

High Spen Primary School Newsletter

Week Ending 26/02/2016



POTS AND PANS

GD and Nursery are revamping their outdoor music zone! If you have any old pots and pans, metal spoons, colanders etc. please let either Miss Kirkley or the School Office know.

EASTER EVENT

We are planning another Easter Event in school this year to take place in the last week, before we break up for the Easter Holidays.

This year's theme will involve lots of egg boxes....no more can be revealed at this stage! We need all you fab people to start collecting empty egg boxes. So get your teas planned as being scrambled eggs on toast, boiled egg with soldiers, omelettes etc. so we can collect as many egg boxes as possible!!

We are collecting the cardboard type (not plastic lid ones) Any you collect between now and the Easter event can be handed in at the School Office for safe keeping.

Thanks loads...happy eating eggs (not the choc ones!)

New Singing Club

We still have places for the new fantastic singing club that started starting this week. It is open to all ages on Monday's $3-15-4.00 \, \mathrm{pm}$. The club will run up to 11^{th} July. Costing £20 for the first 6 sessions, and a further £20 for the last 6 session's payable on week 6.

If you would like a place the remaining sessions will cost £16.50 for this term.

DINNER MONEY

Just a gentle reminder that dinner money for this term is now due £46. Paid by cash or cheque made payable to High Spen Primary School or you can continue to pay £10 weekly.

PTFA - WORD COMPETITION

To enter the competition to win a prize simply complete the Sponsor Form with as many words as you can find using only the letters in the words in

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

The forms were handed out on Monday and we have spares in the school office.

Deadline for completed forms and sponsor money is <u>Monday</u> 29th Feb.

FUNDS RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS IMPROVING OUR PLAYGROUNDS!!!!



WORLD BOOK DAY at HIGH SPEN

We are celebrating World Book Day this year on Friday 4th March. There will be LOADS going on in school!

- 1) Dressing up as a book character for the day (with prizes for the best costumes!) We can't wait to see who or what YOU dress up as! And . . . who will be Mr Firth be? Elmer the Elephant? Gangsta Granny?
- 2) Class swaps when teachers will share their favourite books and stories with different classes!
- 3) Big Book Off activities (Teachers will talk through these with their classes)
- 4) Extreme reading photo competition (Yes it's back!) Children have their photo taken whilst reading a book in a strange/crazy/amazing place and share it with the rest of us in school. You can bring in a paper copy, e-mail it to andrewfirth@gateshead.gov.uk, or tweet it by following the link included separately in this newsletter. Remember the stranger/crazier/more amazing the better! Again there will be prizes for the winners!

Whizzes, Bangs and pops

Class BR were given a real break this week with a visit to Thorp Academy's brand new STEM building. Under the expert guidance of Mrs Steel they explored different chemical reactions to see the exciting colour changes and gases produced. A great time was had by all!

To Tweet or not to Tweet...

Our new website is up and running and one of the new features is a direct Twitter feed embedded in to the home page of each class.

If you wish to have a sneak preview of the news your child's class twitter page has, have a peep at one of the following:-

@nur_highspen@sg_highspen@fn_highspen@mlk_highspen@br_highspen@ty_highspen

Look out for Mr Cradock's message about tweeting your 'Extreme Reading' photographs!

Remember more general information, along with retweets from class accounts will be sent across the airwaves from our whole school address @highspenprimary