



Larkspur Community Primary School

Growing Towards Tomorrow



Spring Term Newsletter

January 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to 2024. We have a packed term ahead of us. To find out more about your child's learning look on your child's class page on our website for their half termly topic map which will give you a run down of their curriculum and topics for this half term.

<https://www.larkspurprimary.co.uk/>

We hope to see you at our New Year Coffee morning on Tuesday 30th January.

Best wishes—The Larkspur Team

What's going on

Monday 29th Jan:

Holocaust Memorial Assembly for children

Tuesday 30th Jan:

New Year coffee morning for parents with entertainment from Mr Parkin and some of the children

Basketball Tournament for some Y3/4 pupils at Cardinal Hume school

Wednesday 31st Jan:

New Writing North Y4,5,6 Parent/Carer craft Workshop 8.45-9.45

Thursday 1st Feb:

Storytime Early Years with visitor from Gateshead Library

Wednesday 7th Feb:

New Writing North Y4,5,6 Parent/Carer craft Workshop 8.45-9.45

Thursday 8th Feb:

Chinese New Year celebrations and lunch

Boccia Tournament for some pupils at Gateshead Stadium

Tuesday 13th Feb:

Pancake day with pancake pudding for lunch

Wednesday 14th Feb:

New Writing North Y4,5,6 Parent/Carer craft Workshop 8.45-9.45

Tuesday 15th Feb:

Marvel Maths Tournament for the whole school



School Holidays

Spring Half Term

School closes from Monday 16th Feb to Friday 23rd Feb 2024 and re-opens to children on Monday 26th Feb 2024

Easter Holiday

School closes from Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024 and re-opens to children on Monday 15th April 2024.



Giving our pupils a sporting chance...

Our PE Coordinator works incredibly hard to ensure our pupils receive a broad and balanced PE curriculum. Here are just some of the opportunities we provide our pupils...

- Weekly PE lessons
- Specialist lead PE sessions
- Daily mile track activities
- Visitors promoting good health

and wellbeing including Newcastle Eagles, Relax Kids, 'Stormbreak' active wellbeing, Change for Life club

- A variety of in school and after school clubs: Football, dodgeball, badminton, dance, gymnastics



New Year Coffee Morning

Tuesday 30th January

at 9.00am in the school hall with entertainment from Mr Parkin and some of our pupils

Donations welcome



Musicians in Residence

We welcome back our fantastic Jazz musicians John and John who work alongside our children to enhance their learning across the curriculum. This term they have been supporting creative writing and poetry in English and number work and retrieval practice in Maths.



Thank you Greggs!

We just wanted to say the biggest thank you to Greggs' Foundation for the amazing support and fund raising they do for our school.

From supporting our breakfast club and inviting us to Gregg's events, to raising funds for our outdoor learning spaces, we are truly grateful. Keep your eyes peeled for some major changes planned for our EY outdoor areas.



Larkspur Reading Reward Cards

Did you know that every time your child reads a book they receive a stamp on their Reward Card. Six stamps and your child is invited to **The Larkspur Café**. The café opens for pupils every Friday afternoon where children enjoy a story, a hot chocolate and receive a certificate.

So....get reading with your child every day to make sure they fill up their reward card and visit the café.



Attendance Alert

Thank you to families who ensure their children are in school on time everyday so their child to receives the maximum learning.

Last term we had 14 amazing children who had 100% attendance and no late marks and they will receive a book and certificate in assembly next week.

Persistent absentees are closely monitored and this can lead to parent prosecution. If you need support to improve your child's attendance or punctuality, please contact our Family Support Workers via the office.