

East Ayton



Primary  
School

SPRING TERM

NEWS REVIEW

APRIL 2017

### **Year 5 sleepover**

Year 5 had a rather different Friday evening last week as they spent the night in school! No, it wasn't an extra-long detention, it was the culmination of their work on space. As the evening got darker, and as the clouds cleared, the children were able to do some stargazing and, using a powerful telescope, were able to see Jupiter. My thanks to Mr Tacon and Mr Duffy for bringing their telescopes, and for spending the evening talking to the children about astronomy, a great experience for all the children. My thanks also to Miss Snaith for organising the evening, and to Mrs Davies and Mr Wilson for giving up their Friday night to help and support.

### **Tour de Yorkshire**

Last week we were one of the lucky few schools chosen to have a visit from the Tour de Yorkshire trophies, and very impressive they were too. The Tour comes to Scarborough on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April, sadly it does not pass through East Ayton. As part of the build-up to the Tour, children have been invited to bring their bikes to school on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, when British Cycling representatives will be in school to lead a cycling event. Details have already been sent home but if you would like any further information please contact school.

### **New Parent Governors**

Two new parents have joined Mrs Firfirey as parent governors on our Governing Body, Mrs Robson and Miss Cass. They attended their first Governors meeting this week and raised issues around homework and parent parking, both of which were discussed and which will be carried forward to general staff meetings. If you have any issues you would like raising with governors please do speak to the parent governors, as that is very much part of their role.

### **The East Ayton Easter Parade**

Very many thanks to all those parents who supported our very first East Ayton Easter Parade. We have had two very enjoyable days in school this week making hats and parading them, and we are very pleased that so many of you were able to join us. A huge thank you to everyone who made this such an enjoyable event. Special thanks to Mrs Monks, who organised the whole thing.

### **Responding to your views**

At the beginning of term responses to our parent questionnaire told us that parents wanted more events in school that they could be invited too, we have responded with some very enjoyable events. World Book Week was a huge success, very much enjoyed by everybody. The response to our Book & Bun session was particularly pleasing. Events this week in the build-up to Easter have also been very well supported by parents. Thank you.

The questionnaires also told us that parents wanted more information about what, and how, their children are taught in school. Again, we responded with our second curriculum evening of the year, this time focused on reading. Responses to the evening were very positive. We are now planning our third curriculum evening for the year, this time focusing on maths.

### **Thank you**

Thank you to those many parents who have helped and supported school this term, whether it has been fundraising, selling raffle tickets, attending events, taking children to sports fixtures, painting fences etc. Your support is very much appreciated.

### **Next term**

Our thoughts now turn to next term. Year 2 and Year 6 children will have their end of Key Stage assessments shortly after we return to school. A reminder for parents of Year 6 children that test week is week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Year 4 children will be at East Barnby from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> until Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Let's hope the weather is kind.

Next term we will continue to develop our Forest Schools initiative, based on developing an outdoor learning area. Keep your eyes on the space next to Nursery to see how this initiative is progressing.

### **Finally.....**

The winners of our Decorated Egg Competition 2017 will be announced in assembly tomorrow afternoon. The Achievement Award winners for this term will also be announced then. School finishes tomorrow at 2.15 and opens for the Summer Term on **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April.**

**From everyone at East Ayton Primary School -**

**Have a very Happy Easter**

