

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

## SUMMER 5 NEWSLETTER

I am pleased to provide the following information:

### DIARY DATES

June	<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics Screening Y1 Wellbeing Week
	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	South Peak Sports (provisional)
	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Sports day
	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	School Journey KS1 Parents Dine with Children Week (excl Wed) New Starter Parents Meeting
	Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	New Starters Lunch
July	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Changeover Day - children in new classes
	Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	New starter children in school Y5/6 Dress Rehearsal Music4Schools Parent Meeting
	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Fair
	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Changeover Day - children in new classes
	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	New starter children in school Y5/6 afternoon & evening performance
	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Approximately 2pm Leaver's Assembly for Parents followed by bowling trip
	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	End of Year Disco
	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Non uniform day END OF TERM ☺

*Please note that these are subject to change and will be updated on our website accordingly.*

### Online Safety Update

The link below will take you to the 'Think U Know' parents page which is full of information in regard to keeping your child safe online.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

## Children's News

### *Year 6 trip to Holmebrook Valley Park - by Class 6*

Last week we went to Holmebrook Valley Park to develop our understanding of how a river changes over time. It was a lovely sunny day after several days of rain! We walked down to the river and looked at how the meander is formed and how it changes over time.

We did some sketching of the river and looked at the erosion and deposition of land. We also learned how to find the age of a tree - without harming it!



After a picnic lunch we went down to the river again. This time each group and adult was given a section of river to study. We found out how fast the water was moving, how deep the different sections of river were. We also took kick samples from the water and found out what creatures live in the river. We found Bull fish, Mayfly larvae and fresh water shrimps. It was great fun!

### *Out and about with Reception!*



#### *Down on the Farm...*

Throughout the Spring Term, the Reception children have been visiting a local farm. They have participated in various farm activities from holding chickens, feeding lambs and planting vegetables. In being able to participate in this experience, the children have covered many areas of Understanding the World and have loved coming back and sharing their stories with the rest of the class.

#### *The Space Centre...*

In order for the Reception class to get in full swing with their Space topic, we visited the National Space Centre on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The children had a fantastic day, exploring inside a rocket, dressing up as astronauts and driving their own Mars Rover. "I really liked the planet show and flying through space." "It was lots of fun driving the robot." "I loved it and want to be an astronaut now!"



## Sports News from Mrs Rhodes:

Well done to the boys who took part in the Bunting cup. They didn't lose a match and came third overall. Super team spirit.

A huge well done to the A & B kwik cricket teams. They worked together brilliantly, encouraged each other and set a high standard. The A team have made it through to the district final, taking place on 8<sup>th</sup> June.

Well done to the netball team. They are playing well as a team and progressing well in each match.

Well done to the Year 3 & 4 mini-tennis teams. They all played fabulously well at Tupton and one team made it through to the district final. The team enjoyed the district final and played really well.

A well done to the mini-leaders who are continuing to provide activities for children to take part in at playtimes and lunchtimes. I am very proud of you and you are doing a fabulous job.

## Staff and Schools News

### **SATs**

Firstly, the staff and I would like to say a HUGE well done to all the Year 6 children who took their SATS earlier this month. They have worked incredibly hard over the year and have made super progress. During the week, they tried their best and behaved beautifully - so a massive well done and thank you to each and every one of them - they are a credit to all parents/carers and the school.

The children in Year 2 have also been taking their SATs this month and once again, should be commended for their really positive attitude and the effort they put into their Reading and Maths papers - well done Class 2, we are really proud of you all too. ☺

### ***New Communications System***

You should now have received further details on our new communications system - ParentMail. You should also have received an email from ParentMail instructing you how to register - please do this as soon as you can and download the ParentMail app - after the holiday, all communications will be transferred over to this new system. 50% of parents have already registered in the last 24hours - thank you!

### ***Annual Reports***

Annual reports are due to be issued to you the week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> July. This year we are trialling a new format which has been under consultation with staff and Governors over the academic year.

### ***Residential Trips 2018***

In the forthcoming academic year, residential trips will be changing slightly and therefore I would like to give you some advance warning. The Isle of Wight trip takes place w/c 26<sup>th</sup> June this year. From next year, this trip will alternate with an outdoor adventurous one so that children in Year 5 and Year 6 do not go to the Isle of Wight two years running. I am visiting possible venues over the half term holiday and will advise relevant parents of the trip as soon as details have been finalised.

For a lot of children, the Isle of Wight trip in Y5 has been their first trip away from home and can, for some, be quite daunting. Therefore, from next year, children in Y4 will be given an opportunity to go on a residential to Lea Green for 2 nights/3days. Next year's trip will be Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2018. I am currently organising a draft programme and working out costs and will advise relevant parents accordingly.

All that remains is for me to thank everyone for a super Summer Term and wish everyone an enjoyable holiday. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June**.

Yours faithfully

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