



June 2017 Newsletter

26th June 2017

Dates to remember:

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Sports Days:

Monday 10th July	1:30 pm	Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 11th July	1:30 pm	Year 3 and Year 4
Wednesday 12th July	1:30 pm	Foundation Stage 2
Wednesday 12th July	11:00 am	Nursery morning
Wednesday 12th July	2:15 pm	Nursery afternoon
Thursday 13th	1:30 pm	Year 1 and Year 2

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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 10th July	Foundation Stage 2	3:00 - 6:00
Tuesday 11th July	Year 1 and Year 6	3:00 - 6:00
Tuesday 11th July	FS1 starting Reception	3.00-6.00
Wednesday 12th July	Year 2 and Year 4	3:00 - 6:00
Thursday 13th July	Year 3 and Year 5	3:00 - 6:00

You will receive your child's report before the parents meetings on Friday 7th 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 10th July at 11:00 am (for morning children) and 2:15 pm (for afternoon children).

Upcoming

- * Proms on the yard
19.07.17 2.00pm
- * Y6 leavers Assembly
21.07.17 10.15am
- * Break up for Summer
21.07.17
- * Teacher Training Day
04.09.17
- * Autumn Term starts
05.09.17

Transition:

Friday 14th July	Whole school transition day and meeting with parents of new starters.
Wednesday 19th July	Proms on the Yard 2:00 (in the hall if the rain is unkind to us)
Friday 21st July	Year 6 Leavers Performance & Assembly 10.15am followed by Teddy Bears Picnic

Attendance

May's attendance:

FS 2	92.1%
Yr 1	96.3%
Yr 2	91.2%
Yr 3	94.3%
Yr 4	93.4%
Yr 5	95.3%
Yr 6	94.8%

Year's Attendance Sept—June:

93.7%	
94.9%	
95.5%	😊
94.7%	
95.1%	😊
95.1%	😊
94.9%	

Congratulations to Year 2 for the year

Government Target is set at 96% attendance and currently our school attendance is only 94.8%. 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 Miss Sajid is leaving us at the end of this term after 4 years teaching at our school. We wish her well for the future and a long, happy marriage. We have managed to secure the recruitment of Mrs McGeary who many of you will remember left us in 2014 to have her little girl.

Health and Safety

Safety on line—be aware that if your children access snapchat there is a new app snapmap that they can download. If they do , it compromises the children's safety allowing others to see where they are.

Water safety— the children recently had training on being safe near the water. Statistics show on average between 40 and 50 children drown each year. To keep safe spot the dangers including :

It is very cold

Hidden currents

Difficult to get out—steep and slippery banks

Can be deep or Difficult to estimate depth

Rubbish at the bottom

Polluted and could make you ill

No lifeguard

Dog Control— Durham County Council have brought out Public Space Protection Order for Dog Control and there is a fixed penalty notice of £100 for:

Fouling without picking up, allowing a dog to stray, failing to put a dog on a lead when asked to do so by an authorized officer and allowing them into fenced off play sites.

Thank you

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

The great improvement in children coming in on time (9.00am)

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

The children helping us achieve our Right Respecting School Award

The fundraising for UNICEF's Day for Change, collecting pennies raised £114.55 to provide life-saving food and care for malnourished children.

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 £2 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.

Teddy Bear Picnic—Friday 21st for Reception class to Year 6, please let the office know if your child normally has a packed lunch from home and would prefer a school packed lunch that day.

Please see over leaf for parents meeting slip.

Class news

Foundation 1: watch out for the Bunny Hop fundraising for Freddie our rabbit to buy him a bigger cage.

Foundation 2: what a lovely exhibition of our art work was in Bowes Museum!

Year 1: what fun we have been having learning about the weather and measuring the wind and rain.

Year 2: ask us what we have found out about life in Africa and how their culture differs from ours.

Year 3: we are lucky enough to be exploring plants and have visited Durham's Botanical Gardens

Year 4: we are being scientists and learning how to make electrical circuits.

Year 5: we are taking part in a project to look at the impact of the environment on our local River. We have also been making gruesome Mayan Masks! Plus it is curriculum week where we work at the local secondary schools.

Year 6: we will be taking part in the Race for Life on Friday 30th June to fund raise for this very worthy cause.

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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