

Good Afternoon,

The weeks are flying by and soon we will be off school for the half term holiday - don't forget we are not in school on Friday 27th May and return on Tuesday 7th June.

### **School Events - The Jubilee!**

we had a really enjoyable day in school yesterday when all the children learnt a dance form their decade. I am sure that many of them came out of school yesterday telling you all about it. These are the songs the children are dancing to:

Year 6                1950's Hound Dog - Elvis Presley

Year 5                1960's Lets Twist Again - Chubby Checker

Year 4                1970's Night Fever - The Bee Gees

Year 3                1980's Walking on Sunshine -Katrina and the Waves

Year 2                1990's Cotton Eye Joe - Rednex

Year 1                2000's Cha Cha Slide - Mr C The Slide Man

Foundation 1 & 2 2010's Uptown Funk - Mark Ronson / Bruno Mars

Although we have said the children can get dressed up in the decade they are representing please don't worry if you don't have anything. Jeans were popular throughout the decades in different amounts of flair and decoration so that would do with a plain white or black top.

Unless the weather forecast says different at the start of the week the celebration will be at 1.30 on the school grounds. Please bring a rug to sit on and once the celebration is over you will be able to collect the children although it will probably be near home time anyway. We would welcome all adults joining in the dressing up!!!

**Photographs** - remember any taken should not be shared or posted onto any social media site.

The Year 6 children are due to have their end of year/ school class photo so we will ask the photo company to put something to do with leaving in the Jubilee year so dressing up will fit the bill. We will then take a school uniform class photo another day that you can have for free!

### **Holiday Activities**

I have attached another opportunity for children that you may be interested in.

### **Attendance**

Some families may receive letters in the post regarding low attendance. These are to make sure you are aware of your child's attendance if it is below 90%. There can be many reasons for this but we have a duty to engage with you in discussions on how to improve low attendance. Do ring the office to speak to Rachael if we can support you in any way.

This weeks attendance

Foundation	291.3%
Year 1	92.4%
Year 2	82.9% - sickness
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	98.7%
Year 5	96.4%
Year 6	97.7%
Total	94.1%

### **Pick up at the end of the day**

Could we politely request that adults come in to the playground to collect their child to ensure a safe handover. Occasionally we have been happy to collect children and bring them to you at the gate but this is now becoming too frequent and is not sustainable.

Soon we will have to move back to school finishing times being 3pm to ensure that children have their full learning entitlement. We may continue with a slightly staggered end from 2.55 - 3.05.

The school day starts at 9.00 sharp and we already have 15minutes from 8.45 for children to arrive in school. If your child is frequently arriving late could we request that you later your morning routines to ensure they are here on time. We have a breakfast club that begins at 8.00am if dropping off earlier supports any other commitments you have to do in the morning.

### **Funding Opportunities**

Following a meeting with Believe Housing we can tap into many funded opportunities from them. We have several ideas of what we would like to do to improve the school but we need to have a percentage of families who rent through them. If I sent an anonymous electronic form home that would allow us to collate this information I am hoping you would agree to complete it. It would only take you a few minutes. I will send it out via parentmail so look out for it. If everyone could respond we will also know the percentage of home owners against rental which would help with bids in the future too.

## **Sun cream**

Remember to put sun cream on your child prior to coming into school to keep them safe from the sun. They could also bring in a sunhat for playing outside. We do have sets of sunhats in class for Early Years for them to wear.

Enjoy the weather this weekend and fingers crossed for sunshine on Thursday

M Mackenzie and all the staff

Attachments

[SportsCool May Half Term Holiday Club Bishop Auckland.pdf](#)