

# Newsletter

June Newsletter - Number 10 - 2018

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year, I cannot believe that we are in our final six weeks! The lovely weather that we have been experiencing has been a real bonus; let us hope it continues for the remainder of the summer and in particular for our two trips and sports day!

As there are many events before we break up, it might be prudent to put them on your calendar so that you do not miss anything.

**REMINDER - Whole School Photo/Y6 Photo:**  
Please return your orders by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

**Dukes Barn Residential for Y5 and Y6:**  
Year 5 and 6 had an amazing time, learnt loads about challenging themselves and about how to be organised and on time, as well as making new friends with children from Fir Ends School. Miss Turnbull, Mr Griggs and I were very proud of all of the children who went and enjoyed their company. If you want any photos of the residential please send in a pen drive and we will copy them over.



## Commonwealth Games:

We had a really enjoyable day on Friday; the children worked well together experiencing different athletic events and there was great sportsmanship shown in a happy, relaxed atmosphere. Canada came first, followed by Botswana, New Zealand and Australia joint third, then Malta and Jamaica. I have put some photos on the website under the 'Latest News' tab.



## News from the Garden:

As you can see it has been a busy few months in the garden, thanks to Elaine and Keith who give of their time so generously to work with the children on a Friday afternoon. Consequently, the vegetable garden is looking in really good shape, as is the flower garden tended by Mrs Siddall's gardening club.

**March:** Weeding, digging, adding top soil for bulk and peat-free compost for plant food (nutrients). The compost was made of well-rotted school food leftovers, rotted leaves and grass cuttings from mowing lawns. Tubs in the playground were full of spring bulbs & pansies.

**April:** Seeds of peas, courgettes, runner beans, sunflowers, carrots, parsley, sweet peas, lettuce and pumpkin were sown in pots of compost and put in a greenhouse for warmth to help them grow well.

**May:** seedlings from the potted seeds were planted out into the soil of the vegetable garden.

Wigwam canes were made to support sweet peas and runner beans.

Seed (or small) potatoes and onion sets were bought from a garden shop were planted.

All rows of plants were labelled with white markers.

Dry weather meant we watered by hosepipe and watering can regularly.

Radish seeds and mixed wild flower seeds were sown. We hope to attract butterflies.



**June:** More watering and weeding.

Rhubarb harvested. Autumn raspberries plants are looking healthy



## Flag of the Month Homework:

We have another flag flying outside school for June. Please can your child find out about this country for their homework? A clue to the flag is, it borders Russia and Mongolia.

## Year 6 Parent's Meeting - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 3.30pm

Please could parents of Year 6 children come to a short meeting after school, on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June, to talk about the Yr. 6 Leaver's service? If you are not able to attend, please let Miss Turnbull know.

## Stars of the Week:

Emma - Year 4 - for having confidence to try new things

Paisley - Year R - for fantastic maths

Oscar - Year 2 - for fantastic effort in maths

Year 6 - for doing brilliantly in their SATS

## Sex and Relationships Education - Week beginning the 16<sup>th</sup> July

During this week all children will be involved in sex and relationships education. If any parent would like to discuss the specific content of the lessons please talk to your child's class teacher;

as you will see the areas covered are age appropriate. The topics that will be covered by each year group are:

**Year R and 1:** A focus on fostering independence, encouraging children to help out in the family and to keep themselves clean.

**Year 2 and 3:** The differences between boys and girls, naming the body parts, personal space and family differences.

**Year 4:** Growing and changing, what is puberty and puberty and reproduction?

**Year 5 and 6:** Puberty and reproduction, male and female changes, puberty and hygiene, conception and pregnancy, understanding relationships. Mrs Donna Moore (health visitor) will be working with Yr. 5 and 6 on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July covering some of this content.

### **Upcoming Events:**

#### **June:**

Week 11<sup>th</sup> June - Year 1 Phonics Check

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> - Tim Padley archaeological researcher to talk to Yr. 4 - 6 about the Romans

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> - First part of Cyclewise for Yr. 6

Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> - Kwik Cricket competition at Lanercost Cricket Ground 10- 3pm

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> - Yr. 5 and 6 Artsmark with Abby all day - creating a piece of work in the style of Donald Wilkinson

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> - Trip to Roman Army Museum - Nursery, Reception and Yr.1

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> - Cyclewise second part for Yr. 6

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> - Trip to Roman Army Museum and Vindolanda for Yr. 2 - 6 **Back at 4pm**

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> - Yr. 6 leavers service at Carlisle Cathedral 11.00 am

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> - Life Education Bus for all pupils - Shankhill

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day 1pm

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> - Yr. 5 and 6 to visit Newcastle University and the Great North Museum to meet Dr. Rob Collins - archaeologist and to do some Roman artefacts handling

#### **July:**

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> - Induction day for all pupils - move up a year group (Y6 to WHS)

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> - Teddy bears picnic for new nursery and Yr. R

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> - Transition Sports Day at WHS for Yr. 6

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> - Yr. 5 transition maths day at Lees Hill

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> - New Yr. R induction meeting 3.45pm

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> - Computing day with Martin Bailey consultant

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> - Nursery Open Day

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> - Roman banquet at Birdoswald

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> - Goodbye to Madeleine - **early finish at 3pm**

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> - Overnight stay at Derwent Water for Yr.6

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> - Leavers disco

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> - Leavers Service 1.15pm - **early finish**

Best wishes,

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