



*Newsletter
June 2019*

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 5 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	29	Miss Mawson		Mrs Hurton Miss Kirton Miss Morris
2	Y3 / Y4	KS2	25	Miss Dobson		
3	Y1 / Y2	KS1	25	Miss Marr		Miss Kirton TBC
4	Reception & Y1	EYFS/KS1	16	Mrs Turner	Wed, Thurs, Fri	Mrs Moralee Miss Kirton
				Mrs Bradford	Mon, Tues, Wed	
5	Nursery	EYFS	8 N2 5 N1	Miss Coates		Miss Kirton Miss Bell

Sadly, we must also announce that two of our staff, Mrs Chesters and Mrs Appleby, will be leaving us at the end of the summer term due to redundancy. Both staff have been with us for a long time and have shown their dedication to the school. We wish them well for the future and I would like to thank them personally for their professionalism and commitment to the children and parents of our school community.

Sports' Day

Our Sports' Days will be as follows:

KS1/KS2 on **Monday 8 July at 1.30pm**

Nursery Sports and Pupil Awards on **Wednesday 10 July at 11.00am**

Reception on **Wednesday 10 July at 2.30pm**



There will be refreshments. We look forward to seeing you all there to cheer the children on – all events are weather permitting!

Uniform

Please follow the link on our website to place orders for uniform. We only have a small number of items still in stock which we are selling at a discounted rate. **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 meal prices will remain the same next year, ie £2.05 per day. From September, however, we will be moving to using ParentPay to pay for school meals. Lots of you will be familiar with this and already have accounts for older siblings. We hope that this will be an efficient way to manage dinner monies and ask you to work with us to establish this during the summer term ready for full use in September.

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.

ParentMail/Communications

ParentPay is also a communication system and will replace ParentMail. You will therefore need to register with the new system and instructions will be sent out at a later date.

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.

Heritage Project and Landscape, Nature and Sheep Farming Project

Our children have the exciting opportunity to take part in two projects this term; one funded through the National Lottery and another organised by Jenny Mountain and funded through our Town Council and the school. Both projects complement each other to look at our place in our community. They involve lots of visits and visitors, as you will see from our busy summer calendar.



We look forward to sharing our journey with you through assemblies. Please ask your children about what they have been learning about?

Teesmouth Field Centre visits

We are really looking forward to our summer term visits. As you know, we always look forward to a whole school trip but this year we got the exciting opportunity to work in a practical way to increase our understanding of our impact on the environment. Unfortunately, the Centre is not big enough to accommodate us all in a single visit but children from Reception to Year 6 will be taking part on separate days. Please look out for a letter from your child giving further information in the near future.

Induction Week 9 – 11 July

- Induction week at **Wolsingham School** begins on **Tuesday 9 July** and will last 3 days until **Thursday 11 July**.
- Y6 children going to **King James** will have a 3-day induction **Wednesday 10 July** until **Friday 12 July**.
- Y6 children going to **Parkside Academy** will have a 1-day induction on **Thursday 11 July**

Summer Fayre

Our Summer Fayre will take place on **Friday 28 June** - doors open at **2pm** and it will finish at **3.30pm**.

We need all donations of any items for our stalls, i.e. 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 15 July at 2.45pm**. Reception Behaviour Certificates will also be given during this service.

End of Year Celebrations Assembly

Our special awards assembly will take place at **1.30 pm on Thursday 18 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 and looking at who has had 100% attendance for the whole year.

Disco



On **Tuesday 16 July** and we will be having a KS1 and KS2 non-uniform day and disco.

On **Wednesday 17 July** we will be having an end of year party and non-uniform day for nursery and reception. Details to follow in the newsletter.

Please send £1 per in with your child as a contribution to the cost.

And Finally

We have an exciting half term ahead of us. Can I thank you for all of your support and ask if you have any questions can you call in to see either myself or your child's class teacher.

