

Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES

5th June - School reopens
8th June - Community room to be used for polling station
9th June - Derwent Hill weekend
Week commencing 12th June - Phonic screening Year 1
13th June - Year 5 class assembly 9.15am
14th June - Nursery and Reception to visit Down on the Farm
15th June - Mile Run
15th June - School Disco
16th June - Year 5 to visit Caterpillar site Peterlee
19th June - Nursery sports morning (am)
19th June - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 sports afternoon 1.15pm start
20th June - Years 3,4,5 and 6 sports afternoon 1.15pm start
22nd June - Obstacle Run
27th June - Year 1 class assembly 9.15am
30th June - NSPCC Assembly
5th July - Year 5 and 6 NSPCC Workshops
5th July - Summer family picnic from 11.45am
7th July - End of year reports to parent/carers
11th/12th July - Parent/Carer end of year drop in sessions 3.30pm-4.30pm
12th July - Year 6 to visit Kirkley Hall
10th July - Year 6 Oxclose Transition Day
11th July - Year 6 Oxclose Transition Day
18th July - Visit for 5r winners to Adventure Valley
19th July - Leavers assembly 5.30pm
20th July - 100% attendance visit - Bowling
20th July - 100% attendance lunch
21st July - Break up for summer holidays
*The school website calendar is updated with all visits, assemblies, school trips and other important dates.
Tuesday 5th September 2017 - First day of Autumn term for children

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Headteacher's Update

It is difficult to believe that we only have a few weeks left until the end of this academic year! Our International Week was a huge success prior to the half term holiday. All children enjoyed learning about other countries, finding about their faiths and traditions. Lots of photographs are included in this newsletter and please take a look at the class pages on our school website to see what everyone got up to. We will be evaluating the impact of this curriculum enrichment with the children during the rest of this half term.

Some of our Year 6 children are off to Derwent Hill in the Lake District on Friday for the weekend. Let's hope the weather improves this week and they have an enjoyable time.

Other events we are looking forward to this half term are Sports Days (fingers crossed for good weather!), induction meetings for children starting our school in September, a whole school Family Picnic on the 5th July, our final class assemblies to be performed by Year 5 and Year 1 and of course our special Year 6 Leavers' assembly and school production!

All dates for the rest of this term are on the reverse of the newsletter or available on our school website.

I hope that the sun will shine for the rest of the school year!

I look forward to seeing you all at our summer events.

Best wishes

Julia Watkins

Sports Days

Our Sports Day this year will again consist of our school house teams competing against each other. Maple (red), Oak (blue), Pine (green) and Willow (yellow). Teams will accumulate points for the different events that they compete in; winning teams from each key stage will be awarded a trophy in our celebration assembly. It would be much appreciated if parents/carers could ensure that their child is able to wear the correct colour top for their house team on the day. Children will bring home a slip showing which team they are in and the colour needed.

On Monday 19th June we have our Sports Day for Nursery starting at 9.15am. Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 start at 1.30pm lasting approximately one hour. On Tuesday 20th June we have Year 3,4,5 and 6 sports day starting at 1.30pm. All parents and carers are welcome to attend what is sure to be a fun event. The children can be collected immediately after the event from regular pick up areas. We look forward to seeing you on the day, lets hope the rain keeps away!

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International Week



Nursery getting ready to cook



Year 1 enjoying a visit to the House of Objects



Year 3 learning Indian dance



Year 5 visiting the French library

Reception showing off African sunset paintings



Year 2 building Thai temples



Year 4 visiting the Oriental Museum



Year 6 - Sampling French crepes

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Rotary Club of Washington

We are delighted to announce the winners of a writing competition that school entered. The Rotary Club had 102 entries from young people in Washington schools and the results were judged by 4 members of the Club. The winner was Emily Mein from Year 5 who has won £75 for herself plus £75 for the school. The runner up was Grace Tetchner who has won £50 plus £50 for the school. The children will be presented with their prizes in an assembly on 14th June. All children whose entries were shortlisted will be presented with a certificate.

Summer Disco

Tickets are now on sale from the school office for the disco on Thursday 15th June priced at £1.50. Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will run from 4pm until 5.15pm. Years 3,4,5 and 6 will start at 5.30pm and finish at 7.00pm. Refreshments/drinks/hotdogs will be available to buy. Year 6 will also be selling ice-pops for 30p as part of their enterprise work.

Sun cream/Hats

During the warmer months we like to take the children outdoors and make use of the outdoor space/field. Please ensure if the forecast is for sunny days that children apply suncream before coming into school. Also please ensure children have a sun hat or cap in school. It is also important that children have a water bottle in school during the summer months.

Attendance

127 children are on track to achieve 100% attendance for the Summer term. Children will be rewarded with a Dominos lunch on the last day of term. 43 children are on track to achieve 100% attendance for the whole academic year, a great achievement. These children will be rewarded with a trip to the bowling alley planned for 20th July. The current attendance figures are currently 96.2%.