

Happy New Year everyone!

It seems like a long time ago, but we hope you all had a good Christmas and enjoyed the festivities.

THE SPRING TERM is one of our favourites, as we focus on new life all around; spring bulbs peeping up through the ground, planting seeds, hatching chicks and fishing for frogspawn. Once this wintery weather clears, we'll be spotting signs of Spring (fingers crossed!) Until then, we'll enjoy and make the most of the frost, ice, and hopefully snow – sledging, snowman building, snowballing and angel making, followed by lots of warm milk/hot chocolate and stories around the fire.

FUNDRAISING We'd like to **thank you all for your generous support** with the Autumn term activities. Altogether, we made a **FANTASTIC total of £2166.03**

- The Halloween disco raised £841.56
- The Christmas Fayre raised £1170.67
- The Christmas concert programmes raised £153.80

As you know, this money was spent on the children at Christmas, (parties and the gift from Santa!) as well as the visit to the theatre to see 'Once Upon a Christmas'. We are also in the process of ordering new resources eg a sand and water centre, small world resources and a new outdoor play kitchen. Fundraising this term starts with our BIG SPONSORED EVENT on World Book Day – watch out for special Sponsor Forms coming soon!

We also raised **£161.38** for Charity last term;

- Children in Need raised £75.26
- Hartlepool Hospice £67.50
- Poppy Appeal £18.62

ARRIVAL TIMES

Can I please remind everyone that arrival times are 8.30 – 8.45 and 12.30 – 12.45. **All morning children need to be in school by 8.45 and all afternoon children need to be in school by 12.45.** This is so that they don't miss important planned teaching and learning opportunities at group time.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

I have attached a parent questionnaire for you to complete and return to school. This is one way we can double check that all our families are happy with their school and use the information to make us 'even better'. The happiness of you and your child is crucial to our success and meeting the needs of everyone is paramount. **Please hand your completed questionnaire to Nicola in the school office.** Thank you.

Best Wishes for a Happy Spring Term!

Becky, on behalf of the Nursery Team and Governors ☺

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
7 Jan Welcome Back!	8	9	10	11
14 In2Nature starts this week	15	16	17	18
21 Exploring wintery weather and caring for garden birds & other wildlife	22	23	24	25
28	29 Visitors Day (colleagues from Wales)	30	31	1 Feb
4 Exploring eggs – shape, size, production	5	6	7	8
11	12	13 Putting eggs in the incubator	14 Valentine's Day	15 Break up for half term

Can I just check

- that you have completed the online application for a place for your child at your preferred infant/primary school. The deadline was 15 January 2019.

Gentle reminders

- Please can you make sure you collect your children on time. If on occasions you are running late, please ring school to let us know the reason.
- Please will you **take home all your child's belongings every day** (coat, hat, gloves, jumpers, cardigans etc) to avoid a big collection accumulating that we then give to Charity if items are unclaimed.
- Please **DO NOT PARK ALONGSIDE THE SCHOOL BUILDING** on New Cross Row, as this not only blocks the road, but it forces pedestrians (INCLUDING CHILDREN!) to walk on the road, which is extremely dangerous!
- Please **DO NOT PARK IN THE DISABLED BAY** (unless you have a disabled badge) as this is reserved for children with special needs.

Wingate Community Nursery School

Newsletter

Spring 2019

Dear parents, grandparents, friends and families

We are looking forward to a lovely, busy Spring Term together with you and your children.



Big Ben
by Jude

OUR MAIN FOCUS THIS TERM

As well as responding to the interests of the children and their play, we are weaving in some of our ideas eg planting seeds, bringing in from the shed the pots of spring bulbs we planted last Autumn and hatching chicks in our school incubator.

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday
25 Feb Welcome Back!	26 Bring inside the bulbs we planted in pots in the Autumn	27	28	1 March
4	5	6 Chicks should be hatching!	7 World Book Day SPONSORED EVENT	8
11 Taking care of our new baby chicks	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26 Governor's Meeting @ 4pm	27	28	29 Special Ladies Day! (to celebrate Mother's Day)
1 April Easter activities	2	3	4	5 Break up for Easter

We break up for Easter on Friday 5 April 2019
We come back to school on Tuesday 23 April 2019