



# Newsletter June 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

**This is our last newsletter of the year. Please find information for the last few weeks of term and next year and keep for your reference.**



We are coming to the end of another year and time again to say a sad farewell to our Y6 pupils. They have worked extremely hard and we wish them well as they move on to secondary school. Well done Year 6 and our best wishes for the future!!

## Classroom Organisation

In September, our classes will be organised as below:

Class	Year Group	Key Stage	No of Pupils (projected)	Teacher		Teaching Assistant
1	Y6	KS2	19	Miss Mawson		Mrs Macpherson
2	Y4 / Y5	KS2	23	Mr Hill		
3	Y3 / Y4	KS2	21	Mrs McCluskey		
4	Y1 / Y2	KS1	23	Miss Dobson		Mr Hopper + Apprentice TA's (tbc)
5	N/Rec	EYFS	20	Mrs Turner	Mon, Thurs, Fri	Mrs Hurton
				Mrs Bradford	Tues, Wed	

## Uniform

Uniform order forms were due in today for orders for September. If you require any uniform for September and have not handed in an order at the School Office, could you please do so first thing on Monday so we can ensure your orders arrive in school before the summer holidays.

Please remember that, from September 2014 and after consultation through our Governing Body, we have altered our school's policy with regards to jewellery in view of changes made due to Health and Safety reasons. **NO** jewellery will be allowed at all including earrings. If your child comes to school wearing jewellery or earrings, they will be asked to remove them immediately and the school will not take any responsibility for any lost items, so please do not send your child to school wearing them. The only exception to this is that children will be allowed to wear a watch.

## School Dinners

From September, school meals will go up to £2 per day (£10.00 week). However, we hope that the Government scheme for children who will be in KS1 in September (that's Reception Class up to Year 2) to receive a free school meal will be continuing. Confirmation of this will be given when we are informed.

Dinner money **MUST** be paid on a **Monday in advance** as we now have a formal collection from County on a Wednesday. This should be placed in a named envelope and handed in to the class teacher and can we say thank you to the parents who follow procedure. We continually ask parents not

to bring large notes to the School Office first thing on a Monday morning as we only hold limited amounts of change but there are still many parents who do this. Please follow our procedure and ensure you have the correct change ready for a Monday morning. You can, if you wish, pay by cheque for a month in advance or more if you feel that would be an easier option.

If you wish to change from packed lunch to dinners or vice versa, we will require half a term's notice. If you arrange a medical appointment for the morning, can you please ensure you inform the **School Office before 10.00 am** if you still require a lunch for your child. All dinners are ordered at this time, so if we are unaware your child will be returning to school, there will be no dinner ordered.

### Nursery Meals

Nursery meals will come down to £2.00 in September, with the difference being subsidised by the school, and bringing it in line with the rest of the pupil meals. Your child's weekly lunches must be ordered and paid for on your child's **first** day of attendance. School meals are available to children attending nursery for a full day only. Please note that you can provide your child with a packed lunch as long as it adheres to our Packed Lunch Policy.

### Text Messaging Service



As ever, please ensure that we do have an **up to date** mobile phone number for you and that you keep this phone switched on during the school day. We have upgraded our messaging service to ParentMail's newer system and you should have received a text from ParentMail to register. If you do this, we can keep you up to speed using email straight to your phone. You can also download the ParentMail app if you have an iPhone.

### Facebook

After a number of reported incidents, can I remind you it is not appropriate to make comments on Facebook with regards to school, other people's children or staff. If you have any concerns, please bring them to my attention.

A further E-safety bulletin from Durham police has been added to our website for your information.

### Summer Fayre

Our annual Summer Fayre will take place on **Wednesday 24 June** and doors open at **1.30pm**. We need donations of items for our stalls. We generally have a bric-a-brac stall, tombola, toy stall, accessories stall (handbags, scarfs, jewellery, etc) and a cake stall. If you are having a clear out and wish to offload some stuff and it is in good condition, please bring it up to the school. If you would like to donate any cakes/buns for our stall, please bring these in the day before the fayre.



Please find attached two strips of raffle tickets for 50p per strip. If you wish to enter them in the raffle, please return them to school with the correct money and write your name on the back of **every** ticket as they will be separated.

### End of Year Celebrations Assembly

Our special awards assembly will take place at **2.00 pm on Thursday 16 July**. We hope to see you there to celebrate our pupils' achievements and award our annual trophies to some well-deserving children.



### Attendance

This term we will be handing out a number of £5 vouchers for a full attendance for the summer term. We are currently looking for a new sponsor.

