

Dear Parents

Welcome back after half term. We're hoping that the weather is gradually going to get more Spring like, we could do with some sunshine!

Although this is a very short term, it is a busy one.

Thank you to all the parents who have sent in photos of their children reading in unusual places. We will shortly be making a display of these in the hall. If you have not yet sent a photo in, please do so, either to the admin email, posted on the google classroom or a hard copy sent into school.

To promote reading, children who record their reading in their reading records or homework diaries will get a raffle ticket and be entered into a prize draw for the end of term. Information about this will also be on your child's class Facebook page or Tapestry. I regularly mention reading but it is the most important skill to develop and research shows that it is a major factor in a child's future success up to A levels and beyond.

Mother's Day is fast approaching on Sunday 10th March. From tomorrow, as a school fundraiser, children will be able to buy a Mother's Day Bar of chocolate for £2.50, 6 of which contain a Golden Ticket for a lucky prize!

The Big Walk and Wheel is fast approaching. From 11th March to 22nd March we will be encouraging active and climate friendly journeys to school. Bus children can also take part by walking, cycling or scooting to their bus collection point or doing some additional walking or cycling.

On Wednesday 20th March, Allendale Primary School is representing the North East of England in the Modeshift Stars Awards. The awards recognise schools' work in promoting active and climate friendly travel; our school has been recognised for increasing the number of children who scooter or cycle to school each day and ride their bikes or scooters at playtime to keep them fit and active. The Awards take place in London, so we are taking 4 Year 6 pupils, who cycle to school every day, to represent school and the North East.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 5th March - Music workshop for Pipit and Skylark Classes

Friday 8th March - World Book Celebration

Monday 11th March - Big Walk and Wheel Fortnight

Friday 15th March - Rap workshop for Curlew Class

Wednesday 20th March - Cricket sessions for all classes

Wednesday 20th March - Modeshift Stars National Finals in London

Friday 22nd March - Queen's Hall visit - Curlew and Kestrel

Tuesday 26th March - Dance Festival at 2.20pm - Parents welcome to attend

Wednesday 27th March - Segedunum trip - Kestrel Class

Thursday 28th March - finish for Easter

Summer Term starts on Monday 15th April

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