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# Bowburn Primary News.

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## Dates for your Dairies- Spring term



### FEBRUARY:

5.2.20: Year 5 Trip to Roker beach  
6.2.20: Year 3 Trip to Durham Cathedral  
10.2.20: Year 5 Trip to Life Centre, Newcastle  
10.2.20: Year 4 Visit to Belmont School (am)  
11.2.20: Safer Internet Day (whole school)  
13.2.20: Year 5 Visit to Belmont School (am)  
14.2.20: **END OF TERM**  
17.2.20-25.2.20 **HALF TERM** ( NB:24.2.20 is teacher training day- school closed)  
26.2.20: Y6 Theatre Visit : 'Holes'  
27.2.20: Y6 Mini Medics training.

### MARCH:

**\*\*Parents meeting dates -to be confirmed soon.\*\***

5.3.20—**World Book Day (Whole school)**  
5.3.20- **World Book day themed lunch ( Whole school)**  
19.3.20, 20.3.20 **Invite a Parent/carer to Lunch Days ( juniors)**  
31.3.20: **Easter assemblies at Church**  
3.4.20: **END OF TERM**  
3.4.20-20.4.20 **EASTER HOLIDAYS.**

### Safer Internet Day 11th February 2020

Watch out for a letter and booklet arriving with your child on Safer Internet day on 11th February.

All pupils will be working on safety online, and the booklet gives parents and carers some useful advice on helping children stay safe online.

We would like to remind everyone that mobile phones and Smart Watches aren't allowed to be brought to school by pupils.

We would also request that you monitor what your child is up to online, as we've had a few cases of inappropriate use of the internet or messaging by some of the older pupils recently.

### COMING SOON- 'PARENT PAY'.

Parent Pay is a cashless system for dinner monies, trip monies, breakfast club.

We are hoping to have this ready to start from after Easter.

**You will receive full information about the change to Parent Pay very soon.**

### CREDIT UNION savings bank

Did you know children can save with the Credit Union at school?

Our savings bank runs on Tuesdays at 9.00am at the juniors

and on Thursdays at 9.00am at the infants.

**Why not pop in to start saving ?**

## Chinese New Year—Year of the Rat

As part of our Chinese New Year celebrations, Year 2 visited the Oriental Museum in Durham. Led by their Education Team, the children learned the story of the Chinese Zodiac, made some craft work based on the Year of the Rat, examined some precious Chinese artefacts and did a Dragon Dance round the museum!

Last Friday, outreach workers from the Oriental Museum visited the nursery infant building for the day. The children took part in lots of Chinese New Year themed activities such as dressing up as animals from the Chinese Zodiac and a Chinese Dragon dance. In the junior building, pupils also had a Chinese themed day, completing art work to make Chinese paper decorations and Chinese calligraphy with Mr Hu, our Mandarin teacher. Children in both buildings also enjoyed a yummy Chinese themed school lunch.

There are lots of pictures from Chinese New Year on our website at :

[www.bowburnprimary@durham.sch.uk/](http://www.bowburnprimary@durham.sch.uk/)



**WOW- Walk Once a Week !**



*The aim of WOW is to encourage more pupils to walk to school ( or use active transport such as a bike, scooter or 'park and stride ') at least once per week. If pupils walk at least once a week for a month they get a special badge—there are 11 to collect!*

*There is also a special free app for parents or pupils to download which explains more about the project, and there are fun games to play. The app can also scan the badges to make them come to life on screen with fun and interesting facts- cool!*

*The children will shortly be able to take part in a competition to design a badge, with some super prizes to be won.*

<https://www.livingstreets.org.uk/Lets get Active!!>

**Y6 after school booster sessions have started every Wednesday from 29th January to SATs.**

**ALL Y6 pupils are encouraged to attend !**

### Communication .....

And finally, a plea to all parents/carers—please, please check your child's bag regularly for letters we send home—many of these don't reach parents, causing questions or problems further down the line.

They will also have homework, reading books and juniors have their organisers that you also may need to see every day.

We also use a text messaging service to stay in touch, please let us know if you change your phone number so we can contact you quickly with messages or in an emergency.