### X Factor Production

As you know, our annual X Factor production is looming ever closer. Parents of children in the production should have received a letter detailing all practice sessions



in the next few weeks. If not, please see Miss Mawson/Office for a copy. The actual production will take place on **Friday 3 July** and tickets will be on sale from the School Office from Monday 22 June at £3 per ticket. Doors open at 5pm and the production begins at 5.30pm.

### Induction Week

Induction week begins **Monday 6 July** and will last 3 days until **Wednesday 8 July**. The children will all move up into their new classes and Y6 children enrolling into Wolsingham School and Community College will be going there. Parents of these children will have received a full information pack from Wolsingham.



### Y6 Leavers' Assembly

This will take place in the school hall on **Friday 10 July at 2pm**. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Reception Graduation

This will take place outside (weather permitting) on **Monday 13 July at 2.45pm**.

### Sports Day

Sports Day will take place on **Monday 29 June at 1pm** – again, weather permitting! A letter will follow explaining the day.



### Non Uniform Day

Our last day of term will be **Friday 17 July** and we will be having a non-uniform day and disco for £1 per pupil. Parents can collect children from **1.15pm** if they wish, however, children are **not** allowed to go home on their own during school hours.

## FUTURE EVENTS

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| Monday 15 June          | - Y5/Y6 Basketball Competition   |
| Tuesday 16 June         | - Y6 and Reception Group photos (please ensure correct uniform worn)   |
| Thursday 18 June        | - Y5 Activity Day at Wolsingham School & Community College (WSCC)  |
| Friday 19 June          | - C4 Visit to Burnhill Nature Reserve<br>C2 Family Assembly (2.40pm)   |
| Wednesday 24 June       | - 1.30pm Summer Fayre  |
| Friday 26 June          | - C4/C5 Family Assembly (2.40pm)   |
| Monday 29 June          | - Sports Day   |
| Wednesday 1 July        | - School reports issued to parents   |
| Thursday 2 July         | - C4 Trip to National Railway Museum in Shildon (letter to follow)   |
| Friday 3 July           | - X Factor Production – doors open at 5pm  |
| Mon 6 July – Wed 8 July | - Secondary Transition days - Y6 to WSCC and all other children move to new classes  |
| Mon 6 July              | - 3.15 - 6pm Parents' Evening (Optional - appointments issued upon request)  |
| Tuesday 7 July          | - Y5's Trip to Durham Cathedral for a Medieval Taster Day (letter to follow)<br>- Nursery (Group 1) visit to Burnhill (am) |



- Thursday 9 July
    - Children return to original classes
    - Nursery (Group 2) visit to Burnhill (pm)
  - Friday 10 July
    - 2 pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly
  - Monday 13 July
    - Y6 Leavers' Reward Trip
    - 2.45 pm Reception Graduation
  - Thursday 16 July
    - 2.00 pm Celebrations Assembly
  - Friday 17 July
    - Non-uniform Day/discos in morning
    - 1.15 pm children may be collected
- Break for Summer Holidays*
- Thursday 3 September
    - School returns

**And Finally .....**

**We return to school on Thursday 3 September. Can I wish you all a wonderful summer break and I look forward to seeing you in the new academic year!**

**Best wishes  
Lisa Jackson  
Headteacher**

## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2015/2016

<b>Holiday</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>	<b>Date Re-open for Teaching Purposes</b>
Summer 2015 (6 weeks 3 days)	Friday 17 July 2015	Thursday 3 September 2015
Autumn Half-Term 2015 (1 week)	Friday 23 October 2015	Monday 2 November 2015
Christmas 2015 (2 weeks 1 day)	Friday 18 December 2015	Tuesday 5 January 2016
Spring Half-Term 2016 (1 week)	Friday 12 February 2016	Monday 22 February 2016
Easter 2016 (2 weeks 2 days)	Wednesday 23 March 2016	Monday 11 April 2016
May Day 2016 (2 days)	Thursday 28 April 2016	Tuesday 3 May 2016
Summer Half-Term 2016 (1 week)	Friday 27 May 2016	Monday 6 June 2016
Summer 2016 (6 weeks 3 days)	Wednesday 20 July 2016	Tuesday 6 September 2016

**Important Note: the following dates have been agreed as INSET days for school staff:**

<b>Tuesday 1 September 2015</b>	<b>Thursday 24 March 2016</b>
<b>Wednesday 2 September 2015</b>	<b>Friday 29 April 2016</b>
<b>Monday 4 January 2016</b>	