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13th May 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

We have lots of information to share with you this week!

SATs

First and foremost, we are so proud of our Year 6 children this week and their teachers too. They have worked hard and shown true determination and resilience as they took their SATs this week. They will end the week with a few treats together this afternoon.

Year 2 will have their SATs in the week beginning 23rd May. Children will take these as part of the school day so will not need to attend school any earlier than usual (Breakfast Club children can attend as usual at 8am).

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy on our Governing Body for a Parent Governor.

School Governors make a positive contribution to children's education by offering supportive challenge to help raise standards and monitor resources effectively. School Governors work as a team and come from a wide variety of backgrounds to add value to school life by offering their skills, expertise and time.

We are looking for dedicated individuals who can offer their knowledge and expertise in one or more of these areas; finance, human resources, health and safety, communications or managing premises.

If you have a passion for improving the life chances of children and can offer supportive challenge to the leadership of our school to help us to fulfil our vision, please complete and return an application form. A discussion with the Head teacher and/or Chair of Governors would be offered to any interested parent. **You can also speak to some of our Governors, at the end of the school day - on Monday 9th May from 2.45pm - in the playground if you are interested. We would ask that any interested parents contact the school before Friday 27th May 2022.**

Mobile Phones

We would like remind parents that we are unable to accept mobile phones in school and would ask that your child leaves their phones/other devices at home. Mobile phones are expensive and we would not want children damaging them or losing them so please ensure that your child does not bring these to school. Thank you

Social Media

At The Grove Primary School, we aim for the best for all of our children, but we recognise that on some occasions you may feel that we could have done better. We would like to encourage you to come in and discuss any concerns with the school by contacting the school office or making an appointment to speak with Bernadette Atkinson the Head teacher.

It has come to our attention that parent have, this week, used social media to complain about procedures and systems in school. We would ask that such posts are removed in line with Page 9 of our Online Safety Policy [here](#)

Clubs- After May half term

We are hoping to have the following clubs available after the half term holidays (from Tuesday 7th June) and will share more information about how to sign up for these clubs, next week, in our newsletter. Our clubs will run from 3-4pm on their allocated day.

Club	Day	Age group	Staff
Craft Club	Tuesday	Year 1 and Year 2	Hazel and Nicola
OPAL/ Gardening	Tuesday	Year 3 to Year 6	Carly, Holly and Jillian
Craft Club	Tuesday	Year 3 to Year 6	Jo and Sally
Choir	Wednesday	Year 3 to Year 6	Giovanna
Fun Club	Thursday	Reception	Karen and Louise
Lego Club	Thursday	Year 1 and 2	Bernadette
Football	Thursday	Year 3 and Year 4	Fiona

Playgroup

We will be starting our TGP playgroup from Friday 10th June- in our school hall- for children from 0-3 years old. We will have toys, games, songs and messy play. We will provide children with a snack but please bring a bottle of water. We hope to see you there at 9:30-11:00am. Please enter via Main Reception door.

Rank	Name	Year Group
☆ 1 🏆	Marni W	Year 6
2	Katelyn C	Year 6
3	Zack J	Year 3
4	Oscar M	Year 3
5	Courtney-Ann F	Year 3
Numbots Leaderboard This Week		
☆ 1 🏆	Alfie M	Year 4
2	Ben I	Year 2
3	Sofia P	Year 4
4	Amelia L	Year 2
5	Johnny A	Year 2

Well done to all of our winners!

Attendance

Nursery- 85.7%

Reception- 97.1%

Year 1-93.1%

Year 2-99.2% Well done Y2!

Year 3-93.8%

Year 4-95.2%

Year 5-93.3%

Year 6-96.2%

Dates for your diary

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Class</u>
Week beginning 23 rd May	KS1 SATs	Year 2
Monday 23 rd May	Visit to Whitley Bay	Year 4
Monday 23 rd May	Police visit	Reception
Wednesday 25 th May	Vet visit	Reception
Friday 27 th May	Platinum Jubilee Day Celebration (see information below)	Whole School
Friday 27 th May	School closes for half term at 3pm and reopens Tuesday 7 th June 2022	Whole School
Tuesday 7 th June	School re opens for Summer 2	Whole School
Week beginning 7 th June	Phonics Check (Tuesday to Friday)	Year 1
Wednesday 8 th June	Kids Out Day at Beamish (more information to follow)	More information to follow
Friday 10 th June	Community Playgroup each Friday 9.30-11am	0-3 year olds
Monday 13 th June	New Reception Class meeting for parents joining us in September @ 10.15am in School Hall	Nursery parents
Tuesday 14 th June	Year 5 @ Durham Gala Theatre Jubilee Performance	Year 5
Monday 20 th June	Visit to Souter Lighthouse	Year 2
Thursday 30 th June	Everyone Can Sparkle Day (more information to follow)	Whole School
Tuesday 5 th July	Police visit	Year 3
Wednesday 20 th July	School closes for the summer holidays at 3pm	Whole School

We will continue to add to the list of dates and the information about events where we have said more information to follow over the course of the term.

Academic Year 2022-2023

We are in the process of finalising dates for next academic year and hope to share these in advance of May half term.

School will re-open for next academic year on Monday 5th September 2022.

Platinum Jubilee Celebrations- Week beginning 23rd May 2022 (information shared last week)

Each class has been assigned a decade to learn about in the week beginning the 23rd May (Year 6- 1950s, Year 5- 1960s, Year 4- 1970s, Year 3- 1980s, Year 2- 1990s, Year 1- 2000s, Early Years- 2000 to present).

On Friday 27th May, we are asking the children to come dressed in red, white or blue or all 3 colours to celebrate the Jubilee. The children will come together after lunch to have an outdoor celebration (weather permitting). This would usually be our non-uniform day so we are asking parents to donate £1 to take part please.

Our school fund subsidises visits and experiences for your child in school and also helps to pay for play ground equipment too. We are extremely grateful for the contributions that parents make to our school fund.