It has been a busy start to the new year and the new term, and we continue to be impressed by your children’s responsible behaviour and their positive attitude towards school life.

Thank you for your support with our recent termly information meetings. If you were unable to attend, information relating to the term’s learning in your child’s class is readily available.

Further information relating to termly events will be communicated through the newsletter and our text messaging service. Please ensure that Mrs Horner has up to date contact details. Thank you.

Requests!

We are planning a ‘recycled plastic bottle greenhouse’ project in school and are seeking 2litre pop bottles. These can be handed in to the school office. Thank you!

Class 3 are asking for donations of used stamps, and cereal boxes!

Billy Row Youth Club

Open to 4 year olds and over - Mondays from 5.00pm - 6.30pm.
50p per child at Billy Row Community Centre,

Donations of spare underwear/socks would be very much appreciated!
Learning Journals

Well done to our Learning Journal achievers! Spring Term Home Learning grids have been given out and we look forward to celebrating your children’s learning this term.

Attendance

Weeks one and two of Spring Term saw every class exceeding our weekly target of 95.5% attendance. We continue with our attendance drive in school, and one lucky ‘100%er’ receives a prize. Thank you for your ongoing support - good attendance makes a difference to your child’s progress and attainment.

We are concerned about a number of children who are arriving late in school. The school’s Education Welfare Officer from the Local Authority visits school monthly to monitor attendance registers, lateness and absence.

Money

As you will appreciate, a great deal of money is handed in to school. Please ensure all money handed in, is in a clearly labelled envelope/purse/money bag. Ideally, children should hand money in to the ‘in’ basket in the classroom. Thank you.

Wellington boots

As the weather conditions become more wintry, we appreciate children will be coming to school in wellington boots. Please ensure that they also bring a change of footwear (not slippers) and a named carrier bag in which to hang their wellies. Donations of carrier bags are always gratefully received!

Headlice

Unfortunately, we have already had several reports of headlice in school. In addition to checking to child’s hair regularly, we hope you will join in our ‘Bug Busting day’ on Friday 31st January. Headlice continues to be a issue and we hope that by synchronising ‘bug busting’ in our community we can prevent lice from circulating from head to head and back again. We ask that all parents check children’s hair at home on our regular ‘bug busting’ days. We will inform you of the days by text and by newsletter.
Peases Quest (Peases West PTA) warmly invite you to our

Valentines Masked Ball

Thursday, February 13th 2014 5.00-6.30pm
in Peases West Primary School Hall
Including buffet, DJ, party games, competitions, balloons, novelties and more

Tickets Child £2.50 - includes disco and buffet *
Adults £1.00 - includes refreshments **

* This time we are making a few changes to our usual ‘disco and hot dog’ format. The children will now have a buffet/banquet and we encourage everyone to dress in their finery. It is a masked ball and we ask all children to wear their own eye mask (preferably handmade). There will be prizes for..............

♦ Best mask (handmade)
♦ King and Queen of the Ball (best dressed)
♦ Lord and Lady of the Dance (best dancers)

We will also have the usual party games, with a few surprises....

** As always, limited hall space restricts our numbers, so we are welcoming parents/carers to our ‘quiet zone’ in the Nursery, where we will be providing tea/coffee and biscuits. This gives an opportunity for a cuppa and a chat, whilst still being nearby for the children. Parents/carers will not be in the hall itself. Nursery and Reception children must be accompanied an adult carer. (Max one adult per child for all years). All children must be collected from the main entrance at 6.30pm.

COME ALONG AND JOIN THE FUN

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Thank you to everyone who visited the Scholastic Book Fair last term. You helped us earn £170 to spend on books for the school!

We would like to offer you further opportunities to buy books through the Scholastic Book Club. Later this month, your child will bring home a leaflet containing a great range of books for all ages. If you wish to buy any books, simply complete the order form at the back and return it to school. (We will let you know the last date for orders by text message). Any money raised will enable us to buy even more books for school.

