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## Summer 1 Week 4 Newsletter



### Round up of the week

It has been a very busy half term and I am sure you will agree that we all need a good rest. Especially, as you will notice from the dates, because next term is already looking just as busy too. Thank heavens for half term!

- Boogie Bounce has finished. The children have loved this and it has proved really successful. We have booked further sessions that will begin in September so watch this space for booking details.
- Year 5 swimming has finished. The Year 5 have been a fantastic group to take swimming and one of our most successful in terms of the number of children who have made progress and become competent swimmers. The Year 6 children will go swimming over the final Summer Term.
- On Wednesday morning we took a team of Year 5 and year 6 children to the Swimming Gala at Queen's Park Leisure Centre. The children did Norbriggs proud and made it to 5 of the finals.
- Y6 completed their SATs. They worked really hard and gave it their all. They approached the tests with confidence and maturity. The tests this year felt more difficult than previous years so we will see how we have done when the results are released in July.
- Y2 have also completed their SATs and again they have worked really well at these. These tests are marked internally by school and the results are not published publicly but they help the teacher to make their final judgement on the children's final assessment grade.
- Next year teaching unions are asking teachers whether we should boycott high level tests in order to reduce stress on pupils and allow teachers to get back to teaching children rather than coaching them on how to complete a test. I know my thoughts on this but I would be interested to get your opinions. Should we boycott the tests or do you think they are beneficial to the children? Feel free to share your thoughts via email, facebook, telephone or face to face on the playground.
- As part of our program of sending children to our local cluster schools to take part in activities some Year 1 and Year 5 children went to Speedwell Infants School to learn how to build mud walls using wattle and daub techniques. Judging by the mud encrusted faces I think they had a good time!
- Years 5 & 6 went to Eden Camp on Monday. It is a prisoner of war camp that has been converted into a WWII museum. The children really enjoyed bringing their learning to life.
- On Wednesday Year 6 went to Norbriggs Flash Nature Reserve. After all of the stress of SATs they really enjoyed getting back to nature and relaxing whilst taking part in pond dipping and other environmental activities.
- Non uniform day was a real success and a lovely way to end the term. Year 1 had a tea party in the garden. Year 4 baked biscuits and covered them in icing to represent snow covered mountains. Year 6 had a street dancing session. Griffins won the team point challenge and had a Forest School themed reward with team games and hotdogs.
- Massive thanks for the prizes for summer fair. Instead of asking for money for non uniform day we asked for things that could be used in our Summer Fair and you didn't disappoint.

## Staffing issues

You may have noticed, or your children may have told you, that there were people in school last week leading lessons and assemblies.

Congratulations go to Mrs Ward who is expecting her second child.

Mrs Lister has made the very difficult decision to retire and return to Cornwall to support her mother.

- On Tuesday we interviewed for a 1 year maternity cover whilst Mrs Ward has her baby. We saw some very strong candidates and appointed a gentleman called Paul Mallender, who will be the Year 5 teacher next year.
- On Thursday and Friday we had two days of interviews to ensure we appointed the right person to replace Mrs Lister, like that is possible! Although the candidates were strong and worked hard to impress us we did not feel we had found the right person for the position and so we did not appoint. Mrs Lister has very generously agreed to remain as the Year 6 teacher until Christmas. This will give us time to advertise and interview again in order that we can find the very best person to teach Year 6.

## Coming up next week

- On Wednesday Year 6 will be going to Staveley Hall for oral history project based around WWI. They will share their research from their own project and speak with others. Then they will work on planning activities for the forthcoming Staveley Feast.
- On Thursday school nurses will be in to do Year 6 height and weight measures, which take place for all Year 6 children across the country at this time of year.
- On Thursday evening a group of Year 5 children will compete against teams from our local school in the athletics final at Springwell Community College. We have a really strong team this year and hopefully we can come back with a trophy.
- Banking will take place from 8.40am on Thursday as usual.
- On Thursday Year 6 go swimming at the Healthy Living Centre.
- On Friday Year 3 & 4 will be walking over Hollins Cross, Mam Tor, Castleford as part of their topic on mountains so that they can see the features of a mountain first hand.
- On Friday from 9am we will have our second community coffee morning with members of Chesterfield Borough Council. They have money, resources and the backing to set up community projects. They have already held the Time 4 U café and aim to repeat this regularly. They are supporting parents in setting up a parent and toddler group and they are instrumental in many more local services. If you have any ideas, wish to ask advice or are looking for support to start a group please come along. You would be very welcome.
- On Friday afternoon we will have our first enhanced transition session for a small group of Year 6 pupils who we know need more support with their move to Netherthorpe.