**Best wishes
Lisa Jackson
Headteacher**

FUTURE EVENTS

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| Wednesday 5 June | - Y5/Y6 Cricket competition (8 children) |
| Monday 10 June | - Day 3 of Heritage Project |
| Tuesday 11 June | - Y5/Y6 Basketball at Bishop Barrington (8 children) |
| Wednesday 12 June | - Y5 Felt-making Workshop in school |
| Friday 14 June | - "First Aid for Kids" training (Y1-Y6 in school) |
| Monday 17 June | - Day 4 of Heritage Project |
| Wednesday 19 June | - Y3-Y5 art sessions at Tow Law Community Centre |
| Thursday 20 June | - Y4 trip to Burnhill |
| | - EYFS Festival at Parkside Academy |
| Friday 21 June | - Violinists play as part of the 'Big Play' |
| | - David Webb, referee, to visit Class 2 |
| Wednesday 26 June | - Class 2 visit to Teesmouth Field Centre |
| | - Y5 parents' meeting with Mr Ferstenburg, Headteacher at Wolsingham School. Meeting to be held at TLMPS |
| Friday 28 June | - Summer Fayre – doors open at 2pm and closes at 3.30pm |
| Monday 1 July | - Class 3 and Reception visit to Teesmouth Field Centre |
| Tuesday 2 July | - Class 1 visit to Teesmouth Field Centre |
| Wednesday 3 July | - KS1 Athletics' Festival at Parkside Academy |
| Thursday 4 July | - Reports out to parents/carers |
| Friday 5 July | - 2pm Y6 Leavers' Assembly |
| Monday 8 July | - 1.30pm KS1/KS2 Sports Day (weather permitting) |
| | - 3.30 - 6pm Parents' Evening (<i>appointments issued upon request – please contact the Class Teacher</i>) |
| Tuesday 9 July | - Y3 trip to Burnhill |
| | - Y5 activity day at Parkside Academy |
| | - 'The Bluebird' drama performance by Theatre group (whole school) |
| Tues 9 July – Thurs 11 July | - 3-day Induction at TLMPS + secondary induction days (see newsletter) |
| Wednesday 10 July | - 11.00am Nursery Sports Day and Nursery Awards |
| | - 2.30pm Reception Sports Day |
| Thursday 11 July | - Nursery trip to Spennymoor Leisure Centre (Pink Gym) |
| Thursday 11 July | - Y3/Y4 Cricket festival at Willington Cricket Club |
| Week beginning Mon 15 July | - Ice cream maker in school |
| Monday 15 July | - 2.45pm Reception Graduation and Awards |
| Tuesday 16 July | - 1.00pm Summer disco and Non-uniform Day |
| Wednesday 17 July | - EYFS end of year party and Non-uniform Day |
| | - Y6 Leavers' Reward Trip to Planet Leisure - TBC |
| Thursday 18 July | - 1.30pm Celebrations Assembly |
| | - <i>Break for Summer Holiday</i> |
| Wednesday 4 September | - School returns |

TERM DATES 2019 – 2020

Autumn Term	Wednesday 4 September 2019	to	Friday 20 December 2019
Spring Term	Monday 6 January 2020	to	Friday 3 April 2020
Summer Term	Monday 20 April 2020	to	Friday 17 July 2020

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2019/2020

Holiday	Closing Date	Date Re-open for Teaching Purposes
Summer 2019 (6 weeks 2 days)	Thursday 18 July 2019	Wednesday 4 September 2019
Autumn Half-Term 2019 (1 week)	Friday 25 October 2019	Monday 4 November 2019
Christmas 2019 (2 weeks)	Friday 20 December 2019	Monday 6 January 2020
Spring Half-Term 2020 (1 week)	Friday 14 February 2020	Monday 24 February 2020
Easter 2020 (2 weeks)	Friday 3 April 2020	Monday 20 April 2020
May Day 2020 (1 day)	Friday 1 May 2020	Tuesday 5 May 2020
Summer Half-Term 2020 (1 week 2 days)	Friday 22 May 2020	Wednesday 3 June 2020
Summer 2020 (6 weeks)	Friday 17 July 2020	To be determined

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

Friday 19 July 2019
Tuesday 3 September 2019
Monday 1 June 2020
Tuesday 2 June 2020
Monday 20 July 2020

NB Leave of Absence in term time will not be granted unless there are circumstances deemed 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.