

NEWSLETTER

Furness Vale Primary School

Friends Proudly Working Together to Achieve Our Best

Some of my favourite moments this term have been whilst we've been working with White Hall Outdoor Activity Centre. The excitement, every Friday, has been electric as the children have faced new experiences and challenges. This is something we would definitely do again; it's been exciting, challenging and fun!

There's more to look forward to next half term including: lacrosse, World Book Day, parents evenings, music sessions for Class B and some more great writing with the Talk for Writing lessons.

World Book Day...

Well technically, it's two days! The author of The Blinks, Andrea Chatten, will be coming in and working with the children on February 28th. The Blinks books were created to help children understand emotional and behavioural issues.

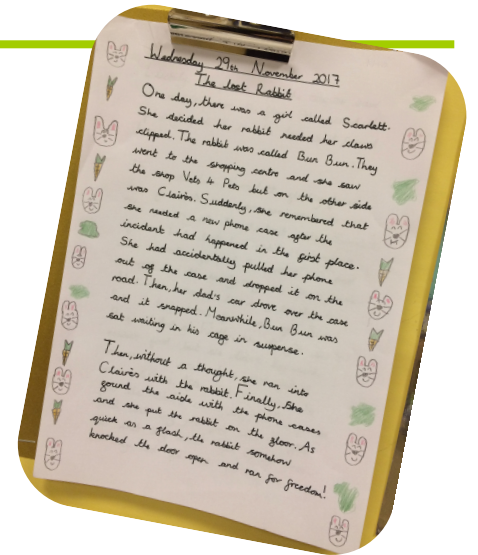
She has written several books including the titles: Worry, Anger, Self-esteem, Sad and Shy. The cost of the author, for the full day, will be £400 and the PTFA have kindly agreed to pay for her. The school will be buying copies of the books so we can continue to do some work around the themes during lesson time. World Book Day is March 1st. On this day, we'll be dressing up as characters from books. The staff are going to attempt to dress up as 'Where's Wally' characters!! The children are welcome to join us too but they can dress up as any character from any book (optional) – this should be a fun day, there's no need to go out and buy new clothes. A small donation towards buying books for our classroom book corners would be very much appreciated. Weather depending, we'll be doing a celebratory walk round the field to show off our outfits. Children can bring in their favourite book to share with a reading buddy. **Most of all, we hope the children have a great day!**

February	Dates for 2018
26 th	School re-opens
26 th	Little Learners After School Club
26 th	Swimming Year 5/6
28 th	Author, Andrea Chatten, visiting school
March	
1 st	World Book Day
1 st	Music Session – Y3/4
1 st	Lea Green Parents Meeting
2 nd	Lacrosse Y5/6
3 rd	Paper Caper
5 th	Little Learners After School Club
7 th	Halle Orchestra Visit – Class A
8 th	Music Session – Y3/4
7 th	PTFA Meeting – Soldier Dick 6pm
9 th	Lacrosse Y5/6
12 th	Little Learners After School Club
13 th	Governors Sub-Committee Meetings
14 th	Parents Evening
15 th	Parents Evening
15 th	Music Session – Y3/4
16 th	Lacrosse Y5/6
19 th	Little Learners After School Club
20 th	Full Governing Board Meeting
21 st	Year 5 Bonding Day (New Mills)
22 nd	Music Session – Y3/4
22 nd	Farewell assembly for Mrs Portman
22 nd	Thursday – School closes
23 rd	Inset Day – School Closed
April	
9 th	School re-opens
May	
8 th	Finance Governing Board Meeting
14 th – 17 th	KS2 SATs
23 rd – 25 th	Lea Green Residential



Talk for Writing

Thank you so much for coming and spending an afternoon with us and seeing your children's writing books. It was great to share their learning with you and I hope you have a clearer idea about what we're doing in school. We will be doing more Talk for Writing activities and you'll be able to see more of the children's work at one of the Parents Evenings in March.



Boccia with Dame Sarah Storey

Dame Sarah Storey met 4 of our children at New Mills Leisure Centre to talk to them about being a very successful Paralympian and to explain how to play Boccia. The 4 children will be teaching others how to play the game when we get a set of the game this term. It was a great afternoon; Sarah explained what inspired her to be an athlete in the place and how we should always try our best no matter what might get in our way.



Messy Monsters

EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON we run a Messy Monsters Group from 1:30 – 3pm. It is open to mums, dads and care-givers of pre-school age children. Babies and toddlers of all ages have been getting really messy; I venture down to see what's going on and I'm amazed at how creative (and messy) the activities are. The children experience sensory activities and the parents and care-givers can leave the mess behind!! Join us for a mix of messy play, music and movement, storytelling, arts, crafts and more. We offer a warm, welcoming environment where adults can socialize and enjoy a cuppa. Our price is £1.50 per family and includes a snack and juice for the children and refreshments for the adults. You're all welcome!





Lacrosse

Our prices are as follows:

Breakfast Club:

From 7:45 to 8:45 = £2.75

From 8am to 8:45 = £2.25

After School Club:

Up to 4pm = £2.75

Up to 4:30pm = £3.75

Up to 5pm = £4.75

Up to 5:30pm = £6.25

Both clubs are very well organised.

They offer a range of activities including: games, construction, colouring, drawing and toys. Outdoor play is sometimes available – weather permitting. All staff have DBS checks and are also part of the school team.

Dave Best is going to be teaching lacrosse on Friday afternoons. He'll be doing a lunch-time club for year 4's and then a lesson for Class A. This will happen for the next half term.

Breakfast and After School

Breakfast Club: Cereal, juice and milk are always on offer and crumpets or toast (with jam) are offered twice a week. There are many quiet activities to join in along with games, construction and toys.

After School Club: Snacks and drinks always offered with a wide range of activities to do. The children also go outdoors – weather permitting.

We ask for a minimum of 24 hours notice to ensure we have adequate staff for our ratios. Please let Tracey or Mrs Daniels know ASAP if your child no longer requires a space.

Time Week

We'll definitely be doing this again; children have had the opportunity to learn time, in small groups, at their level. Groups ranged from learning about what time is and what can happen in an hour to exploring timetables and understanding the 24hr clock.