## Future event

- **Staveley Feast**

The Staveley Feast is a historic festival that dates back to a time when families worked hard in industries that did not allow them to have time off to be with their families. Every year all industries agreed the same day off and a he carnival was held so that everybody could get together.

A local group would like to resurrect this on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, to coincide with the signing of the Versailles Treaty and the political ending of World War I.

Norbriggs are leading a massed community choir, singing "In The Quartermaster's Stores, It's A Long Way To Tipperary and Pack Up Your Troubles"

We will be singing at 11am and again at 1pm accompanied by the Ireland Colliery Brass Band.

We are aiming to get several hundred children singing and enjoying the day with their families so it would be great to see you there.

More details of the day will come out closer to the day.



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## Dates for your Diary

### June

- Weds 5<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 to Staveley Hall for an oral history day
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 height and weight screening
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 swimming
- Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 athletics final, 6pm at Springwell Community College (by invitation only)
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 and 4 walk over Hollins Cross, Mam Tor, as part of their mountains topic.
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – 9am, community coffee morning with representatives from Chesterfield Borough Council
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup> – Enhanced Netherthorpe transition activity for a small group of Year 6 pupils
- Mon 10<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 and 6 cricket tournament at Staveley Cricket Club
- Tues 11<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 and 4 Quad Kids athletics event at Mount St Mary's College
- Weds 12<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 and 6 Quad Kids athletics event at Mount St Mary's College
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Cricket at Staveley Cricket Club
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 to Derby Velodrome to play in a concert with the Halle Orchestra
- Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 swimming
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day – school closed for children
- Tues 18<sup>th</sup> – 9.15am, Year 4 brass concert for parents
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – Staveley Community Choir concert practice at Speedwell Rooms
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 swimming
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup> – Enhanced Netherthorpe transition activity for a small group of Year 6 pupils
- Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> – Staveley Feast, 11am & 1pm at King George V Park
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 visit to Springwell Community College
- Mon 24<sup>th</sup> – 3.30-5.50pm, Football league tournament at Springwell Community College
- Tues 25<sup>th</sup> – 3.30-5.30pm, Netball Tournament at Netherthorpe
- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> – Reception children's visit to Whitepost Farm
- Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 swimming
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 to Queen's Park for WW1 celebration event

### July

- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> – Whole school transition day – meet your new teacher
- Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 6 transition day to Netherthorpe
- Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 final swimming
- Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> – Norbriggs Summer Fair
- Mon 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> – Sports week, more details of events will be given out closer to the time
- Tues 9<sup>th</sup> – KS2 test results available for schools
- Tues 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 leavers performance
- Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 leavers meal
- Fri 19<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term



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## Next Year

- Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept – Children back to school
- Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct-Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – Autumn Half Term
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov – INSET Day, school closed for children
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec-Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Christmas Holiday
- Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb-Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Half Term Holiday
- Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Apr-Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Apr – Easter Holiday
- May – KS1 children to complete SATs
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> May – May Day
- Mon 11<sup>th</sup> May-Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs
- Mon 25<sup>th</sup> May-Fri 29<sup>th</sup> May – Half Term Holiday
- Mon 8<sup>th</sup> June-Fri 12<sup>th</sup> June – Year 1 Phonic Screen
- Mon 8<sup>th</sup> June-Fri 26<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Multiplication Check
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> July – school finishes for the summer

### September (20 days)

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### December (15 days)

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### April (12 days)

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### May (15 days)

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### June (22 days)

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### July (15 days)

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### August

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