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17th June 2022 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are almost into the last month of the academic year and senior leaders are already looking at some changes to next year's school day and what that might look like. We have had some positive routines that have come as a result of the pandemic and may continue with these. We will notify parents of any changes before the end of the academic year.

We have slowly started to introduce school visits and some after school clubs this half term which have been well received. We hope to begin to introduce other experiences throughout this term and into next term which is very exciting for us all.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank you to those parents that have taken the time to complete the questionnaire. We had a total of 73 parents respond with some very valuable comments in providing positive feedback of what we are doing really well and how this can be improved further.

<u>Reports</u>

Reports will be shared with parents, via Tapestry, on Friday 8th July. During the following week, 11th to 15th July, parents can make an appointment to discuss their child's report. If you would like to discuss any aspect of your child's education or progress, this can be managed before the reports are issued by contacting the school office.

Please speak to a member of staff, in the first instance if you have a query or concern. This can then be passed to the relevant member of staff and an appointment (telephone/in person) can be arranged.

School Fund

Our School Fund has supported us in keeping visits and experiences at a minimal cost to all children and all children have had at least one experience outside of school. We are very grateful for the donations received and hope to have additional experiences, before the end, of term that will benefit all children. Thank you for your continued support!

Attendance/Leave of Absence

Just to remind parents, there is no entitlement for you to take your child on holiday during term time. You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without consent from the school.

We would ask that parents complete a Leave of Absence form and give a reason for the absence. We have also had some parents contact us to say that their child is ill when the child has reported they have been away on holiday which will be marked as unauthorised.

<u>Clubs</u>

The last week for enrichment clubs will be the week beginning 11th July. The final day for After School Club will be Tuesday 19th July.

Dates for your diary		
Monday 20 th June	Souter Lighthouse Visit	Year 2
Wednesday 22 nd June	Street Dance Event	Year 4, 5 and 6
		children. P.E. kits
		must be in school.
Friday 24 th June	Community Day Event (1.30-2.45pm) Weather	Whole School +
	permitting	Families
Tuesday 28 th , Wednesday 29 th	Consett Academy Transition visit (children to	Year 6
and Thursday 20 th June	wear jogging bottoms and school jumper. School	
	lunch provided by Consett Academy)	
Tuesday 28 th June	Afternoon session- Moving Up Session	Whole School
Wednesday 29 th June	Gibside Visit	Year 3
Thursday 30 th June	Everyone Can Sparkle Day (more information to follow).	Whole School
Thursday 30 th June	PCSO visit	Year 4
Monday 4 th July- Friday 8 th July	More information to follow	Whole School
Sports/Health Week		
Monday 4 th July	Grovetonbury- 3.15pm to 4.30pm	Whole School
Tuesday 5 th July	PCSO visit	Year 3
Tuesday 5 th July	SATs results published	Year 6
Thursday 7 th July	Street Games event	More information to follow
Friday 8 th July	Sports Day (more information to follow)	Whole School
Tuesday 12 th July	Visit to Hamsterley Forest	Year 1
Wednesday 13 th July	Morning session- Moving Up Session	Whole School
Thursday 14 th July	Visit to South Shields	EYFS
Monday 18 th July	Allensford Visit (Reward Day)	Year 4, 5 and 6
Tuesday 19 th July	Morning session- Moving Up Session	Whole School
Wednesday 20 th July	School closes for the summer holidays at 3pm	Whole School
The Great Get Together- Friday 24 th June 2022		

We will be holding our Great Together on Friday 24th June at 1:30pm and we would love our families to join us! You are welcome to bring picnics, blankets or chairs to sit on while the children play.

We will be selling some snacks and refreshments from the school hall if you would like to bring any money along.

Children will still take part even if their families are unable to attend and they can bring no more than ± 3.00 to school on the Friday to spend.

We have already got a plan B in the works if the weather is poor so the event will still go ahead but maybe with a tweak!

The school gates will open at 1:30pm and you can enter and leave from there. A member of staff will be on the gates throughout the afternoon.

We hope you can make it!

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity of you all and thank you so much for the raffle and chocolate donations that we have received so far!

Sports/Health Week

We are finalising events for this week and will have additional information next week. Parents will be able to attend Sports Day- on Friday 8th July- and we are finalising the times for the day itself and hope that the weather will be kind to us too.