



October Newsletter

EYFS Open Event

This week saw the official opening of our new Early Years Unit. On Monday we welcomed Dean Jackson, Northumberland County Council Director of Education, and John Beynon, Local Councillor for Stobhill who contributed £5000 towards our work from his Small Grants Fund, to cut the ribbon to our newly refurbished unit.

They were both blown away by the improvements and were keen to discuss the future plans for development within school.

Dean Jackson shared the event on his own Twitter page which has received lots of positive attention.

Can I also thank all of our current and future parents who joined us for the event. It was a brilliant opportunity to share the new provision and get to know some new faces.



Dean Jackson @djac2110 · 17m
Invited to cut the ribbon and open the new nursery unit at @stobhillgate this afternoon. What a great school - brilliant children, superb staff and inspirational leadership from headteacher, Glen Whitehead. @WayneDaleyUK @N_landCouncil @NlandEarlyYears @RNorthumberland



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The 3Rivers Learning Trust Consultation

Since September, we have been undergoing a due diligence process to consider joining the 3Rivers Learning Trust. Part of this has consisted of a consultation phase with all stakeholders. Thank you to all of the parents who attended our recent parental consultation evening, it was a very informative and useful event which gave parents the opportunity to meet members of staff from the Trust.

Can I also thank everyone who has sent back a consultation response, it is vital that prior to making this important decision, we have listened to all stakeholders. We look forward to sharing more information with you in the near future regarding developments. If you have yet to return your consultation response, please do so by Monday 4th November.



Harvest Festival

We would like to say a huge thank you to all of the family and friends that joined us for this week's Harvest Festival and also to everyone who donated produce. The Wansbeck Food Bank were over the moon with your contributions and I am sure it will help many families in our local area.

The theme of this year's Harvest Festival was 'Helping the Environment'. The children have taken a keen interest in environmental affairs and this is something that we would like to pursue further. This academic year

Miss Taylor is training to become a United Nations Climate Change Teacher and we can't wait to embark on a journey that makes Stobhillgate greener!



What have we been up to this month?



This month saw Mr Innes host Harry Potter inspired Forest School Workshops for Year 1 and Year 2 parents which were a huge success. Thank you to everyone who came along to take part. We hope you had a great time seeing first hand just how Forest School supports your child's learning. There were potions a plenty and lots of magic wands created during the day.

Since September, our children have been using a new strategy to develop their writing skills. The method enables children to imitate orally the language they need for a particular genre, before reading and analysing it, and then writing their own version. The writing outcomes have been fantastic! We thought you would enjoy the chance to read 2 fabulous stories.....

Poppy's Teddy Bears by Mae (Y2)

Poppy likes her teddy's. She has a black shelf for all her colourful teddy's and a smaller chest of drawers for all her stuffed animals. Poppy has a teddy for every occasion. A brown bat for Halloween. A scary dragon for watching movies and a beautiful bird for sleepovers. But her most special teddy is her elephant teddy which is the best of them all. She even has a special yellow bucket for her teddy's when she goes travelling. One day the bucket went MISSING! Poppy looked high and low for her teddy's. She looked in the



kitchen. She looked in the red cupboard. She even looked in the toilet! It caused a great panic at home. Luckily they found the bucket just before teatime. It had got mixed up...with a food box!

A Story by Bea (Y4)

In a cold dull land far away, there was a small warm welcoming cottage. In the cottage there was a poor and very lonely widow and her daughter Poppy. Sadly Poppy's father died many years ago. Early one morning, Poppy decided to do some gardening in the front and back garden because her poor upset mum was far too tired and weary to do it herself.

One day, sweet, young Poppy was trimming the bright, green hedges and she came across a small, ruby, red ring underneath a sparkling emerald bush. Young little Poppy picked the shimmering ring up in her hands and took it to her unwell and weary mother. Poppy's poor mother said in a tired voice, "Poppy this is a magical wishing ring. It can take you to any water park or theme park no matter where they are in the world." "Wow. That's amazing." replied Poppy.

One day, Poppy wished for the magical, wishing ring to take her to Gardaland in Italy she said, "I wish to go to Gardaland in Italy."

