



# NORBRIGGS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Summer Term 2 Week 3**



## Round Up of the Term so far

It has been a very busy start to this final term and I apologise for missing a couple of newsletters.

- Year 6 visited Staveley Hall where they interviewed ex-servicemen about their wartime experiences.
- Year 5 attended the Athletics final at Springwell Community College and came a very respectable 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Well done!
- Year 3 and 4 walked from Castleton to Edale by climbing Hollins Cross. It was a fantastic walk, only spoilt by getting a drenching from the rain when the bus driver turned up late!
- We held a community coffee morning. It was well attended and parents asked if a Mastin Moor Summer Fun Day could be organised on the park. That is going ahead and we have another coffee morning with Chesterfield Borough Council next week to continue those plans. Come along if you have any ideas or wish to help with the organisation.
- We managed to fit in the Year 5/6 cricket tournament at Staveley Cricket Club but then the rains arrived and we had to cancel Quad Kids and Year 3/4 cricket. We are hoping to rearrange the Quad Kids to Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July.
- Year 4 went to Derby Velodrome to play their trumpets and trombones with the world renowned Halle Orchestra. It was a fantastic experience and the children had a fantastic time. They then followed this up with a concert back at school for their parents which was equally as impressive.
- The Year 1 children completed their Phonic Screen and did really well. If the pass mark stays the same then we should hopefully achieve a 76% pass rate which we will be very happy with.
- Children have been practising their WW1 songs ready for the Staveley Feast and a group of them went to the Speedwell Rooms to lead a massed community choir practice to get the huge choir in fine voice ready for Saturday.
- A group of Year 5 children went across to the Willows Care Home to have tea and cakes with the residents. It was a lovely event enjoyed by all.

## Coming up Next Week

- Tomorrow is the Staveley Feast. There are lots of events taking place at Staveley Hall from 10am-2pm and everything is free.  
At 11am and 1pm we will be singing WW1 songs for about 10 minutes each time. It would be great to have as many children and parents there to join in.
- On Monday Year 5 will be visiting Springwell Community College for the morning to experience life in a modern Secondary school.
- On Monday at 3.30pm we will be taking our football team to Mary Swanwick Primary School to play some matches as part of the football league we are in. You are very welcome to come and support us.
- On Tuesday at 3.30pm we will be taking our netball team to Netherthorpe to play in a local schools netball tournament. Again, you would be very welcome to come along and support us.
- On Thursday Mrs Richardson will be banking as usual.
- Also on Thursday Reception will be visiting White Post Farm. I know they are very excited about this.
- On Friday from 9 – 10am we will be holding a community coffee morning to continue planning the Mastin Moor Summer Fun Day. If you can help with ideas, organisation or in any way please come along and find out what is happening.
- On Friday Year 6 will be visiting Queen's Park to commemorate the signing of The Treaty Of Versailles, which marked the end of WW1 100 years ago.

## Dates for your Diary

### June

- Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> – Staveley Feast, 11am & 1pm at Staveley Hall
- 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 Mary Swanwick Primary School
- 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
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup> – Community Coffee Morning

### July

- Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> – Whole school transition day – meet your new teacher
- Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 6 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### Nags

- **Bikes**

There are a lot of children riding bikes to school. This is a good thing but the children must ride safely and with consideration for other road and path users. I have already banned some children for continually riding dangerously. Please speak to your child about keeping themselves safe. In September I will be introducing a Bike Permit which will require anyone riding a bike to school to wear a helmet, have working brakes and ride safely in and out of school and in the community.

- **Term Time Holidays**

An unprecedented amount of Term Time Holiday Penalty Notices have been served this year. Just to warn you before you book holidays for September that if you take your children out of school for a holiday you will get a fine and they are not cheap.

- **Behaviour Outside of School**

We took the children to the Flash Nature Reserve recently and they had a fantastic day working with the warden. However, a small group of children returned to the nature reserve and jumped in the pond, even after they had repeated messages not to do this for their own safety.

Some children still regularly get into fights whilst playing at the park and others follow teenagers and cause a nuisance to residents. The police are involved in dealing with some of these incidents. A very small minority of the children take ridiculous risks with their personal safety and it is only a matter of time before one of them gets injured or worse.

In a previous newsletter I advised that if your children are not able to go out without getting into trouble then you should question whether you should be letting them out. If they get hurt or in trouble with the police it will be too late to help them after the event. If the children want their independence then they must show you that they can be responsible.

That's my advice but hey, they're your children not mine so it's up to you.



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