**Birtley East School Times**

22nd March 2024

We’ve had lots of fun in school and out and about this week. We’ve welcomed parents in for Easter evens in foundation stage and phonics, year 5 visited the church for an Easter story activity and children in year 4 and reception had a brilliant day out at Gibside. Here’s a link to our website where you can read more about these and other things going on in school:[Birtley East Community Primary School (birtleyeastprimary.org)](https://birtleyeastprimary.org/)

**Important message form Victoria Cramman, Strategic Lead for Education Services – Gateshead Council**

We have recently become aware of a WhatsApp group entitled ‘Everyone you know’, which may contain potentially harmful content for any child who accesses it. Some children may have been added to this group without their knowledge or consent and this is of real concern.

We would encourage you to ensure that your child does not currently have access to this and that you monitor their phone closely.

The following websites from Internet Matters and the NSPCC, may support you in this:

[What is WhatsApp? A safety guide for parents | Internet Matters](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.internetmatters.org%2Fresources%2Fwhatsapp-safety-a-how-to-guide-for-parents%2F&data=05%7C02%7CAnnaDiggle%40Gateshead.Gov.UK%7C744bb2335dec479120a608dc4a865bb3%7C09fbb97943174d219cb6e58811169cd8%7C0%7C0%7C638467188125277061%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=khQ22ouhADcY2dc8jMK1Fn4ZkKkRxEipN6hsOpL6%2FoA%3D&reserved=0)

[https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child/](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nspcc.org.uk%2Fkeeping-children-safe%2Fonline-safety%2Fonline-safety-blog%2F2023-01-12-is-whatsapp-safe-for-my-child%2F&data=05%7C02%7CAnnaDiggle%40Gateshead.Gov.UK%7C744bb2335dec479120a608dc4a865bb3%7C09fbb97943174d219cb6e58811169cd8%7C0%7C0%7C638467188125286729%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=6LpZtzPCRcLNyilgwbJhsuTaR4G9WDjt7QacbAYsTnw%3D&reserved=0)

If you have any concerns or need further advice, please contact your child’s school or Gateshead Safeguarding on 0191 4337033.

**Dance Festival**

The children in year 3 and 5 and a group from year 6 made us really proud with their performances at the Dance Festival this week – click here for more information and to watch the performances:

[Dance Festival | Birtley East Primary School](https://birtleyeastprimary.org/blog/2024/03/21/dance-festival-3/)

**REMINDER: Easter Holiday Club**

*Activities are as follows:*

**Week 1 Tuesday 2nd, Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th April 10am – 3pm**

Grassroots multi-skills/team games/crafts

**Week 2 Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th 10am – 3pm.**

Grassroots multi-skills/team games/crafts

**Thursday 11th April** – Groundworks recycling crafts workshop 10am – 1pm. This session is limited to 20 places.

All sessions are free, and all children with receive a free packed lunch.

For more information or to book, parents and carers can contact Corrina via the school office.

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