Suddenly, Poppy started to disappear but...oh no she was not wearing the magical wishing ring. "Oh dear! How will I get home!" she screamed.

In the end, Poppy saw someone selling magical, wishing rings (well Poppy thought they were) as she walked through the theme park. Poppy bought what looked like the most powerful ring the lady had. Poppy wished for the enchanted ring to take her home...But nothing happened. Poppy sat alone and cried.

Eventually Poppy decided to go on a rollercoaster. When the little girl got off the ride she made two new friends. Their names were Polly and Mia.



Sadly Poppy had lost her home her mother and the magically, amazing, wishing ring but she still had some extremely kind friends. What will happen next in

Poppy's adventure? Will she return home? Will she ever find the missing wishing ring?

Keystage 2 Visit to Vindolanda

As you know our Year 3 & 4 children have been learning all about The Romans as part of their topic this half term. This was further supported by a visit to Vindolanda and the Roman Army Museum. The children had a great time learning lots of interesting facts. A big thank you to the parents who helped on the visit also.



Speaking of topic.....after half term we will have a week of focused work around the broader curriculum, based on the topics that the children have been learning about since the start of the academic year. On Friday 8th November, children are invited to come into school in topic related fancy dress:

Year 3 & 4 – The Romans (suggestions could be a gladiator, Julius Caesar, Roman empress etc)



Year 1 & 2 – London (suggestions could be King, Queen, Paddington Bear, Big Ben, etc)

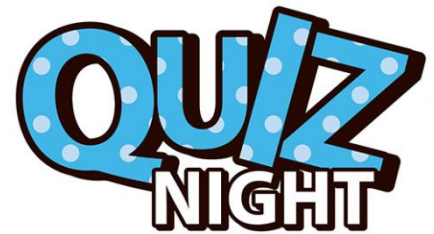


EYFS – The core books so far this term, Pumpkin Soup, The Gruffalo or Owl Babies



Quiz Night

Last week heralded the arrival of a new date on the Stobhillgate calendar- The Stobhillgate Quiz! This was a very well attended event and we received some brilliant feedback, particularly relating to the delicious pie and pea supper that went down a treat. We would like to thank Mrs Bush for being a fantastic Quiz Master and we look forward to seeing you all again soon at our next event.



Before & After School Club

We have received really positive feedback regarding the changes we have implemented to our Before and After School provision. The children are really enjoying the timetable of activities...and not forgetting the new snacks/tea on offer. If you would like to access this provision, you can book online via School Gateway.



After School Clubs

Our children have thoroughly enjoyed the after school clubs on offer this half term ; fencing and tag rugby. Our KS2 team successfully participated in the Tag Rugby Competition earlier this month ; well done to everyone who took part !



Mrs Turnbull will be leading a new Performing Arts Club after half term for children in Year 1 and 2. Make sure you sign up quickly as there are only 15 places available !

Diary Dates

04 Nov	Teacher Training Day
05 Nov	Topic Week commences
08 Nov	Topic Week Fancy Dress Day
19/20 Nov	Parental Consultations
04 Dec	'The Book People' Book Bus
06 Dec	Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto
10/11/12 Dec	Christmas Performances
18 Dec	Christmas Dinner Day
20 Dec	Coffee and Carols

Attendance Update

Congratulations to Year 1 who achieved their attendance target this half term. The children were thrilled with their reward of a movie afternoon! Who will be next half term's winner?



And finally.....

At the end of this half term we say goodbye to Mrs Hardy, who is embarking upon a new exciting chapter in her career as she joins Cleaswell Hill School.

Mrs Hardy has been an important member of our school team for many years and we would like to wish her good luck in her new job. This week we recruited Mrs Hardy's replacement and look forward to introducing you to Mr Younger after the half term holidays.

Miss Kinahan has also recently left us, albeit temporarily, to start her maternity leave. We wish her the best of luck and can't wait to meet her new addition to the family when he or she arrives! As a result, we would like to welcome Mrs Davidson, who will be working in our Early Years Unit for the remainder of the academic year.