



TEBAY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 10th January 2025

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back everyone. We hope you have all had a fabulous holiday and the start to the new year has been a positive! It has been great to see that everybody has recovered from the many viruses which struck Tebay community the week before the Christmas holidays.

Winter has arrived!

The plunging temperatures and snow has brought a lot of fun to everybody at Tebay School. We took full advantage of it and ensured pupils were able to experience playing in the snow each day. Pupils enjoyed making snowmen, snow angels and the EYFS children even got to go sledging on the grassy pitch. We did remind children of the importance of keeping themselves safe in wintery weather during our safeguarding assembly. The children had some very useful top tips to share. The most significant top tip was to never walk across frozen pools of water!



Parent Reading Workshops


We are thrilled to invite our families to two reading workshops being held in January and February. The 1st workshop is aimed at parents of EYFS/Year1/Year2 children (Acorns and Little Acorns). This will focus on what phonics is and how you can support your child at home. We will also share some useful resources and an online website which you may find helpful.

The 2nd workshop is aimed at KS2 (Oaks and Mighty Oaks) and will focus on how we use catch up phonics to support children to close any gaps in their phonic knowledge, why reading is so important and how you can support your child at home.

We are more than happy to run two sessions per night for parents who are unable to attend the earlier time. Please let Tracy know if you would like to attend and at which time.

You are invited to

Reading / Phonics Parent Workshop



Acorns and Little Acorns (EYFS/ KS1)
Wednesday 29th January 2025
3pm – 3.30pm or 5pm- 5.30pm

Oaks and Mighty Oaks (KS2)
Wednesday 5th February 2025
3pm – 3.30pm or 5pm- 5.30pm

Aims of the workshop:

- Why reading is important
- How to support your child with phonics at home
- How to support your child with reading at home.

Please contact Tracy in the office if you wish to attend any of the sessions.

Attendance

We had 100% attendance in school on Thursday. Let's hope we have many more 100% attendance to celebrate.

After School Club

Mr Penrice launched the brand-new table tennis club which went down a storm. He was very impressed with the skills demonstrated by the children. This looks to be a very popular club so if you would like your child to take part make sure you book your place with Tracy.



Fact of The Week

This term, we are launching our whole school strategy, 'Fact of The Week'. This will be chosen from key facts we want all children to know and remember by the time they leave primary school. It will be introduced to children during Friday's assembly and will be displayed all around school. Over the course of the following week, staff will provide children with daily opportunities to practise recalling the fact. We would very much like to involve all of you at home so we will be sharing the fact of the week with our families on a Friday ready for the next week. Please find time to talk about, verbalise and test your child on the key fact. We will have a quiz every Friday to check how many children are able to recall the fact.

Next week's fact of the week: *The Uk is made up of 4 countries: England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.*

Stars of the week



Fleur – for consistent positive behaviour and attitude towards learning.

Jack – for super application of chunking words to help him read more fluently.

Tommy- for working really well in gymnastics.

Finley – for a super attitude to learning and trying hard with his handwriting.

Core values:



Charlie, Mollie, Annie and Hollie

In recognition of maintaining a positive working environment.

Dates for diaries

Thurs 23rd Jan – Year 3 and 4 – Indoor cricket @ KSGS (form on Parentmail).

Fri 24th Jan – Year 6 – Maths Challenge at William Howard School (form on Parentmail).

Wed 29th Jan – Parent reading workshop for Little Acorn and Acorn parents 3.00pm and 5.00pm.

Thurs 30th Jan – Year 5 and 6 – Indoor cricket @ KSGS (form on Parentmail).

Wed 5th Feb – Parent reading workshop for Oaks and Mighty Oaks parents 3.00pm and 5.00pm.

Thurs 6th Feb – TWINKLES visit Little Acorn class.

Fri 14th Feb – Break up.

Mon 24th Feb – Back to school.

Thurs 6th March – World Book Day (children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character).

Mon 24th March – Parents evening.

Tues 25th March – Parents evening.

Fri 4th April – Break up.

Wed 23rd April – Back to school.

Mon 12th May to Thurs 15th May – Year 6 SATS.

Fri 23rd May – Break up.

Mon 2nd June – Back to school.

Tues 10th June – Proposed School Sports Day.