

# Windermere Primary School Newsletter 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

#### A word from the Headteacher

What a busy term it has been once again! It seems only last week I was reflecting on the start to the year. Children have been working hard and this term we have begun to see some great progress in learning as well as social behaviours. Thank you for supporting your children's learning and progress; working together makes a significant difference.

We have been discussing how we often take our access to water for granted, particularly with all the recent rain we have had, and exploring elements of the Easter story through various examples of artwork. We have celebrated children who look after our school environment and those who show a commitment to their beliefs.

Wishing you all a good Easter break. Children return on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April**. Sarah Gilliver

#### **Summer Uniform**

The return from the Easter break is the signal to switch to the school summer uniform for KS2. While we are hoping for improved weather, children should still have a coat/rainproof jacket for those days when it does rain so they can still have some playtime outside.

- grey school trousers, shorts, skirt, culottes or red check (gingham) dress
- white polo shirt with the school logo
- red v-necked jumper or cardigan with the school logo
- black/grey/ white socks
- black school shoes/trainers
- black or white one-piece hijab (no pins)

The red gingham dress is an option for KS1 also.

Separate PE kit is expected as below.

- a red T-shirt with the school logo\*
- black unbranded loose PE shorts
- trainers for outdoor PE

Many items can be purchased at the school office or through the PTA.

#### Easter Egg Raffle

The hall was filled with excitement and 'oohs and ahs' as the raffle tickets were drawn for the vast array of Easter Eggs kindly donated by school staff and governors. Children were pleased for each other and full of congratulations when their classmates and friends won an egg.

Some were a little teary with disappointment that they did not win one; a step on the way to building resilience and learning that things don't always go our own way.

The children will help to decide how the money raised from the raffle will be spent when they return in the Summer Term.

#### Easter Egg Hunt

Children participated in the school Easter Egg Hunt this week. Tokens were hidden all around the school grounds for children to seek out and gather. They had various combinations of token colours to find which they then exchanged for eggs. Children helped each other to find them and spoke with many kind words to each other. There were several thank you's to adults for organising too which is always lovely to hear.



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### Ask Your Child...

This is a way to start to discuss your child's learning. You aren't expected to know the answers. Reception- How did we make our Easter cakes? Year 1-What worked well whilst making our playground equipment models and what would you change next time?

Year 2- What is an axle?

Year 3 – Can you name 2 animals that are affected by plastics in the oceans and explain how?

- Year 4 What did the frogs do on Tuesday?
- Year 5 What are the different phases of the moon?

Year 6 – What are the long term health impacts of smoking?

#### Class Attendance: Mar 27th to Mar 31st

| Class     | Present | Authorised | Unauthorised |
|-----------|---------|------------|--------------|
|           | %       | absence %  | absence %    |
| Reception | 88.8    | 6.2        | 5            |
| Year 1    | 66      | 19.8       | 14.4         |
| Year 2    | 93.6    | 3.4        | 3            |
| Year 3    | 87.3    | 11.1       | 1.6          |
| Year 4    | 84.2    | 6.8        | 9            |
| Year 5    | 94.8    | 2.2        | 3            |
| Year 6    | 90.3    | 8.6        | 1.2          |

(May not total 100 due to rounding)

ALL absences must be reported to the school.

#### Dates for your Diary:

| 17 <sup>th</sup> April | INSET day                             |  |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 18 <sup>th</sup> April | First day of Summer Term              |  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> April | PTA Quiz Night                        |  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> May    | Bank Holiday School Closed            |  |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> May    | Year 1/2 Cake Sale                    |  |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> May    | Coronation Bank Holiday School Closed |  |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> May    | KS2 National Tests                    |  |



