

Summer 2018 Newsletter 2



If it's hot please apply sun cream to your child before school

If it's cold please make sure they have a coat

Please read this carefully there is important information about the many events coming up in school.

It is very busy for the rest of this half of term, and the next, we hit the ground running every week so please read this carefully and ask us if you have any questions.

Thank you to the parents who are supporting our football league team this season. We have played well and reached the finals.

Our internet connection is still unpredictable. This is being rectified by BT but is a slow process. If you email us, particularly about home time arrangements, 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.

We continue to encourage everyone to be smartly dressed in a school sweat top/ hoodie and charcoal grey trousers or skirt/ pinafore/ blue checked dress. Please provide your child with sensible school shoes. 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. We have decided not to use Sportsworld and have negotiated with Border Embroideries to reintroduce the free monthly delivery to school. Attached is a flyer explaining how to do this.

On Monday 14th May – Thursday 17th May, Y6 will be sitting their SATS tests. Please make sure your child arrives promptly.

On Thursday 17th May, when Y6 have finished their SAT's in the morning, they will be having a special picnic lunch. If your Y6 child brings a packed lunch from home, please don't send it on that day.

On Wednesday 23rd May, Y3, 4, 5 and 6 will be visiting the Jewish Synagogue in Newcastle. They will need smart, full school uniform. The children will return for a late lunch.

On Sunday 10th June, we are holding the PTA Summer Fayre at Bamburgh Pavillion from 11.00am – 3.00pm. Tombola and raffle prizes can be left in school. Thank you to the parents who have offered help already, but we are still looking for volunteers to man stalls, and home baking for the cake stall etc. Please see the flyer your child came home with today, or our school Facebook Page.

On Tuesday 12th June, Y1 will be sitting their phonics test; please make sure your child is in school and arrives promptly.

On Thursday 7th June Y3 and 4 will be going to the Glendale Agricultural Day

There will be no swimming on this day. Y1, 2, R and Early Years will be having a pirate afternoon.

On Friday 8th June, Y6 will be attending a Robotics project afternoon at the Duchess High School, returning for the end of the school day.

On Thursday 14th June, 21st June, 28th June, 5th July, 12th July, 19th July (6 sessions), Y3, Y2, Y1 and RECEPTION children will swim. Y4, Y5 and Y6 will go across the field to our Forest School with Mrs Swinbank.

On Friday 15th June, we have planned a night of adventure for our Y5: tents, campfire, outdoor cooking and school like you have never seen it before! Further information will be sent to Y5 parents.

On Tuesday 26th June, Y3 and 4 will be going to Brinkburn Priory for an RE project day. The children will need smart, full uniform and sensible walking shoes and a coat / hat, sun cream, depending on the weather.

On Wednesday 27th June, Y6 will be going to Newcastle Cathedral for the Newcastle Diocesan Leavers' service. Smart school uniform and sensible shoes please.

For those children that stay for Together Time on a Thursday night, our last session this term will be Thursday 28th June.

On Monday July 2nd we will be (hopefully!) holding our Sports day. There will be no school transport

available on this day to allow us to extend the timing. If you are not intending to come to Sports day and your child travels home on school transport, please let us know so we can make arrangements for your child to get home.

On Tuesday 3rd July, Y3 and 4 will be attending the Alnwick Music Day at Alnwick Gardens. The children will only be there for half a day (unconfirmed time). In the past, parents have tried to go and watch but due to the unconfirmed and changeable nature of the performance, parents

have been disappointed and missed thier children perform. The garden is open to visitors on that day. We will try and give you more accurate timings closer to the event.

On Tuesday 3rd July, we will also be hosting our annual Cross County event for the Alnwick Partnership schools.

On Thursday 5th July, our Y6 children will be going to a transition day at the Duchess High School. We will transport them as a group in the morning but they will need picking up from the High School (Willowburn / Sainsbury's car park), at the end of the day. We will confirm the exact time closer to the visit.

Our children will also have a transition morning on July 5th within school, moving up to their new classes and, if applicable, meeting their new form teachers for September.

There will also be an opportunity for the parents of Early Years children moving to Reception to meet with Mrs Swinbank after 3.00pm to ask any questions.

On Monday 9th July, Y1, Y2 Early Years and Reception will be going to Beadnell beach as part of our water topic. The children will need a bucket and spade and suitable clothing for the weather.

On Tuesday July 10th – Wednesday 11th, Y3 and 4 will be going on a residential visit to Alnwick Hostel. Details have been sent out. Please return the forms as quickly as possible so that we can continue to plan this exciting trip.

On the afternoon of Wednesday 11th we have a Commonwealth Sports Athlete visiting the school and doing a fitness session with all of the children. This will be a sponsored event, with the money going to support our future generation of young sporting hopefuls through the charity Sports for Champions. We believe this will be an inspirational visit for our children and supports our healthy school status. Y3/4 pupils will return in time to take part in this.

For any parent who has a child moving into Y3, please be aware that lunches will no longer be provided free of charge by the Government.. Please let us know if your child will not be having a school lunch in September.

For children moving into Y5 Please be aware the lunch increases to £2.60 a day and includes a piece of fruit at break time.

We will be looking for a regulat parent volunteer to help out with swimming from September. There is no need to go in the pool! If you are interested please speak to Kathy as we would need to have a DBS check in place for September.