

Dear Parents and Carers,

Website Updates – what has been uploaded this week?

All Friday letters and updates (not linked to specific areas: Safeguarding, Online Safety etc.), will be published in either: **Parents – Friday Letters – Spring Term 2 2024 OR Parents – Letters and Flyers**

Thursday Letter 28th March 2024

<https://www.thedriveprimary.co.uk/friday-letters/>

Spud Decorating

Another amazing day of spud decorating - we are oh so traditional at The Drive 😊. The atmosphere around school was fabulous and the creations were 'spudtacular' (it had to be done)! Thank you everyone who was able to attend and for making the day such a lovely one.

Whole School Basketball Competition

On Tuesday, Active Future came into school to run a whole school Basketball Intra-School Competition. The children worked really hard and as a team to get points for their houses. The winning team have been awarded a trophy (presented to them today), which is in pride of place in the hall. Well done everyone another good day of sport and fun!

House Team	Points	Position
The Glass House/Baltic	11	1 st
Angel of the North	7	2 nd
Millennium Bridge	6	3 rd
Sage	5	4 th

Reception Trip

Reception have been learning all about Dinosaurs this half term and ended the topic by visiting The Great North Museum. We found lots of different animals and their skeletons from all different centuries and different habitats. We then attended a workshop which was called Dinky Dinos's and listened to a story all about dinosaurs, having to guess what type of dinosaur would hatch. We then found out how fossils are made and used a magic trick to turn an ammonite into its fossil. Then we had a carousel of activities including becoming palaeontologists and searching for fossils, finding the names of new fossils, and ordering them by size. We even got to hold fossilized poo (its real name is Coprolites)! Well done Reception – another great trip.

Miss Roberts and Mrs Hunter.

Easter Raffle

Well done to our Easter Raffle winners. We made **£180** that will be put towards school funds; this money will help us to continue to fund trips and experiences for our wonderful children.

Have a lovely Easter everyone – stay safe and we will see you Monday 15th April.

Yours sincerely,



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Dates for the Diary (as they stand, much more to come) – dates will be added to and possibly changes made. Keep an eye on our website calendar also.

Just a reminder, a 'C' will feature next to an event that requires parent/carer consent. PLEASE NOTE, CONSENT IS NOW GIVEN ON PARENT PAY www.parentpay.com. All letters can be found in Letters and Flyer on our school website.

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Spring Term 2 2024 – 5 week half term	
Thursday 28 th March	Break up for Easter
Friday 29 th March	Bank Holiday – Good Friday
Summer Term 1 2024 – 6 week half term	
Monday 15 th April	Return to school after Easter
Wednesday 17 th April	Year 3 Trip – Arbeia Letter issued before Easter
Monday 22 nd April	Earth Day – Sustrans in
Wednesday 1 st May	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning 9 – 10 am
Week beginning 13 th May	KS2 SATS Week
Tuesday 21 st May	Year 6 Leavers Photos Children to be in full uniform
Friday 24 th May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 3 rd June	Return to school after Half Term



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