

# Newsletter June 2016

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	15	Miss Mawson		Mrs Macpherson Miss Coates (Apprentice TA)
2	Y4 / Y5	KS2	20	Mrs Blakey		
3	Y3 / Y4	KS2	19	Mrs McCluskey		
4	Y1 / Y2	KS1	25	Miss Dobson		Mr Hopper
5	N/Rec	EYFS	20	Mrs Turner	Mon, Thurs, Fri	Mrs Hurton Miss Morris (Apprentice TA)
				Mrs Bradford	Tues, Wed	

## Uniform

Uniform order forms were due in on 17 June. Mrs Kelly has now placed all the orders and so if you have not handed a form in, you will have to wait until September. **NO** jewellery will be allowed at all including earrings; the only exception to this is that children will be allowed to wear a watch.

## School Dinners

School meals remain at £2 per day (£10.00 week). The Government scheme for KS1 children to receive a free school meal (that's Reception Class up to Year 2) is continuing in September.

Nursery meals will also remain at £2.00 in September. 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.

## Contact Details



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. This is extremely important as we will need to get hold of you in an emergency. Please register with ParentMail and download the ParentMail app for convenient communication.



**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.

### **News from the Local Authority E-Safety**



Kik Messenger has become a popular app with some groups of pupils; however, we have been warned by Durham Police that it is being used by offenders to groom children to obtain indecent photos and videos. Please be aware that:-

- Kik has a minimum age of 13, and it is not suitable for younger children due to risks associated with inappropriate and/or illegal sharing of images and videos
- Parents should manage their children's use of technology. Please set tablets and phones so that children cannot download apps without parental permission. (We have come across many cases where children have been abused through an app that parents and carers did not realise had been installed)
- If your child is old enough to use the app, and is mature enough to manage its appropriate use, please check the privacy settings so that your child's whereabouts and images are not being broadcast around the net without their knowledge.

See further advice on <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safety-tools/kik>

If you discover that your child has been abused using this or any other app, please contact Durham Police on 101 or contact the school for further advice.

### **X Factor Production**



As you know, our annual X Factor production was last Friday night and we would like to congratulate all the children who took part. They were really professional, both singers and dancers, and it was a fabulous night. A special mention must go to our worthy winner, Lewis Davis, for a fantastic performance. Hopefully, Lewis will be able to make a star appearance at the end of our Celebrations Assembly.

### **Summer Fayre**

Our annual Summer Fayre will take place on **Friday 1 July** and doors open at **1.30pm**. We need donations of items for our stalls. We generally have a bric-a-brac stall, tombola, teddy tombola, toy stall, accessories stall (handbags, scarfs, jewellery, etc), a cake stall and a raffle! 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 or the morning of 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.

### **Induction Week**

Induction week at Wolsingham School begins **Tuesday 5 July** and will last 3 days until **Thursday 7 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 children going to Parkside school will have a one-day induction only on Thursday 7 July and Consett Academy will also have a one-day induction on Thursday 30 June. Our children will remain in their new classes until Friday 15 July.

### **News from the Local Authority Home to School Transport - Secondary**

Pupils currently in Y6 who are due to transfer to Secondary School in September 2016 will be entitled to free home to school transport if they reside more than 3 miles from their nearest suitable school. In addition, for children who are entitled to free school meals or whose parents receive their maximum level of Working Tax Credit, under national extended transport rights, free transport will be provided to:

- One of the three nearest qualifying schools, if that school is more than two but less than six miles from the home address; or

- The nearest suitable secondary school preferred because of religion or belief for children whose parent(s) adhere to that belief, where that school is more than two but less than fifteen miles from the child's home.

Parents can apply online and access the Council's home to school transport policy at: [www.durham.gov.uk/schooltransport](http://www.durham.gov.uk/schooltransport)

Pupils who are not entitled to free travel from Durham County Council can apply for a concessionary (spare) seat on school buses and taxis. There will usually be a charge which may be paid in instalments. At present this is £1.50 per day, but some schools have special schemes with different charges. Details of the scheme, including bus routes and how to apply, are available at [www.durham.gov.uk/concessionaryspareseats](http://www.durham.gov.uk/concessionaryspareseats) or from the Transport Helpline on 03000 264 444.

