



'Let your light shine'

21st February 2025

Dear Families,

Class 2 and Interlino

Class 2 had an exciting morning with a visit from Jordan, our Computing and E-learning consultant from Northumberland County Council. He brought some innovative new technology with him - the Interlino train - which our children are the first in the county to use! Interlino is a programmable, robotic train which is screen-free. It uses tactile action snaps and enables children to build a foundation in STEM and introduces them to basic programming concepts. The children found it engaging and lots of fun! And the good news is Jordan has left it in school on loan so we can learn more next half term!



Book Fair

Following our very successful book fair in school last week, we achieved a reward of 25% of total sales in free books. This amounted to £84 which was spent on a range of books selected from the Scholastic shelves - these books will be added to the school library stock for all the children to enjoy. Thank you to everyone for your support!

World Book Day

World Book Day is on **Thursday 6th March**. We will be joining in with this national event to celebrate books and reading and want to give you advanced notice of some of the activities we have planned.

This year, we will be focusing on vocabulary. Therefore, we would like to invite children to dress up as a word of their choice e.g. vibrant, athletic, heroic, artistic, mythical etc. Children could think about words they have studied in their literacy lessons, spelling lessons or even something more adventurous!

The theme of World Book Day this year is "Read YOur Way". Read Your Way encourages everyone to let go of reading pressures and expectations and empowers children to have fun discovering reading on their own terms. Here are some fun and easy ways to join in at home:

- Find 10 minutes on World Book Day and every day to read with your child. It doesn't just happen at bedtime - reading and sharing stories can happen anywhere at any time.
- Choose a book at your local library to read together - join the library and start a new habit of visiting the library on a regular basis.
- Look out for "World Book Day Bingo" in your child's bag in the first week back after the half term break.

For lots of ideas on how you can make story time fun, as well as advice on sharing stories and encouraging a lifelong love of reading, visit www.worldbookday.com

Activities for the Half Term break

Our PE coach Liam from Active Future Northumberland is delivering exciting, fun activities at Stannington First School next week - your child brought home a flyer last week.

Great Oak Adventures has a Bushcraft holiday club next week. You can find further information on their [website](#)

After school clubs

Did you know that changes to childcare support mean you might now be eligible for more help than ever before? Working families claiming Universal Credit with children under 17, can claim back up to 85% of eligible childcare costs. Tax-free childcare is also available for working families, including the self-employed with children aged 0-11, or 0-16 if disabled. Please visit the [Childcare Choices](#) website to find out more and how you can get help.



If you wish for your child to attend any of the after school clubs, or breakfast club please email the school office to book a place for them as numbers are limited at some of our clubs.

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Spring Term 1 After School Clubs	
Monday	Lego Club run by Tritlington Explorers 3.15 - 4.15pm
Tuesday	Art Club run by Tritlington Explorers 3.15 - 4.15pm
Wednesday	Forest School 'Seedlings After School Club' 3.15 - 4.45pm Sewing Club with Tritlington Explorers
Thursday	Outdoor Play with Tritlington Explorers 3.15 - 4.15pm
Friday	Movie night with Tritlington Explorers / PE Club with Liam 3.15 - 4.15pm £4

Dates for your Diary - Spring Term	
Friday 21st February	BREAK UP FOR 1 WEEK FOR HALF TERM
Monday 3rd March	Start back at school
Thursday 6th March	World Book Day
Friday 7th - 16th March	British Science Week
Thursday 13th March	Peace Garden Planting Day - Come along from 2-4pm to help plant up our new garden - more to follow
Monday 17th March	St Patrick's Day - Non-uniform Day £1 donation wear Irish Flag colours
Friday 28th March	Mothering Sunday Shop
Monday 31st March	Parents Evening
Tuesday 1st April	Parents Evening
Wednesday 2nd April	Experience Easter with Revd Elaine in school
Wednesday 9th April	Easter Service at Hebron Church Coffee morning back at school after the service
Thursday 10th April	Easter Film Night 3.15 - 5.00 pm
Friday 11th April	BREAK UP FOR 2 WEEKS FOR EASTER
Monday 28th April	Start back at school
Thursday 1st May	Polling Day - school open as normal

Kind regards

Mrs O'Dell and Mrs Stephenson

