

Eyam C E Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter

Term 4 Issue 2

Friday 24th March 2023

Week beginning 27 March 2023	
Mon 27	Piano Owls Wider Opps – Brass H'hogs Forest School
Tue 28	NO Voice & Choir 2.45pm H'hog class shared reading Governing Body Meeting
Wed 29	Woodwind Bring in decorated eggs/egg shapes into school for judging.
Thu 30	Violin R – Y6 wear PE kit please bring a change of shoes and socks PTFA Easter activities afternoon in school
Fri 31 	Guitar 9am Easter Service in Church (just one family member per family please).

Week beginning 17 April 2023	
Mon 17	Piano Owls Wider Opps – Brass
Tue 18	Voice & Choir Y3-Y6 wear PE kit – please bring a change of shoes and socks. H'hog class shared reading.
Wed 19	Woodwind
Thu 20	Violin R – Y6 wear PE kit please bring a change of shoes and socks Bikeability on the yard Y6 Music for the Mind (3 x Y5)
Fri 21	Guitar Y3/4 trip to Lea Green Bikeability Y6



Have a look at our fabulous **Library** - not only does it look smart in our school colours but also has a lot of new books thanks to YOU the PTFA and the Bonfire funding for 2022. We are thrilled to launch this as a new addition to school. On World book day children were able to choose and read non-fiction books and enjoy a story too.

We are after a range of comics and am wondering about subscribing to National Geographic Junior or a similar one should anyone have a children environmental/global/humanities or science subscription to recommend or perhaps a STEM focus?

We have a pupil Librarian but if anyone would like to pop in for a weekly tidy or come and share a book with individuals it would be wonderful. Reading time can be Mon Tues or Friday afternoons. Do come in and have a look - suggestions welcome!

Girls' Football - The older girls had a great afternoon of gentle footie challenges with Mrs Gilbertson practising her passing skills too!





Red Nose Day - thank you for your contributions - the £53 raised goes towards supporting children's lives in the UK



The Eco Warriors are currently working with Mrs Gilbertson to apply for the renewal of the Fair Achievers award for being an Eco School. There is more to this than a display or Fairtrade Fortnight: the children need to be aware of how the fluctuating climate in warmer countries effects crop growth as well as the negative impact on farmers' lives when they are not given a fair and reliable price for their products. This includes learning about the benefits to families and communities over a period of time - developing schools and health centres for example.

The Eco Warriors want to raise awareness of buying FAIRTRADE

Tesco, Co-op and other supermarkets sell many products including those on our entrance display bananas, tea, coffee, chocolate, sugar and chocolate eggs! Our chocolate day was also sponsored by Divine who are a Fairtrade manufacturer. Thank you to the PTFA who will be awarding Fairtrade prizes for the Egg competition.



CHOCOLATE

'It was really fun and exciting. I especially enjoyed finding out how chocolate is made' Seb

We learned that white chocolate is the unhealthiest because it has lots of sugar and cocoa butter in it, which is really bad for our arteries.

We found out that global emissions from rich countries affect the climate and this affects crop production. Fairtrade farmers planted 300,000 trees in 2022 to fight against carbon emissions.

Chocolate was first eaten by the Ancient Mayans who added spices and chilli to it.



Thank you to the PTFA who enabled this wonderful day to take place.

BRASS - Well played to the Owls who went to Lady Manners School and took part in a Music Partnership concert along with two other schools and two wind bands. It was quite a spectacle! A super proud moment for parents and a good opportunity to have look around the school too. Thank you to Chris for his time. We are off to play with the Halle Orchestra next in Manchester!



Wellbeing Walk - thank you to those who joined us for this amble through the village - it was lovely to chat with new partners and to take some time out of the busy day.

Being ready to learn is tricky when we don't all start the day together. The gates open at 8.40am. Please remember to arrive by 8.50 in order not to be late: the gate is then shut and you will be marked as late once the register is taken. We are wanting to improve our school attendance, Governors have been working with Mrs Gilbertson and the Parent Forum to review this. We know that Ofsted use attendance as a trigger for their visit, currently ours is below the national average of 93.5% - we usually report a figure nearer 96% (7 days off a year). Whilst we can't avoid sickness and bugs, we hope with the warmer weather, that more children will be healthy and this will improve. Please always inform school if your child is off ill and please refrain from term time breaks and full days off. We will be looking to work with you to address persistent lateness and attendance below 96%.

'Together we achieve more'
Many thanks for your support.

The Parents' Forum have been reviewing the **Uniform Policy** and this will be on the Website soon - anyone can wear summer uniform there is no rule about when: anyone can wear shorts, skirt, dress or trousers, this is your choice. Please make sure you all have a school sweatshirt or cardigan with the logo and black shoes.



The PTFA have a few dates for your diary:

- o Wednesday 29th March - Bring decorated eggs/ovals into school. Prizes for the best decorated eggs. They will be displayed afterwards in church for everyone to see!
- o Thursday 30th March - Easter bingo, treasure hunt and seed planting afternoon in school. Message if you would like to volunteer! Sorry no younger siblings.
- o Saturday 15th April - Spring Fete (Eyam School/ Sports Association) - Fun & Games on the sports field for all the family including the Bubble Man and a car show! (see poster). The PTFA will have a Bring & Buy table - message Alan and/or Jess if you are able to contribute or to volunteer! If you have any preloved toys or items to donate to the school table top sale, please bring on the day or contact Jess E. We need carrier bags too if you have any spare. We look forward to seeing you.
- o Tuesday 9th May – new bags2school date for clothes / shoes / textiles donations
- o Saturday 20th May – Balti and a Band! Save the date - the PTFA will be hosting an evening of food and live band entertainment for you all to enjoy! Watch out for more information coming soon...

We have a few exciting plans up our sleeves for next term too! All will be revealed at our next PTFA meeting on Tuesday 25th April, everyone welcome!

Thank you

CAKE SALE £72.10 was raised towards the UNICEF earthquake appeal. Thank you.



Diary Dates

25.03.23 – PTFA meeting
26.04.23 – Bikeability Y6
04.05.23 – Squirrel class Coronation cake sale
05.05.23 – Forest School Y3/4
09.05.23 – 12.05.23 SATs week
09.05.23 – PTFA bags2school collection
09.05.23 – Governing Body Meeting
12.05.23 – Forest School Y3/4
15.05.23 – Forest School Y5/6
17.05.23 – Bikeability Y6
18.05.23 – Music for the Mind 3xY6
19.05.23 – Forest School Y3/4
19.05.23 – Bikeability Y6
20.05.23 – PTFA Balti & a Band
22.05.23 – Forest School Y5/6
24.05.23 – Bikeability Y6

Help needed please - we have had several promises from parents for shelves, house foundations and veg bed mending - we also need some weed diggers and hedge planters.... hopefully before we break up?

PLEASE if you can spare an hour DO come into the Office and we can sort a time to support our outdoor environment. Thank you.

Letters sent home

Topic sheets for this term – each class

Letter from Mrs Gilbertson for Y5/6 families emailed on 23.03.23

New school lunch menu – everyone. Please remember to let the office know well in advance of any changes to preferred school lunch/packed lunch days.