



June 2018 Newsletter

29th June 2018

Dates to remember:

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Sports Days:

Monday 9th July	1:30 pm	Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 10th July	1:30 pm	Year 3 and Year 4
Wednesday 11th July	1:30 pm	Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday 12th July	1.30 pm	Reception (FS2)
Thursday 12th July	11.00am / 2.15 pm	Nursery (FS1)

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Parents Evenings:

Look out for the slip on the back of this newsletter inviting you to your child's parents evening on the following nights. Please return the slips promptly to ensure you get a suitable time slot.

Monday 9th July	Foundation Stage 1 and 2	3:00 - 6:00pm
Tuesday 10th July	Year 1 and Year 6	3:00 - 6:00pm
Wednesday 11th July	Year 3 and Year 5	3:00 - 6:00pm
Thursday 12th July	Year 2 and Year 4	3:00 - 6:00pm

You will receive your child's report before the parents meetings by Friday 6th July.

The parents of the 2's and nursery children who are not due to start Foundation 2 are welcome to come in to look at their children's files on Monday 9th July at 11:00 am (for morning session children) and 2:15 pm (for afternoon session children).

Upcoming

* Proms on the yard 18.7.18 @ 2pm	Friday 13th July	Whole school transition day and meeting with parents of new starters in FS2
* Y6 leavers Assembly 20.7.18 10:45am	Wednesday 18th July	Proms on the Yard 2pm (in the hall if the weather is unkind to us).
* Break up for Summer Holiday 20.7.18 at 3pm	Friday 20th July	Parents welcome to join us for Year 6 Leavers "secret" performance & Assembly at 10.45am, Tickets out soon, 2 per family free then on sale at £1 each
* Teacher Training Day 3.9.18		
* Autumn Term starts 4.9.18		Teddy Bears Picnic for whole school in the Afternoon

Attendance

May's attendance:

FS 2	91.1%
Yr 1	91.3%
Yr 2	85.7%
Yr 3	91.1%
Yr 4	90.6%
Yr 5	90.2%
Yr 6	92.8%

Year's Attendance Sept—June:

92.6%	
94.4%	
92.9%	
95.8%	😊
94.1%	
94.7%	
94.8%	

Congratulations to Year 3 for the year

Government Target is set at 96% attendance and currently our school attendance is only 94.1%. Please can everyone try really hard with your child / children's attendance for the last 4 weeks. It will make a difference. School is judged by the Local Authority and OFSTED on it's attendance as they make a link between attendance, children's attitudes to learning and the impact poor attendance can have on progress.

Staffing News

Sadly our Nursery teacher Miss Jemmeson is leaving us at the end of this term after 5 years teaching at our school. We wish her well for the future . A new appointment will be announced as soon as possible.

Health and Safety

During this period of lovely hot weather can we remind all Parents/Carers to apply sun cream to their children before coming to school and send all children in with a water bottle and sunhat.

The side access gate at the rear of the Vicarage will remain locked until further notice so all children will have to use the other entrances coming into and leaving school. The bike shed will continue to be accessible.

Provision of special diets : If a request for a special or modified diet is received in school we must have a form completed by the parent/guardian. This includes religious requests.

If the request is medically related, for example allergy, diabetic, low fat then the request must be verified by the child's Consultant or Dietician.

Thank you

Thank you for many things that make our school such a happy and positive place for the children and in particular:

The great improvement in children coming in on time for registration at 9am

The Father's Day Lunch which was a really happy and relaxed occasion

Reminders / information

No holidays in term time can be granted and only a one off exceptional circumstance would be considered for children not to be in school. A holiday form must always be completed well in advance of the time requested. Many families will find themselves being fined in the current climate so we urge you not to book holidays in term time.

The Durham Families First website gives families information of what is available in the local areas to support them in all aspects of family life, particularly those with any additional or specialist needs. www.countydurhamfamilies.info

Year 2 dinners—All children moving from **Year 2** to **Year 3** will no longer automatically receive a Universal free school meal in September. It will only be free to those children who are entitled. If you need us to check eligibility please contact the office. The cost of a school meal is rising from £2 to £2.05 per day and menus are available from the office.

If you would rather your child had a packed lunch from September please inform the office before we break up in July. A minimum of two weeks notice is required to change meal patterns.

Teddy Bear Picnic—Friday 20th July for Reception class to Year 6, our School kitchen will provide a packed lunch to those children who usually have a School Meal that day. Don't forget your teddy!

Please see over leaf for parents meeting slip.

Class news

Foundation 1: Our children have been learning all about animals and life on the farm.

Foundation 2: We all had a fabulous trip to Bowes Museum in Barnard Castle.

We are asking for donations of cardboard boxes, tubes, pots, wood, ribbon, buttons, in fact anything you no longer need that we can utilise in our classroom

Year 1: All the children are very excited to be visiting a real Lighthouse after reading the story "The Lighthouse Keepers Lunch"

Year 2: Will be making (and eating) their own pizza when they visit Dominos next week!

Year 3: We are looking forward to learning more about plants when we take part in an outdoor learning event with Scout-Ed Forest School.

Year 4: All the children are excited to be learning about Our World and Electricity.

Year 5: We have been enjoying Curriculum Week, learning lots and taking part in all of the activities provided by our local Secondary Schools.

Year 6: Children have been training hard this week for the Race For Life and are all looking forward to completing the full 5K on Friday.

Parents Meetings

Parents / carers are invited into school to discuss their child's progress and end of year report. We would welcome the opportunity to pass on any concerns or worries you have for the next academic year. Please fill in the slip below and return it as soon as possible to school so we can inform you of your allocated time slot.

 Child's name:

Child's class:

I am able to attend

I am unable to attend

Please tick your preferred time slot:

3.00—3.30

4.30—5.00

3.30—4.00

5.00—5.30

4.00—4.30

5.30—6.00

If you are unable to make the allocated day for any reason please indicate here that you would like the teacher to contact you to make alternative arrangements

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