



**MILLENNIUM
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

*Newsletter
June 2018*

Dear Parents/Carers

This is our last newsletter of the year. Please find information for the last few 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 **Friday 6 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!!

X Factor Production



As you know, our annual X Factor production takes place tonight (**Friday 22 June**) 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.

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		Miss Coates Miss Kirton
2	Y3 / Y4	KS2	34	Miss Dobson		
3	Y1 / Y2	KS1	23	Miss Marr		Miss Morris
4	N/Rec	EYFS	26	Mrs Turner	Mon, Thurs, Fri	Mrs Hurton Miss Bell
				Mrs Bradford	Tues, Wed	

Mrs McCluskey will be working with groups of children in the Autumn as she enjoys her last term with us before her retirement at Christmas. We look forward to welcoming Miss Marr to our school and I'm sure she will be a wonderful addition to our team.



Sadly, we must also announce that Mrs Macpherson, our HLTA, has decided to take early retirement from her role. Mrs Macpherson has been a much valued member of staff since 2006 and was dedicated to the children in the school.

Her arts and crafts skills will be particularly missed!! I am sure parents and children alike would like to join me and the rest of the staff in wishing Mrs Macpherson a happy retirement.

Sports Day

Our Sports Day will be on **Monday 2 July** – again, weather permitting! EYFS Sports events will start at 1.15 pm, with KS1 and KS2 starting at 2pm. There will be refreshments. We look forward to seeing you all there to cheer the children on.



Uniform

Uniform orders for next year have all been placed and you will be informed when school has your order ready for collection. **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

From September, school meals will increase slightly to **£2.05** per day (£10.25/week). All correct monies/cheques should be placed in a named envelope and handed to the class teacher on a Monday morning. As far as we are aware, the Government is continuing

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

The school's Facebook page seems to be a success with parents and so this will continue next year.



As I have stated earlier, 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.



News from the Local Authority E-Safety



We have become aware of a significant number of issues with children sharing content using the app "musical.ly". Durham County has asked schools to make parents aware of the risks of the app which has a minimum age of 13. Their advice to parents is to carefully manage their child's use of social media.

Dangers for children include:

- 18+ content in the song lyrics – swearing and adult concepts
- Pornography, graphic content, suicide notes
- Musical.ly users can search for other users to view or follow near their own location/city
- Bullying in comments
- Many fake user accounts, used to hijack views or set up to bully

Full details can be viewed at <https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/expert-opinion/musical-ly-app-parents-need-know/>

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.

Induction Week

- Induction week at **Wolsingham School** begins on **Tuesday 10 July** and will last 3 days until **Thursday 12 July**.
- Y6 children going to **Consett Academy** will have a one-day induction only on **Tuesday 3 July**.
- Y6 children going to **Parkside Academy** will have a one-day induction only on **Thursday 12 July**.

All parents of these children will have received information regarding these days from the appropriate school. During Induction week, all children will move into their new classes for a taster.

Summer Fayre



Our Summer Fayre will take place on **Friday 13 July** - doors open at **2pm** and it will finish at **4pm**.

We need all donations of any items for our stalls, ie bric-a-brac, toys, etc. 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.



Reception Graduation

This will take place outside (weather permitting) on **Monday 16 July** at **2.30pm**.

End of Year Celebrations Assembly

Our special awards assembly will take place at **1.30 pm** on **Thursday 19 July** (*please note the slightly earlier start time than stated on the Key Stage newsletters*).

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 and looking at who has had 100% attendance for the whole year.

Non Uniform Day



Our last day of term will be **Friday 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.

And Finally

We return to school on Wednesday 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**



FUTURE EVENTS

- Friday 22 June - X Factor Competition (doors open at 5pm for 5.30pm start)
- Wednesday 27 June - Y5/Y6 visit to the Sikh Temple in Newcastle
- Thursday 28 June - Rec/KS1 Athletics Festival at Peases West
- Monday 2 July - 1.15pm EYFS Sports Day (weather permitting)
2pm KS1 & KS2 Sports Day
- Tuesday 3 July - Y5 3rd Multi-skills Visit to Parkside Academy
Induction Day at Consett Academy
- Wednesday 4 July - Whole School visit to Beamish Museum
- Friday 6 July - 2pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly
- Monday 9 July - 3.30 - 6pm Parents' Evening (***appointments issued upon request – please contact the Class Teacher***)
- Tues 10 July – Thurs 12 July - 3-day Induction at WSCC
- Thursday 12 July - Induction Day at Parkside Academy
- Friday 13 July - am Nursery Visit to Hall Hill Farm
Summer Fayre – doors open at 2pm and closes at 4pm
- Monday 16 July - 2.30pm Reception Graduation
- Wednesday 18 July - Y6 Leavers' Reward Trip to Planet Leisure
- Thursday 19 July - **1.30pm** Celebrations Assembly
- Friday 20 July - Non-uniform Day/discos in morning
1.15 pm children may be collected

Break for Summer Holidays

- Wednesday 5 September - School returns



TERM DATES 2018 – 2019

Autumn Term	Wednesday 5 September 2018	to	Friday 21 December 2018
Spring Term	Monday 7 January 2019	to	Friday 5 April 2019
Summer Term	Tuesday 23 April 2019	to	Thursday 18 July 2019

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2018/2019

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Summer 2018 (6 weeks 2 days)	Friday 20 July 2018	Wednesday 5 September 2018
Autumn Half-Term 2018 (1 week)	Friday 19 October 2018	Monday 29 October 2018
Christmas 2018 (2 weeks)	Friday 21 December 2018	Monday 7 January 2019
Spring Half-Term 2019 (1 week)	Friday 15 February 2019	Monday 25 February 2019
Easter 2019 (2 weeks 1 day)	Friday 5 April 2019	Tuesday 23 April 2019
May Day 2019 (1 day)	Friday 3 May 2019	Tuesday 7 May 2019
Summer Half-Term 2019 (1 week)	Friday 24 May 2019	Monday 3 June 2019
Summer 2019 (6 weeks)	Thursday 18 July 2019	To be determined

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

Monday 3 September 2018 Tuesday 4 September 2018 Friday 19 July 2019

NB Leave of Absence in term time will not be granted unless there are circumstances deemed to be exceptional by the Headteacher. For all absence requests, a Leave of Absence form must be completed prior to the time requested. Please note that holidays during term time will not be granted.