



Newsletter

19th April 2024



Welcome back everyone! A gorgeous start to the new term and it has been wonderful to see how the children have returned ready to learn and achieve great things.

School Uniform

We have now moved into our summer school uniform. This includes red gingham dresses/playsuits and grey shorts. Can I ask if you are purchasing summer footwear for children that girls do not have high heeled sandals and boys continue to wear school shoes not trainers. Ties and white shirts should still be worn unless informed otherwise on very hot days.

Our school office have access to a range of preloved uniform including summer dresses and shorts. If you need any items please do not hesitate to contact them. Our PTA are arranging the sale of preloved uniform on the school yard in the next few weeks and we will forward a date when we have it.

All new donations of uniform are gratefully received in school and we are constantly in need of jumpers, cardigans and tank tops as the end of the academic year approaches – please send all donations to the school office.



Sports Days

We would like to invite our parents to share in sports day with their children this year. We will be hosting sports days in our year groups during morning and afternoon teaching sessions.



Events will be held on the school field (weather permitting) and entry onto the school premises will be via the single gate on Lamb Lane which will be opened 5 minutes before the start of the events for Safeguarding reasons.

Children should wear school PE kit (navy tracksuit/shorts, plain white t-shirt/polo shirt, trainers) to school on this day and ensure they have a water bottle with them.

Year 1 – Wednesday 22nd May 9.15am
Year 2 – Wednesday 22nd May 1.45pm
Year 3 – Tuesday 21st May 9.15am
Year 4 – Tuesday 21st May 1.45pm
Year 5 – Thursday 23rd May 9.15am
Year 6 - Thursday 23rd May 1.45pm

Reception Family Fun Afternoon

Our Reception children do not have a sports day in the traditional sense but we are holding a 'Family Fun Afternoon' on the school field with parents, carers and younger siblings most welcome. This will take place on Friday 24th May 1.30 – 3.15pm.

Assessment Diary Dates

Please be aware that national assessments will take place during the next few months. It is essential that children attend school during these times. No leave

of absence requests will be authorised in line with school policy.

Year 1 – Phonics Check week beginning 10.06.24
Year 2 – KS1 SATS Y2 – weeks beginning 03.06.24 & 10.06.24
Year 4 – Multiplication Check – weeks beginning 03.06.24 & 10.06.24
Year 6 – SATS week beginning 13.05.24

National Sports Week - Sports Festival

As part of celebrating National Sports Week, Mrs Leighton (our Sports Lead) is planning a Sports enrichment Day on 20th June for all our children. This will take place during the school day and children will have opportunities to try new sports and activities throughout the day. More information to follow.



New Starters - Nursery

In September we will welcome lots of new children into school but we still have some places left in our nursery provision for children who will be three before 1st September. If you are aware of anyone who is looking for a nursery place, please ask them to contact school for more information.

Leave of Absence Requests

Mr Shildrick works in partnership with Education Welfare to monitor and promote whole school attendance and this includes the management of parental requests for leave of absence. Can I remind everyone that we follow strict attendance management policy and procedures and **any requests for leave of absence during term time for the purpose of a family holiday may be subject to**

penalty notice procedures. This applies to all requests for 5 days or more. If you are considering booking a holiday during term time please be aware that parents **must** complete the appropriate form and return it to school prior to the absence. Full details of the policy can be obtained from our school website.

UNCRC Right of the Month

As a UNICEF Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award school, we actively promote the rights of children as enshrined in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child.

This month's right is



Article 3- Best Interests of the Child.

When adults make decisions, they should think about how their decisions will affect children. All adults should do what is best for children. Governments should make sure children are protected and looked after by their parents, or by other people when this is needed. Governments should make sure that people and places responsible for looking after children are doing a good job.



Celebration Assembly

At the end of summer term, we will hold some year group celebration assemblies in school. Parents are invited to join us in these events and share in the amazing learning journeys your children have completed this year. Dates and time for this are indicated below.

15th July- Celebration Assemblies

Reception 2.00pm
Year 1 9.30am
Year 2 10.30am

16th July – Celebration Assemblies

Year 3 9.30am
Year 4 10.30am
Year 5 2.00pm

Well Done Amber!

It is always great to hear how well our children are doing outside of school. Well done to Amber! Amber has recently excelled in dance and was crowned the SA Sunderland Juvenile Lyrical Champion and the runner up in the 'Modern' category. Huge congratulations!



School Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our school questionnaire. The results were overwhelmingly positive and your suggestions for improvement were valued. We will be analysing the results next week and will provide parents with an overview once completed.

Parking

Now that the warm and dry weather is here can I urge all parents to consider their transport arrangements to and from school and maybe switch to walking, cycling and scooting. I am aware that some parents continue to park around the roundabout or on the zig-zag areas at the end of Lamb Lane. Not only does this cause congestion, it

poses a risk to many children as they enter or leave school on foot as they cannot see moving traffic.

Dog Free site

Please remember that no dogs with the exception of guide dogs are permitted on school site at any time. Thanks

Summer Term Diary Dates

22nd April – Meeting for Y5 parents and children regarding places on the Y6 residential in 2025

6th May – Bank Holiday Monday

7th May – Y1-6 Harry Potter Quidditch Event

8th-9th, 10th May - Year 4 residential to Newby Wiske Hall

21st May – Y3 & Y4 Sports Day

22nd May - Y1 & Y2 Sports Day

23rd May - Y5 & Y6 Sports Day

24th May – Reception Fun Sports Day

24th May - Break up for half term

3rd June – Return to school

3rd June – Tempest Photography – Reception & Year 6 children only

20th June – Barley Fields Sports Festival – whole school

24th June – PD Day (school closed)

29th June -- Saturday morning 10.00-12.00 – PTA Family colour run event – information to follow next week.

12th July – Prince Regent Street Trust Games – Year 5 & Year 6- Middlesbrough Sports Village

11th July – End-of-Year Reports sent home

16th July – Y6 Leavers Party 4.30-6.00pm

17th July – Meeting new teachers

19th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am

19th July – Break Up for Summer

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Love

Mrs Taylor

Head Teacher

