



June/July 2018

# Newsletter

## Fantastic Singing



On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June, our fantastic choir went to the Sage Gateshead to take part in the Big Sing. The group meets every Tuesday lunch time, with Mrs Reynolds leading, and have been practising a number of songs based around the Exhibition of the North. A number of the songs were arranged with different styles of harmony to show the range of the children. Our choir even took part in a workshop in school to prepare them for the event led by a musician from the Sage. At the Sage, the choir sang along to a live rock band with hundreds of other primary school children from across the country which was a wonderful experience for all involved.

In addition, all of our Year 2 children took part in the Mini Big Sing at the Sage which was based around the theme of 'The Seaside'.

## Early Years



Over the last few weeks, it has been lovely to meet parents and carers of our new Nursery and Reception children. We look forward to seeing our new Reception pupils when they come to their story session and 'Stay and Play' session as well as having the opportunity to sample a delicious school lunch.

We still have some places available in our nursery in September. Please contact school if you wish to take up a place or if you would like to apply for a place in the future. Additionally, if you know any friends or family who are considering nursery, we would appreciate it if you could direct them to Harlow Green.

Our Toddler group will continue to run in the Autumn term. Our staff have enjoyed working with local child minders, grandparents and parents this year. Our last Toddler session will be this week, on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July.

## School Uniform



School uniform is available to purchase from the school office. It is always lovely to see our children wearing our school colours of green and yellow with such pride. Please remember that white t-shirts should not be worn in school, except for PE. It is also important that all children wear black shoes, not black trainers.

## Equipment on the school grounds



We would like to remind all parents that it is their responsibility to supervise their children at the beginning and end of the school day. For health and safety reasons, if your child is playing on any of the equipment we ask that they are adequately supervised.

## PE and Sport



Many of our pupils have been actively engaged in a wide range of physical activities. Last month, our Year 6 pupils really challenged themselves at Dukeshouse Wood, taking part in activities such as the obstacle course, 3G swing and the high ropes.

Our Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 pupils competed against other local schools at the Glynwood Games and took part in the Gateshead Schools Athletics Festival at Gateshead Stadium. Our children have also recently competed at other tournaments and events in football, orienteering, tennis and cricket.

We are all looking forward to our Sports Days, which take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Hopefully, the wonderful weather will continue so that the children can shine in front of their families.

All classes are continuing to follow their teams' progress in the Football World Cup. We look forward to seeing everyone dressed in red, white and blue on England's match days.

## Staffing changes



It is with mixed emotions that we will be saying goodbye to some members of staff who will be leaving Harlow Green at the end of this term but beginning new adventures in their careers.

Miss Britland will be leaving us to take up a new teaching post in York, where she is relocating over the summer. She has been a committed member of our teaching staff for six years and we all wish her well in her future endeavours.

Miss Foster and Miss Page will also be leaving us to take up teaching positions in other schools. We would like to thank them for all their hard work at Harlow Green.

Scott Lightfoot, one of our sports coaches will also be saying goodbye to take up further study at university in September. He has been a great asset to our school, working with children at playtimes and lunchtimes as well as leading a number of extra-curricular activities and attending numerous sporting events this year.

July has seen the return of Mrs Morris, from her maternity leave, who is looking forward to teaching in Year 3, in September. We will also welcome three new teachers in September. Miss Hawley will be teaching in our Reception class, Miss Bull will be teaching one of our Year 4 classes and Miss Alexander will be teaching one of our Year 5 classes. They are all really looking forward to joining our staff team and we know that families will welcome them to our school community.

