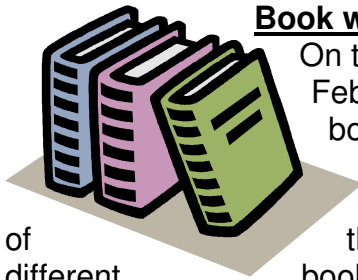




BRIDGEWATER NEWSLETTER

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Book week

On the 10th to the 13th of February, there was a book week at Bridgewater School where all the classes looked at books from different authors around the world. There have been different competitions in all of the classes during book week. An illustrator, Paul Hess came in to the classes from year 1 to year 6 to tell us about his job and to give all of the children facts and information about how to become an illustrator and how to do the job really well. Also on Monday and Tuesday, you could buy books. On Thursday 13th some of the children came in to school as an animal from a book, the best costume in each class will win a prize. By Kira & Melissa



Year 3 celebrate Chinese New Year!

We have been learning about Chinese New Year.

We also had some prawn crackers and fortune cookies. We learned about the lion and dragon dances. On Chinese New Year they give red money envelopes to younger children. They also light lanterns. Red is a lucky colour because it keeps away the bad spirits. Our favourite part was watching the dragon dance video and eating the fortune cookies which Miss Cameron brought in!
By Shanice, Millie and Gary



Attendance and Punctuality

Please ensure your child arrives on time every day and if they are poorly you **must** telephone the office on the first day of absence on 2745290 thank you. Children with good attendance this half term had the chance to go to the pantomime.



Clubs galore

We now have a new guitar club run by Mrs French on a Thursday after school and some of our children are going to the CLC after school on a Tuesday for code club where they learn computer programming. After half term we will be participating in a 5 week dance, music and drama club run by students from Northumbria University. This club will be for Y4, 5 and 6 and will run after school on a Wednesday until 4.15pm from March 5th until the Easter holidays. Watch out for the letter after the holidays.



Year 6 and Year 2 continue to work hard towards their SATs tests in the summer term. Y2 tests take place during the half term after Easter so it is essential they are in school everyday. Y6 SATs week

is during the week beginning 12th May. No Year6 child is allowed to be absent during that week. We will be having Easter booster classes during the Easter holidays for Y2 and Y6 children and more information will be available nearer the time.



Road Safety training

On Monday 10th February we had some visitors from Schools Go Smarter. They taught the children in Year 3

and Year 5 all about road safety. We split into two groups and some stayed and learned about safe places to cross by looking at pictures. The other group went outside and practised using the green cross code. You must remember to be careful and to cross the road safely. We all got a badge at the end which shows that we know how to be safe.
By Millie Jo and Shanice



Can all KS1 & 2 parents remember to wait at the class signs on the fence at home time except when it is raining. Thank you



A big thank you to our new roving reporters who helped put this newsletter together.

Updated policies

This term we have updated a number of policies please ask for a copy from the office or view them on our website.



After school club

Our after school childcare is proving very popular with our older children. The children have the opportunity to do fun activities, have a snack and there is time to get their homework done too. We are offering free taster sessions and there will be themed nights for children to come to. Children will also be taken on trips out. If you are interested in applying for a place for your child please see Gillian Gibson our Extended Services Manager.

A huge thank you to all our volunteers who help around school we really do appreciate your time.



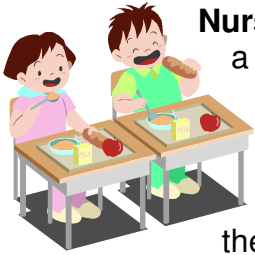
We now have a suggestion box for parents in the main reception area. Please put your comments in the box and Mrs Robson will be in touch.

School Nurse Drop in



The school nurse has a fortnightly drop in session at school every other Wednesday 2.45 to 3.15pm. If you have any concerns please drop in for a chat.

She gives advice about **headlice** and is happy to do this at anytime. If we see a child has headlice we will speak to the child's parent immediately to ask them to treat the child. The rest of the class will receive a letter so parents are aware that there is a problem and check their child's hair. **We can treat children's hair if parents give consent but it is parents' responsibility to ensure their child's hair is treated.**



Nursery parents are invited to a Goldilocks and the three Bears portion size workshop on Wednesday 26th February 9 -11.30am and March 10th 1-3pm in the Early Years hall. The

session will be delivered by Healthworks food and nutrition and Surestart.

Our spring term **parents' afternoon** will be on Wednesday 5th March. Appointment times will be given out during the first week back after half term. If the appointment time is not convenient please see the class teacher to re-arrange a more convenient time. It is really important parents attend these meetings as it is by working together that our children get the most out of school. Any parent who has not met with the class teacher either in November or March will be contacted by the Head teacher to arrange an appointment.



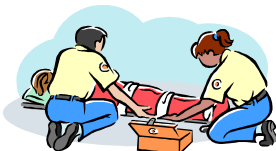
and lunchtimes.

The children are enjoying playing a range of team games in our new **Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)** outside during playtimes



Our choir are currently writing and rehearsing their own song to sing at the launch event for the new housing development in

March, we are really excited about being invited to such an important event.



Y5 recently learnt some vital first aid when some students from Newcastle University visited school to teach them CPR. The

children had a great time and learnt some valuable skills.



Medical needs

If your child has a medical need or condition can you let the school office know so it can be recorded on our SIMS system, that way all staff who need to know will. A care plan may need to be made with the school nurse and staff may need specialised training. We also need to know any changes that may occur.



Can **parents** visiting the site during the day **please remember to close the gates behind them.** There are notices up but some

people still forget to do it. It is important to keep all of our children safe. Thank you



All **money** paid into school should either be paid directly to the school office or through the class teacher in a labelled envelope. This prevents any loss or confusion over money paid.

Remember here at Bridgewater we offer excellent provision from birth. If you would like to find out more please ask Gillian Gibson or ask at the office, we also have space in some older classes so please come and have a look.

If you know of any appropriate local business who would like to advertise in our half termly newsletter, for a donation, please contact the school office on

2745290



We have organised our annual trip to London and the Houses of Parliament which will be in July this year. KS2 school council

automatically have the chance to go but there are a number of other spaces. The children are currently trying to persuade their teachers to choose them. The trip is fully funded and includes a trip to see a West End show, this year it will be Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.



Remember to make sure we have up to date contact numbers for you in case we have to get in touch in an emergency. We also sent text messages to keep parents informed so it is vital our contact details are up to date.

| Diary Dates | |
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| Thursday 13 th February | Break up for half term |
| Wednesday 19 th February | Surestart fun day |
| Monday 24 th February | Children return to school |
| Wednesday 5 th March | am swimming Gala, pm parents afternoon |
| Thursday 13 th March | am Y4 Seeds for life visit |
| Friday 14 th March | Bikeability Y5, pm launch event for housing development |
| Thursday 20 th March | 2.40pm Y3 class assembly |
| Friday 4 th April | 10am KS1 Easter Service at St Margaret's church, 3.10 Break up for Easter |
| Y6 Easter school | Dates to be confirmed |
| Tuesday 22 nd April | Children return to school |
| Tuesday 29 th April | am Y4 seeds for life visit |
| Thursday 1 st May | 2.40pm Y1 class assembly |
| Monday 5 th May | School closed – May Day |
| Thursday 8 th May | 2.40pm Reception class assembly |
| Monday 12 th May | Y6 SATs week |
| Thursday 22 nd May | Y6 Play in a Day |
| Friday 23 rd May | Break up for half term |
| Monday 2 nd June | Children return to school |