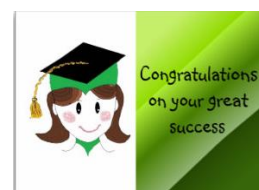
### Sports Day



Our Sports Day for year groups from Y1 to Y6 will take place on **Monday 4 July** at **1pm** – again, weather permitting! A letter will follow explaining the day. Nursery/ Reception Sports Day will be on Wednesday 6 July and a separate letter has already been sent to parents.

### Y6 Leavers' Assembly

This will take place in the school hall on **Friday 15 July** at **2pm**. We look forward to seeing you there.



### Nursery/Reception Graduation

This will take place outside (weather permitting) on **Monday 18 July** at **2.30pm**.

### End of Year Celebrations Assembly

Our special awards assembly will take place at **2.00 pm** on **Tuesday 19 July**. We hope to see you there to celebrate our pupils' achievements and award our annual trophies to some well-deserving children. Teas and coffees will be served from 1.30 pm.



### 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.

### Non Uniform Day



Our last day of term will be **Wednesday 20 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

Wednesday 29 June	- KS2 Cricket Festival at Hunwick Cricket Club
Thursday 30 June	- Induction Day at Consett Academy - School reports issued to parents
Friday 1 July	- Summer Fayre – doors open at 1.30 pm
Monday 4 July	- 1pm Sports Day for Y1-Y6 (weather permitting) - 3.30 - 6pm Parents' Evening ( <b>appointments issued upon request – please contact the Class Teacher</b> )
<b>!!</b>	- <b>3.30 – 6pm Mr Bell will be holding a Surgery in the Library if you have any matters you would like to discuss</b>
Tues 5 July – Thurs 7 July	- 3-day Induction at WSCC
Wednesday 6 July	- 11am Nursery Sports Day - 2.15pm Reception Sports Day

- Thursday 7 July - Induction Day at Parkside Academy
- 5 July – Fri 15 July - TLMPs Induction Days – children all move up into their new classes
- Mon 11 July - Y6 tree planting at TLMPs with Mr Bell
- Tuesday 12 July - Oriental Museum visitors to C1
- Wednesday 13 July - Reception visit to Hall Hill Farm  
- Football match at Parkside Academy
- Thursday 14 July - Nursery visit to Hall Hill Farm
- Friday 15 July - 2 pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly
- Monday 18 July - Y6 Leavers' Reward Trip to Planet Leisure  
- Y1/Y2 Multi-skills and Orienteering Day at WSCC  
2.30 pm Reception Graduation and Nursery Assembly
- Tuesday 19 July - 2.00 pm Celebrations Assembly (teas/coffees from 1.30pm)
- Wednesday 20 July - Non-uniform Day/discos in morning  
- 1.15 pm children may be collected  
*Break for Summer Holidays*
- Tuesday 6 September - School returns

**And Finally .....**

**We return to school on Tuesday 6 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 2016/2017

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Summer 2016 (6 weeks 3 days)	Wednesday 20 July 2016	Tuesday 6 September 2016
Autumn Half-Term 2016 (1 week)	Friday 21 October 2016	Monday 31 October 2016
Christmas 2016 (2 weeks 2 days)	Friday 16 December 2016	Wednesday 4 January 2017
Spring Half-Term 2017 (1 week)	Friday 17 February 2017	Monday 27 February 2017
Easter 2017 (2 weeks)	Friday 7 April 2017	Monday 24 April 2017
May Day 2017 (1 day)	Friday 28 April 2017	Tuesday 2 May 2017
Summer Half-Term 2017 (1 week 1 day)	Thursday 25 May 2017	Monday 5 June 2017
Summer 2017 (6 weeks 1 day)	Friday 21 July 2017	Tuesday 5 September 2017

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

**Monday 5 September 2016**

**Tuesday 3 January 2017**

**Friday 26 May 2017**