

# WARK C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS



Friday 3rd March 2023

**'Growing well' - Matthew 13: 31-32**



## **Attendance**

Our attendance target in school is 96.5%. Our whole school attendance is currently 96%. Nationally, anything below 90% attendance (19 days in the school year) is classed as persistent absenteeism. We will send out an early reminder to parents if their child is absent for more than 5% of the year to date. This will be an automatically generated letter from our attendance tracker.

## **Mother's Service**

Children will be hosting a later-than-usual celebration service for mothers in school. This is because of a clash with red nose day and a science fair open morning. They are learning songs, writing poems and more. We would love to see some of you come and join us at **14.30, Monday 20th March**. There will be a small gift for mums in attendance.

## **Messy Church**

Classes 1 & 2 will be taking part in Messy church sessions on the 16th March.

## **School shoes**

We have had a great start to our trial of wearing indoor footwear in school. Children have coped really well with the change to routine. One thing I would like to suggest (as a parent myself) is that you think carefully about the outdoor shoes that your child wears to school. Traditional school shoes can be very expensive, and outdoor footwear will only be needed for a small proportion of the day. It may be cheaper and better for children to wear black trainers to come in with and use for running around at playtime. The choice is entirely up to you as parents, and there will be no expectation or rule for this.

## **Miss Wright**

We have had the exciting news that Miss Wright is expecting her first baby due in mid-August. A big congratulations to her and Chris on their exciting news!

## **Earthquake appeal**

Many thanks to everyone that contributed to the Turkey & Syria earthquake appeal. We raised £112. Thank you to the school council for asking to run this fundraiser.

## **Residential trip meetings**

We will be having meetings for parents to give them information about both residential trips in the Summer.

**Years 5 & 6** parent's meeting will be on

**Thursday 16th at 16.00**

**Years 3 & 4** parent's meeting will be on **Monday 13th at 16.00**

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## **School logo**

Whilst the current school logo has become 'part of the furniture' at Wark Primary School, incorporating many elements of the learning and surrounding area, we believe an update is due to create a clean, crisp, streamlined logo for the school. A form will be out to gather your thoughts in the near future.

## **Parent's Evening**

Parent's evening will be held in school on Wednesday 29th March. A google form will be sent out with time slots to choose from.

## **Science fair**

Following the presentation of your children's science projects in class on Thursday 16th March, we plan to display work in the hall at drop-off time (**8.45 on Friday 17th March**) the following morning so that parents can come in and see some of the work produced.

## **Art club**

Art club will be cancelled on Thursday 9th March. If you would like your child to stay in club then please let the school office know.

## **Comic relief**

This year for comic relief we are dressing in red, there will be a minimum £1 payment request on school comms.

## **Values**

Welcome Nieve and William and family to our school. One of our core values is friendship, and I have been so proud of the way our children

have helped them to settle in, showing care and thoughtfulness to them.

## **Safeguarding**

Please make sure that you regularly check your child's online usage for appropriate content. Potentially harmful content can often fall through the cracks, i.e fan-made content from the 'friendly-sounding' Huggy Wuggy from the game Poppy playtime, which can be upsetting and totally inappropriate for children.

## **Academy submission**

Following a positive consultation period, we have now submitted forms to the DfE to begin the next steps towards joining the DNDLT. Thank you to everyone for your thoughts, questions and input so far.

## **Discovery Museum**

Class 2 had a fabulous day out at the discovery museum, finding out about the Great fire of Newcastle and Gateshead this week.

## **Future Dates**

**9th March - Class 1 trip to fire station**

**16th March - Messy church class 1 & 2**

**17th March - Red Nose Day**

**28th March - Tullie House years 3 & 4**

**29th March - Class 1 multi skills Otterburn**

**29th March - Parent's evening**

**31st March - Easter holidays**

**17th April - Teacher's training day**

**18th April - Reception, year 1 & 2 last swimming lesson**