I would also like to recommend a website which is linked to Oxford Learning Tree, our school reading scheme. This can be found at http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/. There are e-books to read as well as games and activities to support your child in reading.

Thank you again for your support,

Jane Brook

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Thanks to your support with our coffee morning last term, we were able to donate £104 to the Philippines Typhoon appeal.

We also raised £190.50 for Butterwick Hospice through the sale of Christmas toys.

Well done and thank you everyone! Your donations and support will make a difference.

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School uniform

School uniform can be ordered online at www.stparent.co.uk
Please order by 3rd of the month for same month delivery.
Please ensure all items of clothing are named.
Thank you.

Medication in school

Should your child have any medication, or changes to their medication, please contact the school office to arrange to complete the necessary forms.
Please note: Only prescribed medicines can be administered in school.

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

These, and Nestle box top vouchers, can be handed in to school. They will be redeemed for active sports equipment, experiences and much more!
Early Years Outdoor area development

Thanks to UK COAL, we have a fantastic new climbing structure and den building equipment in our outdoor area. It is rich in interactive elements to stimulate, develop and encourage communication, language, speaking and listening, personal, social and emotional skills, as well as enhance physical development! You can see how much the children are enjoying it!

We have been successful once again, in securing funding from community foundation ‘Forever Manchester’ who are working in partnership with Kellog’s. Following our successful bid, we have been awarded £200, and £200 in cereal vouchers for our Breakfast Club. The funds will be used to subsidise Breakfast Club costs, meaning we are able to keep the cost of Breakfast Club at £1 per day for breakfast and supervision.

Breakfast Club is open from 8am daily, with breakfast being available from 8.15am, and activities being led by Mrs Sully. The main door will automatically unlock at 8am to allow entry.
OPEN DAY!!
Saturday 15th February 2014
St Anne's Centre, Wolsingham
10am - 2pm

Find out about tap exams and shows!
Come and watch current students dance!!
Learn the basic steps!!
Get to know the teacher!!

Kerry-Ann O'Neill
School Of Dance
Raffle
Cake Sale!

Tea, Coffee, Juice and Biscuits!!

Why not come along, and join the fun, your sure to have a fantastic day!! Dance classes open to boys and girls of all ages.
We will be running taster sessions throughout the day with small performances by students of all ages.
There will be a chance to meet students talk to parents, and see what we do in our lessons.

If you would like any information please contact me, Kerry-Ann O'Neill on 07789548395 or email me on koschoolofdance@gmail.com.

Like us on Facebook - Kerry-Ann O'Neill School of Dance
Spring Term dates for your diary:

- Monday 3rd February: Dentist visit (Nursery, Class 1 and Class 2)
- Monday 3rd February: Class 4 - School Nurse visit
- Wednesday 5th February: High 5 Netball competition (Yr 5/6 team)
- Monday 10th February: Dance festival at Bishop Auckland Town Hall (Classes 3 and 4)
- Thursday 13th February: PTA disco - details to follow
- Friday 14th February: '50p fundraiser' non uniform day

School closed for half term from 17th February - 21st February

Tuesday 25th February: Class 4 visit to Durham Cathedral
- Week beginning 3rd March: Parents meetings
- Friday 14th March: Class 2 visit to the Centre of Life
- Thursday 20th March: Sport Relief
- Friday 21st March: Class 4 Safety Carousel
- Wednesday 2nd April: Egg decoration in school
- Thursday 3rd April: Tempest: Individual photographs (am)
- Friday 4th April: '50p fundraiser' non uniform day

SCHOOL CLOSES FOR EASTER HOLIDAYS ON FRIDAY 4th APRIL 2014
WE REOPEN ON TUESDAY 22ND APRIL 2014

We are currently in the process of confirming further dates and events for the term. We will inform you of them as soon as we have the information. Thank you!

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Have Your Say

We value and welcome your comments on all aspects of school life. These can be shared by completing and returning the slip below. Thank you!

Praise, Positives & Progress

Things to develop

Suggestions for improvement

Thank you.
Name: .................................................. (optional) Date: ........................................