



Cuckney C of E Primary School Newsletter



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Issue 5

This Half Term:

**International Math's
Day - Friday 14th
March**

**Red Nose Day -
Friday 21st March**

**KS1 Mother's Day
Afternoons Tea -
Wednesday 26th
March**

**KS2 Mother's Day
Afternoons Tea -
Thursday 27th March**

**Easter Service at
Church 2pm -
Tuesday 1st April**

**Easter Egg
Competition -
Thursday 3rd April**

**INSET DAY - Friday
4th April**

**Pupils Return to
School - Tuesday
22nd April**

Holbeck's Glorious Guide Dog Work

Holbeck children spent the morning learning about the work Guide Dogs do and their importance in the lives of someone partially sighted.

Last year the children in Holbeck did some fabulous fundraising for Guide Dogs UK. They raised over £500, by completing a blindfolded obstacle course, as part of their Superhero topic. In recognition of the large sum they had raised, Guide Dogs entered our school into a prize draw, which we won!! On the 3rd March Susie from Guide Dogs returned to Cuckney to speak to the current Holbeck children about the impact fundraising has on the charity. The children tried some activities using partially sighted glasses or blindfolds, so they could see how it would feel to not be able to see completely. They learned how to read their names in Braille and coloured some Guide Dog posters. In the afternoon, India the guide dog came to school to demonstrate to the whole school how she helps her owner to complete day to day tasks such as crossing the road. This was the prize we won for raising money

previously.

All of the children were in awe of India and had a brilliant afternoon seeing her in action.

Susie from Guide Dogs UK said the children were "attentive, well-informed and full of great questions".

Holbeck children will now complete their learning by taking part in another fundraising activity for Guide Dogs UK.



This year we will be supporting Comic Relief by celebrating their 40th birthday!! We will be taking a trip down memory lane by dressing up in our best 80's gear and holding a birthday

cake bake off. If your child would like to take part please pay via the JustGiving link sent out on Arbor all children who donate will receive a cake. We also sold red noses in February which will be handed out, to those who purchased, on the day of the event.

**Let's make this
year our highest
donation yet and
party like it's
1985!**

Mother's Day

We will be hosting our Mother's Day celebrations on two days. For Key Stage 1 children this will be on the 26th March at 2:30pm and for Key Stage 2 children this will be Thursday 27th March at 2:30pm. If you have a child in both key stages, please choose an event to attend and all of your children will come to that one. Please book through Arbor School Shop. Each

adult will be treated to a cream tea of scones, cake and hot drinks. Children will have biscuits and juice. It will be a lovely afternoon for you to spend time with your children. As well as this, we will be selling raffle tickets for a Mother's Day hamper. These will be sold on the week commencing 24th March in the playground.





Reminders

- ◆ Please remember to label all items of your children's uniform to ensure we are able to return it.
- ◆ Money sent for snack must be in a named purse or wallet.
- ◆ Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform.
- ◆ The school day is 8:45-3:15, make sure your child is in school for 8:45 and ready to learn.
- ◆ Try and book appointments outside of school time to avoid missing learning time.
- ◆ School diaries and reading books must be in school every day.

What's New?



We have been working hard this year to rejuvenate the school. After adding the school gates in September, we knew that work on the school couldn't stop there. We had the Holbeck playground tarmacked and the whole thing has been given a new lease of life by the Holbeck staff. We took one of the old, unused summerhouses and Mrs Morton has turned it into a serene space to provide ELSA sessions to our students. We have also invested lot's of our fundraising money into creating a Music room for the pupils. With so many musically talented children in our school, we knew we needed to provide a better space for them to hone their skills with Mr Wofindon and Mrs Ambler. Alongside all of these huge changes, Mr Crossland has jetwashed, laid pathways to the outdoor rooms and helped Mrs Fletcher to maintain the school.



World Book Day

Well done to all of the children who took part in World Book Day this year. There were some fabulous costumes and brilliant potato entries for our competition. With our competition, dress up and book sale we managed to raise just over £150 to spend on new topic resources for the school.

