

## Happy Easter!

Hello, everyone. This has been an incredibly **busy term** but we have made it to the **Easter** break. The **weather** has been **beautiful** over the last week or so which is brilliant as the children have been able to get onto the field. We're very excited that during the **holiday**, our school **yard** will, finally, be resurfaced. This couldn't have been possible without all of your support with **raffles**, **discos**, **non-uniform days** and much more! **Mr Luke-Green** has spoken to the various contractors and, all being well, we will return after Easter to a **beautiful, smooth, safe yard**! We will then begin to arrange a date for the **new markings** to be **painted** onto the **yard**. In other exciting news, **Miss Stephenson** asked me to let you know that she welcomed her new arrival, **Jacob**, to the world last week. Everyone is really looking forward to meeting him soon! For now, I hope you and your **families** enjoy a **relaxing** and **safe** break and we look forward to seeing you on **Monday 28th April**. Thank you, Mr Routledge



## Mrs Birks

This week, we said our 'goodbyes' to **Mrs Birks** who officially **retired** yesterday. **Mrs Birks** started with us in a voluntary capacity in **1991** (when I was four!) before becoming a full-time employee in **1999**. Over that time, she has worked predominantly with our youngest children and, by my quick maths, has worked directly with more than **1000 children**! We are all so pleased for **Mrs Birks** and know that she will make the most of her **retirement** with her family. She has also agreed to come back in a **voluntary capacity** which is amazing news for us. **Thank you** so much for your **amazing work** here over the years - you've made a **massive difference** to so many children!



## Miss Luke

We are very excited that our cook, **Miss Luke**, is getting married during the **Easter** break! **Miss Luke** does a fantastic job alongside the **kitchen team** in cooking **hundreds of meals** every week but I am sure she will thoroughly enjoy having a lovely **wedding meal** served up for her! After Easter, **Miss Luke** will be known as **Mrs Lockey**. We all hope she has a **fantastic day** and wish her and her new husband a **lifetime** of **happiness**.

## Bus

We had an **amazing surprise** in school this afternoon thanks to **Mrs Cragg** and her husband who have a link to the company which provided the **Newcastle United** parade bus. Children were all given the chance to see the bus which carried the players through town after the incredible **Carabao Cup** win. **Credit** to the driver who managed to **negotiate** the tight car park without clipping anything! We hope that we've helped to create lasting memories! We'll do our best to get the **Champions League 2026 Winners** bus in school next **summer**.



## Easter Egg Competition

Our **Easter Egg Competition** was, as ever, a **huge success** as always. The children have shown incredible **creativity** this year and we had some **amazing entries**. We welcomed our local MP, **Emma Foody**, into school to judge the competition and two winners were chosen from each class. **Winners** will bring home a **tasty prize** tonight! Thank you for your **continued support**.



## Easter Raffle

On Tuesday, **Mrs Williams** and **Miss Wilkinson** conducted the **Easter Hamper Raffle** (under the watchful eye of **Mrs Thompson!**). As ever, the hampers looked amazing thanks to your **generous donations** and the **handiwork** of **Mrs Mort** and **Mrs Wilson**. In total, the raffle raised **£581** to go towards **school funds**. A big thank you to **Miss Wilkinson** who does a brilliant job of organising our **fundraising initiatives**. Equally, a big thanks to you all at home for your **continued commitment** and support to school.

## Year Three Rugby

On **Wednesday**, our Year Three children headed out to **Eastfield** for the rearranged **Rugby Festival**. The children had a great time taking part in a **carousel of activities** designed to develop their skills in **handling** and **throwing** a rugby ball. The children ended the festival with some friendly **tag rugby games** against children from some of the other **Cramlington Primary Schools**.



## Training Day

A reminder that we have a **Training Day** on **Friday 23rd May**. School will, therefore, close for half-term on **Thursday 22nd May**. Also, **Monday 5th May** is a **Bank Holiday** so school will be shut then. It will certainly be a busy half-term!

## Dance Heritage Project

This morning, we welcomed **Laura Connolly** and **Connor O'Kane** to work with our **Year Five** and **Six** children. Laura, a **clod dancer** and Connor, a **breakdancer** have been working on a dance heritage project. The children were treated to a **dance workshop** where they were taught moves which they turned into their own short routines. At the end of the session, Connor demonstrated some **break dancing moves** to the group which the children (and staff!) were very impressed with!

## Year Five Back on Track Project

On Tuesday, our six week '**Back on Track**' programme concluded with a visit to **Concordia**. The visit served as a reward for the **excellent work** that took place during the **previous five sessions**. It was also a great opportunity for the children to see what **Concordia** has to offer. A big thank you to **Rob, Zola** and the rest of the team for organising the sessions - we hope to be able to **do it again** in the future!





## Attendance

I had the pleasure of handing out an awful lot of **Easter Eggs** today! The eggs were **prizes** for children who recorded **100% attendance** this half-term. More than **100 children** were in school every day since **Monday 3rd March** - a streak of **30 consecutive days**. As ever, we recognise that children may be unwell at times and can't always expect **100% attendance**. Our **target** remains **96%+ attendance** over the course of the year. There is a clear **correlation** between **attendance** and **academic outcomes** so please ensure that you do what you can to promote and support **strong attendance**. Next **half-term** consists of just **18 school days** so there is a great chance to achieve **100%** next time around.

**Reception** - 85%   **Year One** - 94.48%   **Year Two** - 92.50%   **Year Three** - 98.57%   **Year Four** - 98.21%  
**Year Five** - 97.24%   **Year Six** - 94.07%

## On the Menu After Easter . . .

Week One	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main Course	Salmon Bites	Homemade Pasta Bolognese	Chicken Curry	Beef/Veggie Roast and Yorkshire Pudding	Oven Baked Sausage/Veggie Sausage
	Tuna or Cheese* Wrap	Cheese* and Broccoli Pasta	Tomato and Basil Pasta Bake	Fishfingers	Tomato and Mozzarella Pizza
	Sandwich (Choice of Fillings)	Jacket Potato (Choice of Fillings)	Sandwich (Choice of Fillings)	Jacket Potato (Choice of Fillings)	Sandwich (Choice of Fillings)
Potatoes/Pasta/Rice	Oven Baked Mini Waffles	Garlic Bread	Rice, Naan Bread or Crusty Bread	Roast Potatoes or Potato Smiles	Chips
Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables	Seasonal Vegetables
Salad Bar	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad	Seasonal Salad
Desserts	Homemade Biscuit (Dairy Free)	Mini Muffin (Contains Milk) with a Glass of Juice	Peaches and Cream (Dairy Free Available)	Fruit Mousse Slice (Contains Milk)	School Pudding of the Day (Dairy Free Available)

\*Dairy Free Cheese Available