

# Corporation Road Community Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been yet another great term at Corporation Road. There has been so much going on and the children have been producing some excellent work. This newsletter gives a small snapshot of what we do at school. Please follow us on social media where we regularly post about events.

## Seesaw

We are going to begin using Seesaw to communicate, send homework and share work in school. Each child has received a login and you should have received a family login which will enable you to receive updates of some of the work your child does in class. Please see the following link: <https://web.seesaw.me/parents> for help on downloading the app.

## Attendance

If your child is off for any reason, you must telephone the office to let us know. If a child is ill through sickness then they must stay off for 48 hours from the last time the child was sick. Research shows that good attendance is linked with higher achievement. If a child is off then it can have a serious impact on their education and at Corporation Road, we want all children to have the best possible start to their school career.



### **Free School Meal Vouchers**

If you are on FSM then vouchers will be sent on Saturday 9th April to your mobile number. If you don't receive them then please let the school know.

## Nursery

In Nursery this term we have started 'Fabulous Friday'. Each Friday, the children have the opportunity to take part in interesting activities that are based around a topic. These activities also help promote the development of the children's speaking and listening, Maths, English and physical development skills. Fabulous Fridays this term have included a relaxation morning for Children's Mental Health Week, a teddy bears picnic, exploring flowers including still life painting and making models of our homes for DT. The children really look forward to our Fabulous Fridays and really enjoy taking part in the activities.



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## Class 3

This term we have been learning about Transport. We have looked at old and new vehicles and talked about how they have changed. We had fun designing and making cars. We showed resilience by trying to make our cars better after we tested them in them to see if they worked. We used different materials to make the cars. During the week we went outside and made vehicles from large loose parts and worked together with our friends. We did a brilliant job!



## Class 10



Over the course of the Spring Term, Year 6 have taken part in various projects. As part of the Intu Project pupils worked with Back Chat Brass and learnt how to play the trumpet and the trombone. They then performed alongside the band to the rest of the school. In addition, to the Intu Project, Year 6 have taken part in a six week Mini Police project, which involved them learning about healthy relationships. Also as part of this project they

met the local PCSOs, had the opportunity to look around a police van, try on police uniform and take part in a community project by litter picking in North Lodge Park.

## Class 5

Year 2 have really enjoyed their learning in the wider curriculum this half term. We have learnt how to use a saw in DT, making our very own hospital beds. We have learnt how to create pictograms in computing and went on a Geography trip to collect data about different businesses in the town centre. We celebrated British Science week by investigating which material was the most absorbent. The children loved squirting water on the floor and then measuring how much water different materials soaked up.



## Class 6



This term, our science topic has been forces and the children have really enjoyed investigating and learning about forces and different types of magnets. We have made predictions about which surfaces would have the least amount of friction and put this to the test by racing cars down different surfaces. Our class novel this term was Charlie Changes into a Chicken, the children have really enjoyed reading this class book and found it very funny. Everyone gave it a five-star rating in our recent book review.



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## Class 4

Throughout the Spring Term, Year 1 have been very busy. In English, we have been learning how to write instructions. A chef came to school and taught us how to make pancakes. We made the pancakes and wrote instructions for how to make them. In DT, we have made moving pictures using split pins. The moving pictures link to our topic of 'People Who Help Us'. In History, we have learnt about the Great Fire of London and the importance of the fire service.

## Class 7

This term, Year 4 have been exploring maps. They've learnt about grid references and have used this to pinpoint Brazilian cities on maps. They have also explored ordnance survey maps and have learnt the symbols that are used to represent different human and physical features.



## Class 8

This term in Year 5, we have taken part in a mini police project. We have worked to learn about the role of the police in our local community and even got to try on some of their uniform. Recently, we learnt all about the healthy relationships and why they are important. As part of a reward for working so hard, we also got to explore a police van! If you look closely, we have even locked up some of our children who didn't listen! Only joking!

Gallery



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## Dance Festival

A small group of children represented us at the Darlington Schools Dance Festival. They were amazing, well done! We have attended numerous sporting events this half term, well done to all involved!



## Exciting News!

Hello, my name is Mark Dipple and I am in the truly privileged position to be able to write that I will be the new Headteacher at Corporation Road from September. I currently work at Heathfield Primary School in Darlington who are also part of the Lingfield Education Trust; therefore, I am already familiar with some areas of your school. Being a father myself, I am very much aware of the responsibility the staff and I have in ensuring your children get what they deserve from their education. I want each and every child at Corporation Road to succeed academically but also gain the skills and experiences needed to be successful in the next stage of their life whilst enjoying school and making memories that will stick with them for many years. I am looking forward to becoming part of your community and working in partnership with you to provide the best education to the children of Corporation Road. After the Easter holiday, I will be making some visits to the school and writing to you again in more detail. I hope you have a wonderful and restful holiday.



## We need your help!

It has come to our attention that we have a number of teenagers climbing onto the roof and causing some vandalism to our outdoor areas for Nursery and Reception. If you see any anti-social behaviour then please contact the police.

## Breakfast Club

We currently run a free breakfast club from 7.30am until 8.30am. This is a free service and we are the only school in the area who provides this. All children are welcome and can come up to 8.30am. There are bagels, selection of cereals, beans on bagels and a selection of fruit juices and milk to drink.



## Important Dates

School breaks up on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April – off for 2 weeks – come back to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April

**Off Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May and Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> of May** (1 bank holiday and 1 PD Day) – children come back on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May

School breaks up on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May – return on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June

School breaks up on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July for Summer Holiday.