

Summer 2017 Newsletter 3

If it's hot, please apply sun cream to your child before school. If it's cold, please make sure they have a coat.

We are delighted to announce that, we had an extremely successful Cross Country race in the pouring rain, with over 100 children from different schools competing. Jake Davies won the fastest Year 5 boy overall and our Y5 boys team came first in the team event. Thank you to all those who volunteered to run, or were drawn out of the hat to compete.

Please read this carefully there is important information about school transport on Sports day.

Our internet connection is still very poor. BT has promised this will be rectified by September. We apologise for the lack of updates on the web site and not as many newsletters. If you email us, please do not assume we have received it unless you have had an answer. If you are changing arrangements for school transport, please phone the school.

Y 3 and 4 are very excited about going to Alnwick hostel for their residential today.

Excitement is mounting for the Y5 night of adventure; tents, campfire, outdoor cooking and school like you have never seen it before!

Sports day will be 12th July at 1.00pm - all school transport will be cancelled that afternoon to ensure we have enough time to enjoy the afternoon. We will break half way through Sports Day to enjoy a cup of tea and scones with jam and cream. At this point your children will be able to join you or their family representatives and Sports day will continue after the break. P.T.A. are organising the refreshments and will send out more information. If your child usually travels on school transport and you are not intending on coming to Sports day, please let us know. We will make arrangements to get your child home, but it will be later than usual.

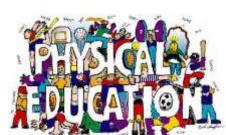
Our Y5 children entered the Young Enterprise Fiver Challenge. Thank you for the huge amount of support this got. They made the extraordinary amount of £246 profit. They are choosing how they will spend it on their new classroom. They learnt a huge amount about business roles, costs, expenditure, advertising and keeping accounts.

Please ensure that any money owed for lunches, swimming etc. is up to date. If you need a bill calculating before the end of term, please ask Kathy. The last day of banking will be Monday 17th July. Balanced accounts for the end of the school year need to be submitted that week. If your account is not paid in full by 10th July you will receive a phone call and be asked to come into school to pay it on that day, or a card payment will be taken over the phone. Thank you to the large number of parents who make regular payments for swimming. We appreciate that there are some families struggling to do this, but even a donation at the end of the year would help. In September Y1, 2, 3 and 4 will swim on a Thursday.

If you have not returned your milk letter, please do so on Monday. (This has only been sent to the children who had milk this school year. If you would like your child to have milk and have not received a letter, please get in touch a.s.a.p.) This doesn't apply to the children starting Reception.

We continue to encourage everyone to be smartly dressed in a school sweat top/hoodie and charcoal grey trousers/skirt/ pinafore/blue checked dress. Please wear sensible school shoes. No crocs, trainers, sparkly shoes or footwear that is going to be damaged playing outside on the field. School uniform can be purchased on line at www.border-embroideries.co.uk Thank you to the parents who have purchased the school PE Hoodie, our school looks very smart when we are out at competitions. The PE hoodie is now also available as a zipped option.

School curriculum changes can be made at very short notice. It is important that everyone has a PE kit and trainers in school at all times. There are many instances of children without PE kits in school, even when they have been reminded that they are competing. Please help your child to be organised. From next term, anyone without a PE kit will have to do PE in their school clothes, or will be left in school if attending a sporting event. Uniform may return home in a very wet and muddy state. Anyone without swimming kit will have to swim in PE shorts.



School lunches next term will rise by 10p per day. This will bring lunches into line with the amount that the government are continuing to pay for those children in Reception - Year 2 for their free meal. Early Years, Year 3 and Year 4 lunches will be £2.30 per day, £11.50 per week.

Year 5 and 6 lunches will be £2.60, £13.00 per week, including a piece of fruit at break time.

If your child is transitioning into a year group that now has to pay for meals, please let Kathy know if you will be paying for school lunches or providing a packed lunch.

All school library books need to be back in school next Monday 10th July. If the book allocated to your child is not returned, you will be contacted and asked to pay for it if it still cannot be found.

On Wednesday 19th July at 2.15pm, we would like to invite the parents of Early Years and Reception to come and spend some 'Special Story Time' with their children. The children will also be given a free book from the 'Booktrust' scheme.



On the last day of school, Friday 21st July, we are having a non-uniform day. There will be a beach themed lunch, planned by the children who have done cookery lessons this year. In keeping with the lunch, everyone can dress in beach themed clothes, (appropriate for outside play.) The children will be watching Madagascar as a treat for all their hard work this term.

We return to school on Wednesday 6th September 2017, as a full Primary School, with our newly completed Hall, Year 5/6 fully refurbished classroom and expanded teaching team.

Please ask us if anything is unclear and thank you all for your support of our very special, small school.