



# Dove and Rainbow News

8<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to School. I hope you have had a lovely half term break and enjoyed the beautiful weather that we had! The children have settled back into school well, and have thoroughly enjoyed our 'World Book Day' events this week – thank you for all the wonderful costumes. We have a very happy school at the moment, with everyone working hard and behaving very well. Well done everyone!

Best Wishes

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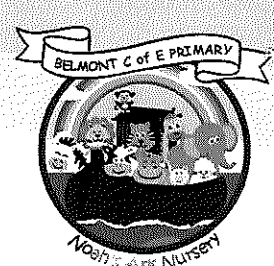
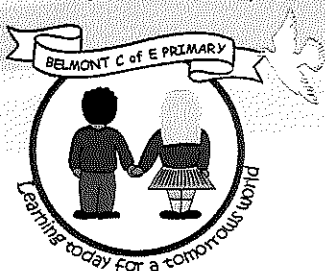
## **Lent**

Lent began on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, and all children in our Belmont family came together for our Ash Wednesday worship, led by Reverend Heather Murray. During our worships on both Shrove Tuesday and Ash Wednesday, the children have been invited to think about doing good things for the period of Lent or giving something up for this period. Our Nursery children all enjoyed making and eating delicious pancakes on Shrove Tuesday as well as reading 'Mr Wolf's Pancakes'.

## **World Book Day**

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day in style - dressed as our favourite book characters. The children looked fantastic in their costumes and enjoyed taking part in a range of activities, including a best book cover competition, book reviews, character riddles and the Great Belmont Book Swap.

A big thank you to School Council for preparing and presenting assemblies, highlighting the work of the charity Book Aid which we support every year. Thank you very much for your donations.



### **Bedtime Story Day**

On Friday, KS1 and EYFS came to school in their pyjamas for a quieter day of story activities. They read and listened to their favourite tales, whilst snuggled up with teddies and a comforting hot chocolate. A peaceful time was had by all - including the teachers!

### **Safety Carousel**

On Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February our Y6 children attended the Safety Carousel event with workshops from Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service, Durham Constabulary, School Nurses, Road Safety and Northern Power grid. They learned some very important safety messages during each interactive session, and were excellent ambassadors of our school. They all thoroughly enjoyed the day.

### **Year 2 and Year 6 SATs Meetings**

Thank you very much to all of our families who attended the SATs meetings. If you weren't able to attend and you have any questions or concerns, please do contact Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Roberts or Miss Jubb.

### **Nursery**

On Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March, the fire fighters from White Watch Durham, visited Nursery in their fire engine. They discussed how they can help us and they gave the children the opportunity to ask questions. The children had the experience of sitting inside the big fire engine, trying on the fire fighters' heavy helmets and then using the fire fighters' hoses to squirt the water across our grass.

### **Parent Evenings**

We look forward to meeting with you in parent consultations on 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March, so that we can share with you the many achievements your children are making and to discuss their progress.

### **Red Nose Day**

We will be taking part in Red Nose Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, by having a non-uniform day. We would welcome donations for the Comic Relief charity.

### **Cars on Site**

Please can we remind all parents not to bring their cars on site at any time during the school day.

## Diary Dates 2019

11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	British Science Week
11 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Nursery Summer Term Starters Open Evening
14 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Open the Book Worship KS1 and EYFS Legends Assembly KS2
15 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Red Nose Day – Non uniform day
18 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2019	Shakespeare Week
18 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Class Worship Year 3 - 2.30 p.m. Dove Hall
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Year 2 Dance Festival
22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2019	Vision Screening Reception
25 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Parents Evening Nursery Celebration Evening
26 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	Year 3 & 4 Roman Day Workshop Parents Evening
29 <sup>th</sup> March 2019	EYFS Mother's Day Stay & Play morning
1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019	Egg Decorating
2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2019	Easter Coffee Morning/Afternoon: 9.15 a.m. EYFS & KS1 2.30 p.m. KS2
4 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Church Visit: 9.30 a.m. EYFS & KS1 10.45 a.m. KS2 Year 4 Multi Skills Festival Team Treat
5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Easter Egg Hunts <b>Break up for Easter Holidays</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	<b>Return to School</b> St. George's Day 6.00 p.m. Robinwood Meeting for Year 6
6 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	<b>Bank Holiday Monday</b>
13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	KS2 SATs Week
13 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	KS1 SATs Week
17 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Year 6 Pizza Hut
20 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Play in a Day Year 6
20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	KS1 SATs Week
21 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Phototronics – Class Photos
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Robinwood Residential Year 6
24 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	<b>Break up for Half Term</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	<b>Return to School</b> Year 5/6 Athletics Competition at Maiden Castle
12 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Year 6 Leavers Service – Durham Cathedral
25 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Year 3/4 Quadkids Competition at Maiden Castle
3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019	Reception Festival at Sherburn Primary School
19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	<b>Break up for Summer Holidays</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	<b>Return to School</b>