WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
15th March 2019

Dear Parents,
Our children started the week with Mrs Swancott introducing Science week to our children. All week the children have been having fun with Science. Today our year 5 and 6 children had the opportunity to take part in workshops led by staff at Newcastle College. The children worked well and had great fun.

Years 5, on Tuesday, were visited by staff from Mini medics – this is fantastic way to introduce First Aid to children. We were very lucky to obtain this training free of charge. It was very informative for our children.

On Wednesday in the midst of Storm Gareth seven members of Year 5 braved the elements and played in the Trust rugby inter school Rugby competition

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended Parents Evening. Please do feel free to talk to staff if you were unable to attend and wish to make an appointment to discuss your child's progress.

We ended the week all dressed in red to support red Nose day and raised £176.10.

Twitter:
We are trying hard to tweet as many photos as we can. Please do follow us.

Times Tables Rockstars (TT Rockstars):
As part of our drive to improve children's fluency with times tables, we have been using Times Tables Rockstars. Over the past year, our KS2 pupils have been engaging in online and paper activities, both in school and at home, which have had a positive improvement on times tables recall.

Last week we began our first Rock Battle between Nightingale and Windsor, where ever point each child scores contributes to their class' total. These battles will now be a regular event between different classes and groups.

The winners of the first Knutton St Mary's Rock Battle were Nightingale, and congratulations to Keira who was the battle's Most Valuable Player, with a score of 2790 points.
This week's battle will involve all of KS2 in a girl's vs boy's battle. Please encourage your children to access this wonderful resource as much as possible.

Star Readers:
Rewards are given for effort or progress with home reading or reading at school. Children can choose a book to take home and keep. This week's winners are, Angel, Deon, Mia, Lola, Tyler, Ruby-Mae and Keira.

Effort of the week:
Well done to the following children who won this week: Skyla, Kai, Emily, Lydia, Lucas, Leon, Alex, Calixta and James

Good to be Green:

Well done to the following children who won the good to be green raffle: Darcey, Mia, Kai, James, Lacey-Mai, Ella-May, Thomas, Evie and Benjamin.

Team Stars:

The running total so far:

Endeavour (blue) 47 Stars, Pioneer (green) 43 Stars, Voyager (yellow) 47 Stars, and Discovery (red) 43 Stars.

Attendance:

Our whole school attendance target is **95.5%** .This week we achieved **94.3%**

Weekly Class Attendance & Lates:

The class with the highest attendance will receive golden time in class.

This week's winner is: Kingfishers with 99.4%.

Parrots	89.3% 2 Lates	Kingfishers	99.4% 0 Lates	Brunel	93.1% 0 Lates
Robins	89.3% 1 Lates	Nightingale	96.6% 2 Lates	Darwin	94.8% 0 Lates
Starlings	92.4% 3 Lates	Windsor	94.8% 7 Lates		

Dates for the diary:

Date	Event
29th March 2019	2pm Loving and giving assembly. EYFS and KS1 parents, Details to follow.
10th April 2019	Easter Church Service at St Mary's Church 9:20am
12th April 2019	Progress and Attendance Assembly
12th April 2019	School closes for Easter holiday

Contacting the School:

If you are contacting the school by telephone, please use the options to help you contact the right person for your query, a short message will be played giving you options, please choose **option 1** to report your child absent, **option 2** to speak to Miss Middleton our Home School link worker, **option 3** for Mrs Moore in Finance, **option 4** to speak to the kitchen and **hold the line** to speak to Mrs Brown in the office. Please note the office opens from 8.30am.

Safeguarding and Support:

The welfare of our children is always our priority. If you ever feel you need to talk to anyone in school regarding safeguarding or any welfare issues we can help with, please ask to speak to Mrs Wheaver or Miss Middleton who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads, if they are not available please speak to Mrs Birchall who is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.