



Newsletter July 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

This is our last newsletter of the year. Please find information for the last couple of weeks of the 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!! Our Leavers' Assembly celebrating their time with us is on Tuesday 18 July at 2pm. We look forward to seeing you then. The children will also be treated to a day out to Planet Leisure (a separate letter will be following) as a reward for all their hard work.

They deserve it!!

Classroom Organisation

In September, our classes and projected numbers will be organised as below:

Class	Year Group	Key Stage	No of Pupils (projected)	Teacher		Teaching Assistant
1	Y5 / Y6	KS2	27	Miss Mawson		Mrs Macpherson Miss Coates
2	Y3 / Y4	KS2	26	Mrs McCluskey		
3	Y1 / Y2	KS1	14	Miss Dobson		Miss Morris
4	N/Rec	EYFS	25	Mrs Turner	Mon, Thurs, Fri	Mrs Hurton
				Mrs Bradford	Tues, Wed	

Uniform

Uniform orders for next year have all been placed and you should have received your order. We do have limited spares in stock if you have forgotten anything. **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). As far as we are aware, the Government has recently dropped their plans to end the Universal Infant Free School Meal scheme and so this will be continuing for KS1 children to receive a free school meal (that's Reception Class up to Year 2).

School meals are provided 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.

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.



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.

In September, we will be sending out our usual Data Collection Sheets for you to complete and return with any changes to your personal information. Please ensure you send this back to us as soon as possible so we have accurate data on our systems.

News from the Local Authority E-Safety



Snapchat has developed a new feature called Snapmaps which allows users to see the location of other users of snapchat. There are three possible settings, sharing with no-one (Ghost Mode), sharing with select friends (Chose which friends you share your location with) and my friends (Share your location with all your friends). Many children have a large number of "friends" on their accounts who they probably do not know well, and could be accidentally sharing their location.

Please check your child's privacy settings if you allow your child to use Snapchat (please note that the age limit for this app is set at 13+). Full details are provide in the UK Safer Internet centre blog at <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/introducing-%E2%80%98snap-maps%E2%80%99-new-location-sharing-feature-snapchat>

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 takes place tonight (Friday 7 July) and we would like to wish our participating children good luck for the performance. We look forward to welcoming back Kacey Blenkinsop, a past pupil and winner, who will be making a star appearance at the end of the show.

Sports Day

Our Sports Day for year groups from Reception to Y6 will take place on **Monday 10 July at 1pm** – again, weather permitting! Nursery Sports Day will be on **Wednesday 12 July** at 11.15 am. There will be a Teddy Tombola, ordinary Tombola and refreshments. If you have any donations for the tombola stalls, please send these into school on Monday morning. We look forward to seeing you all there to cheer the children on.



Induction Week

Induction week at **Wolsingham School** begins on **Tuesday 11 July** and will last 3 days until **Thursday 13 July**. Parents of these children will have received a full information pack from Wolsingham and children **MUST** take their "Weardale Adventure Centre Ltd" permission forms with them on the Tuesday or they will be unable to take part in the activity. **Bishop Barrington's** 3-day Induction is from **Wednesday 12 July** until **Friday 14 July**. Y6 children going to **Parkside Academy** will have a one-day induction only on **Thursday 13 July**. Our children will remain in their new classes until the last day when they will all return to their old classes for our disco.

Jumble Sale

Our Jumble Sale will take place on **Friday 14 July** and doors open at **1.30pm**. We need all donations of any items for our stalls. 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, please bring these in the day before or on the morning of the sale.

News from the Local Authority **New dog control measures**

Durham County Council has implemented a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for dog control. The new dog control measures mean that from 1 June all dog owners must:

- pick up after their dog and dispose of dog waste appropriately
- not allow dogs to stray – this means wander loose/roam or exercise without a responsible dog owner present
- not allow dogs into designated fenced off play areas included in the new Order
- put their dog on a lead when asked to do so by an authorised officer.

If dog owners fail to follow the new rules, they will be issued with a £100 Fixed Penalty Notice.

Reception Graduation

This will take place outside (weather permitting) on **Monday 17 July at 2.30pm**.

End of Year Celebrations Assembly

Our special awards assembly will take place at **2.00 pm on Thursday 20 July**. We hope to see you there to celebrate our pupils' achievements and award our annual trophies to some well-deserving children. There will also be a raffle. Please find attached two strips of raffle tickets for £1 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.



Attendance

This term we will be handing out a number of £5 vouchers for a full attendance for the summer term.

Non Uniform Day



Our last day of term will be **Friday 21 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

Friday 7 July	- X Factor Competition (doors open at 5pm for 5.30pm start)
Monday 10 July	- 1pm Sports Day for Rec-Y6 (weather permitting)
	- 3.30 - 6pm Parents' Evening (<i>appointments issued upon request – please contact the Class Teacher</i>)
Tues 11 July – Thurs 13 July	- 3-day Induction at WSCC
Wednesday 12 July	- 11.15am Nursery Sports Day
Wed 12 July – Fri 14 July	- 3-day Induction at Bishop Barrington
Thursday 13 July	- Induction Day at Parkside Academy
Friday 14 July	- Summer Jumble Sale – doors open at 1.30 pm
Monday 17 July	- Y6 Leavers' Reward Trip to Planet Leisure
	- 2.30 pm Reception Graduation
Tuesday 18 July	- 2 pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly

- Thursday 20 July - 2.00 pm Celebrations Assembly
- Friday 21 July - Non-uniform Day/discos in morning
- 1.15 pm children may be collected

Break for Summer Holidays

- Tuesday 5 September - School returns

And Finally

We return to school on Tuesday 5 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 2017/2018

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Summer 2017 (6 weeks 1 day)	Friday 21 July 2017	Tuesday 5 September 2017
Autumn Half-Term 2017 (1 week)	Friday 20 October 2017	Monday 30 October 2017
Christmas 2017 (2 weeks 1 day)	Friday 22 December 2017	Tuesday 9 January 2018
Spring Half-Term 2018 (1 week)	Friday 9 February 2018	Monday 19 February 2018
Easter 2018 (2 weeks 1 day)	Thursday 29 March 2018	Monday 16 April 2018
May Day 2018 (1 day)	Thursday 3 May 2018	Tuesday 8 May 2018
Summer Half-Term 2018 (1 week 1 day)	Friday 25 May 2018	Monday 4 June 2018
Summer 2018 (6 weeks)	Friday 20 July 2018	To be determined

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

Monday 4 September 2017 Tuesday 8 January 2018 Friday 4 May 2018