



Birtley East School Times Weekly Newsletter

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World Book Day

This will be celebrated on Thursday March 6th. This year, each class has been given a secret word and their challenge is to come into school dressed to represent the word. The other classes will guess the class word for each class. The words should be kept secret from siblings and friends in other classes. Class teachers will be working with children on ideas next week but we are sure you will have plenty of your own too. Staff will be taking part and so even if the children have somehow found out the words for other classes there will be plenty of fun to be had guessing staff words!

There is a special school lunch on World Book Day and slips will be coming home for children's orders.

Safety Around School

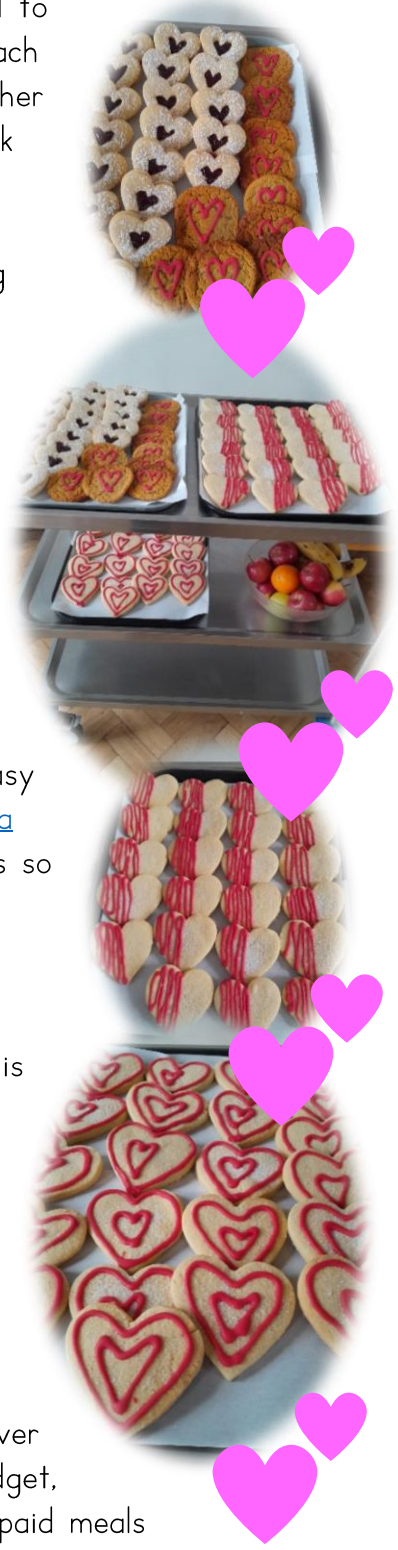
We've been made aware of some worrying behaviour in the local area relating to motor bikes being ridden, please take care to and from school and report any concerns you have to the police. The police are aware of the concerns and the more reports they get the greater the response from them is likely to be. Here is a link to an easy online reporting tool the police now have: [Report a crime | Northumbria Police](#). Crime statistics do influence police resources in particular areas so it is always worth reporting any concerns you have in to the police.

Valentines Day

We've spoken about all the ways we can give, share and show love this Valentines day. The ladies in the kitchen showed their love by creating an amazing dessert selection for the children, individually hand carving heart shapes out and carefully hand piping icing. We just had to share some photos with you!

Payments to School

Please can you try to keep up to date with payments owed to school. We are audited from time to time and need to show efforts to recover unpaid debt. We have to pay for all school meals from our school budget, free meals are reimbursed to us and we need to recoup payment for paid meals



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from parents. Other services are all paid for from our budget and if parents owe debt to school then this reduces our available money to provide education for the children. If you are struggling to make payments please be honest and open with us so we can provide support for you and negotiate a payment plan that is manageable.

Singing Events

The 'Spring Sing' is on the evening of Tuesday 25th March at the Glass House for those parents who have children participating and would like to attend.

The children performed their MOBO song in assembly yesterday, photograph below.



Staff Update

Mrs Nicholson has now left to start her leave to have her baby, a little earlier than anticipated. Miss Ahmed will be teaching reception class until Miss Coxon returns from maternity leave in April and Miss Coxon will then take over teaching reception class for the remainder of this school year.

