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## Newsletter #8 – Spring Term

Dear Parents and Carers,

### Residential Visit

Class Three had an amazing time on their three day residential visit to Barhaugh Hall in Alston. During the trip the pupils completed 15 fun packed activities including climbing, caving, raft building, archery and swinging on a trapeze 20 feet above the ground!

All the pupils really impressed the Barhaugh Hall leaders and school staff with their perseverance and can do attitude. They also impressed all the adults with their brilliant attitude and behaviour.

Thank you so much to Miss Brown, Miss Harrison, Miss Wise, Ms Senior and Miss Rodrigues for accompanying the pupils on the trip.



### World Book Day



On Thursday we had a brilliant time celebrating World Book Day! All the classes spent the day sharing their favourite stories and talking about books they love. We were also lucky enough to have illustrator Mollie Ray visit school to work with Class Two and Three. Mollie shared a range of her amazing illustrations with the pupils and talked about how she became an illustrator. In Class Two, the pupils made their own comic strips and Class Three developed a character and turned it into a paper doll.

Thank you to the PTA for arranging a brilliant afternoon of reading activities in the Village Hall. All the pupils had a great time looking through and picking their own books from the donations we had received. Thank you to all the parents who volunteered to come into school to listen to readers too!

**'Life in all its fullness' John 10:10**

### **Scholastic Online Book Club (following on with the book theme)**

If you would like to order new books in time for the Easter holidays AND earn new books for school, our new **Scholastic Book Club is up and running!** Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/old-hutton/digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by March 20th, 2023.**

### **Lent Challenge**

During Thursday morning's Collective Worship in church Charlie spoke to the pupils about the importance of Ash Wednesday. He told the story of Ash Wednesday, explained how it shapes Christian living and how it links to Lent. Charlie has also challenged the pupils to complete a 40 day kindness challenge. The pupils will be coming home with a challenge sheet tonight. All we ask is that the pupils try to complete one of the challenges every day. An example from the sheet is 'Lend a hand to help someone day'.

### **PTA Second hand uniform – Buying and donating**

We have a new "second hand uniform coordinator", Class 1 parent Hazel Cottam. Hazel has meticulously gone through all of the current stock and listed it all on a spreadsheet to make "shopping" for uniform easier. The spreadsheet is attached to this newsletter. Should you want to purchase any of the items, please get in touch with Hazel directly on [hazel\\_parsons@hotmail.com](mailto:hazel_parsons@hotmail.com) (this email address is also at the top of the spreadsheet). Conversely, if you have any uniform that your child has grown out of and would like to donate this to the PTA, please contact Hazel on her email address and she will advise next steps.

### **School Cook**

We are currently advertising for a school cook. If you are interested or you know of someone who might be interested please direct them to the link below. Please find an application form attached to the newsletter email.

<https://cumbria.gov.uk/jobsandcareers/schooljobdetails.asp?Ref%20No=16169>

Thanks for your continued support.

Nick

### **Key Dates**

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>
Mothers' Day gift stall in school	Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> March
PTA movie night	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March

### **PTA Newsletter notes for March 2023**

#### **Thanks to the World Book Day Sale team!**

We started March with style: *Sarah, Owen and Simin* ran a brilliant World Book Day Book Sale/stay and read/Hungry Caterpillar cafe event yesterday, Thursday 2nd March 1.30 to 3.45. *Support from Hazel, Jen and Aileen.*

All the children (in amazing costumes...) visited the book sale to choose and read new books. Parents attended to buy books and read with their children from the great collection of donated books. Photos are on school and PTA facebook threads.

£250 was raised and we were proud to support the school's clear focus on reading with this fun and useful event.

## 2 Dates for your diary in March:

### Mothers Day Stall Friday 17th February

- We will be running our well loved Mothers Day Gift stall on Friday the 17th March, in the morning in school, where children can buy from a range of gifts priced from £1 to £3.
- Please continue to bring in any unwanted gift items from home the Donation Box is in the storytelling shelter.
- *Thanks to PTA members Jen, Owen, Liz and Helen for organising this event.*

### Movie Night Thursday 23rd March (movie tbd)

- Sarah Bainbridge is leading this movie night but needs 2 parent helpers please
- We will choose a movie that is book related

And Finally.....Don't Forget to Vote (we are in second place now)

### Asda Green Token Challenge: Please vote weekly

Please follow the link and vote for our PTA to get funds from Asda to provide books for the school library.

The first prize is £500, second, £400 and third £300 so we will win either way! We need to go online to vote only and everyone has **a vote per week!!** Until April 30th.👉

I have just checked the stats and we are second prize at the moment all votes will increase our donation.

Please vote now!

<https://www.asda.com/green-tokens/store?store=4943>

*Thanks to Harriet for building this relationship with Asda.*

### School Applications

#### **Nursery applications for 2023**

September 2023 entry Closing date for applications – 24 March 2023

January 2024 entry Closing date for applications – 22 September 2023

### School Year dates 2022-23

#### Spring Term 2023

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

#### Summer Term 2023

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June