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7th July 2023 Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a busy week with some of our classes being out on visits and most children being involved in their first Moving Up Day. It was a pleasure and a privilege to accompany the Year 6 children to Consett Academy yesterday. I think they all enjoyed the day although there was a lot of moving and lots of important information to take in!

We have some important information to share regarding next year. The following changes have been discussed with Governors and we wanted to give families as much notice as possible.

Change of timings to the school day

You may be aware that the DfE have made recommendations for the length of the school week to equate to 32.5 hours from September 2023. Therefore, there will be a few timetable changes. Our school day will end at 3.15pm from Tuesday 5th September (Nursery sessions will run from 8.30-11.30am and from 12.15-3.15pm).

After School Club charges from September 2023

Our After School Club is a valuable service that is in place for working parents. We have tried to keep the cost of this service to a minimum but from September will have to increase costs. The sessions would begin from 3.15- 4.15pm at a cost of £5 or 3.15-4.30pm at a cost of £7.50. The new charge will come into effect from Tuesday 5th September.

Earrings

We would ask that any parents/carers considering getting their child's ears pierced do so at the beginning of the holidays (from Friday 21st July) so that children can return to school on Tuesday 5th September and leave their earrings at home. Thank you

Swimming

Swimming lessons are part of the National Curriculum and you can find the expectations [here](#). We choose to provide swimming lessons to our Year 4, 5 and 6 children and have a successful model to ensure that children reach age related expectations by the time they leave Key Stage 2. Our swimming provider will continue to be Swim Excellence through Stanley Learning Partnership.

Children are expected to attend swimming lessons even if they are not water confident as this is an aspect taught. Year 6 will begin their swimming lessons on Wednesday 6th September and will swim throughout the Autumn term.

Please see <https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/25939/Free-swimming-snippet> for information on Free Swimming sessions that could support your child

Sports Day 2023- 20th July 2023

Our Sports Day is Thursday 20th July- weather permitting! Nursery and Reception classes will have theirs in the morning just with their teachers, as last year, we had a lot of upset Reception children when it was time to say goodbye!

Year 1 to Year 6 children will have their Sports Day at 1.30pm. This will take place in our far field. Parents are welcome to watch the events and staff will bring the children back to school to collect their belongings. Children can then be collected from their usual pick-up point.

All children can come to school in their P.E. kits on Sports Day and we are hoping that the weather is kind to us!

Attendance

Attendance for the week beginning 3rd July 2023

<u>Class</u>	<u>%</u>
Nursery	86.8%
Reception	92%
Year 1	91.4%
Year 2	93.9%
Year 3	92.2%
Year 4	91.1%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 6	93.8%

Well done to Year 5!

Our target for each class is 96%

Our last events of this academic year

Monday 10 th July	Run for Cancer	Whole School
Monday 10 th July	Moving Up Day (afternoon session)	Whole School
Tuesday 11 th July	KS2 SATs results released	Year 6
Friday 14 th July	Reports to go out to parents	Whole School
Monday 17 th July	Street Games Day (More information to follow)	Whole School
Tuesday 18 th July	Moving Up Day (morning session)	Whole School
Wednesday 19 th July	Leavers' Assembly at 1.30pm	Year 6 Parents
Thursday 20 th July	Sports Day- weather dependent (EYFS during morning and Y1-6 during afternoon- 1.30pm)	Whole School
Friday 21st July	School Closes for Summer Holidays at 3pm	Whole School
Monday 4th September	School Closed- Professional Development Day	Whole School

Children's Cancer Run- 10th July 2023

On MONDAY 10TH JULY your child will be taking part in a fun run to raise money for the charity Children's Cancer North. Children will run, jog or walk different lengths depending on the class they are in. Some children will run in the school grounds and some will be going further afield.

All of the funds raised by taking part will help to make a difference by making life better for children and young people with cancer in the North East and Cumbria.

We are asking you to donate small amounts of change, which your child can bring this with them on the day.

CHILDREN CAN WEAR THEIR P.E. KIT, SHORTS AND T-SHIRT OR RUNNING KIT AND COMFORTABLE RUNNING SHOES, TO SCHOOL THAT DAY.

As it is 'moving up' day (during the afternoon) your child will take part in the event during the morning.

If your child is in MORNING NURSERY and will be attending school on the AFTERNOON instead that day, we will take part in the run during the remainder of the week and they can take part in their uniform or clothes they normally wear. Afternoon Nursery will also take part throughout the week.

We look forward to seeing the children in their sports kit and to raising some money for such an amazing charity.

If you would like to find out more about the work the charity does, please visit: <https://childrenscancernorth.org.uk/>

Clubs

Our last week for clubs will be the week beginning the 10th of July. The Year 1/2 Tuesday Sports Club- run by AE Sports- will run on Tuesday 18th July and KS2 Tennis Club will run on the 19th July.

The last day for our paid After School Club, run by Debbie and Tina, will be Thursday 20th July 2023. There will be no After School Club on Friday 21st July 2023.