



Newsletter

May 2018

I hope everyone had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend in the fabulous sunshine! Hopefully, we have a few more sunny days to look forward to so please remember to send your child with a sun hat. We also encourage parents to ensure that sun cream is applied before your child comes to school on a morning. Children can also bring their own sun cream (in a named bottle) and can re-apply themselves at lunchtime if necessary.



Enrichment Week

As explained in our April newsletter, we're looking forward to our Enrichment week this month. Following the success of last year, parents and carers have the opportunity to 'drop in' during the day to see some of the exciting activities we'll be taking part in on **Harmony Day** and **STEAM Day**.

Harmony Day – Monday 21st May (Range of Art/Music activities throughout the day)

STEAM Day – Wednesday 23rd May (Range of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths activities)

We look forward to welcoming parents/carers into school on those days, but so that it doesn't become too busy, we have allocated 30 minute time slots to pop in. We also need to limit this to one adult per child on one of the days only. We regret that the Enrichment days are **NOT** suitable for younger children.

If you're able to come along, please choose a time slot on one of the days and return the attached form to school. Please understand that these are 30 minute 'drop ins' so that we can keep numbers manageable. Parents should come along to the office entrance where entry will be at specified times.

Resources – We are currently trying to gather resources for Enrichment week. If you could save and send in any **bottle tops or bubble wrap**, we'd be very grateful! We'd also appreciate any **washed plastic biscuit tin type trays**. Many thanks for your support.



Sports Day – Friday 25th May 1.30pm

Sports Day is planned for Friday 25th May. Children will take part in non-competitive activities in the morning and parents are invited from 1.30pm for our competitive sports afternoon.

Children must remain in the care of teaching staff during the afternoon, so we ask that parents stay within the designated parent area and do not cross the sports section to see their children. Bottles of water will be provided for the children half way through the afternoon, so parents do not need to bring extra drinks.

At the end of the afternoon, children will return to the classrooms to be collected at 3.15pm from the yard areas as normal. We'll announce the winning house team in assembly after half term. We're hoping for lovely weather for Sports Day. However, if it is cancelled due to the weather, we'll plan to go ahead with 'Option 2' on Friday 8th June.





£2 Book Sales

Thank you for supporting our Book Sale this week. The children were very excited to get their book and it was lovely to see how keen they were to read them – many children have taken them out at breaktimes this week!

Durham Cathedral Choristers-Year 4

We have an exciting opportunity to take part in the Durham Cathedral Music Outreach Programme. Our Year 4 class will work with a member of Durham Cathedral Choristers this term and next. They'll then take part in a performance with other schools at Durham Cathedral on the afternoon of Wednesday 11th July. More details to follow!.



Lucinder and Godfrey – Relationships and Sex Education

In school, we use the Lucinda and Godfrey Programme to support our teaching of Relationships and Sex Education. The programme is very age appropriate, from naming body parts in Reception, to a focus on puberty and reproduction by Year 6. We are aware that parents are the primary educators for their children when it comes to relationships and sex education and we want to work in partnership with you to ensure that we meet the needs of our young people.

Good relationship and sex education is essential if we are to equip our children for the modern world, enabling them to make informed, healthy decisions and stay safe. Below is an outline of what we intend to cover in school so you will have an opportunity to have similar conversations with your child. This work is planned over the next couple of weeks, and in some cases, the week after half term.

Foundation - We are all different	<p>All topic areas will be dealt with at an age appropriate level and in a safe environment. We will endeavour to answer questions honestly and to use correct terminology for body parts as stated in the National Curriculum for Science.</p> <p>If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.</p>
Year1 - Exploring friendship and trust	
Year 2 - Personal hygiene	
Year 3 - Personal safety and decision making	
Year 4 - Keeping safe - dealing with peer pressure.	
Year 5 - Growing and changing - puberty	
Year 6 - Growing and changing – changing relationships, reproduction.	



Non-Uniform Day – 4th May

Thank you for supporting our non-uniform 'Wear Something Green' day. We raised £141 for the NSPCC!

Dates for your diary

(Whilst we try our best not to make changes to dates, there may be times when this is unavoidable. We would always try to give parents as much notice of this as possible. More dates will be added as we go through the year)

During May	Year 2 SATs
Thursday 10 th May 2.30pm	Year 5 Parents invited to Celebration Assembly
Week beginning 14th May	Y6 SATs Week
Thursday 17 th May 2.30pm	Year 3 Parents' Assembly
Friday 18 th May	Y3/4 Cricket Competition – Witton Gilbert
Tuesday 22 nd May	Y2 Multiskills festival – Brandon
Week beginning 21 st May	Enrichment Week Harmony Day – Mon 21 st Careers Afternoon Y5/6 – Tues 22 nd STEAM Day – Wed 23 rd Sports Day – Fri 25 th 1.30pm
Option 1 - Wednesday Friday 25 th May Option 2 - Friday 8 th June	Sports Day (Weather dependent)
Friday 25 th May	Break up for half term
25th May – Monday 4th June 2018	HALF TERM
Week beginning 11 th June	Year 1 Phonics Check
Thursday 28 th June	Year 1 Parents invited to Celebration Assembly
Thursday 5 th July	Reception Parents invited to Celebration Assembly
Friday 6 th July	Non-Uniform Day and Reception cake sales
Tuesday 10th July 2.00pm and 5.30pm Thursday 12 th July 10.00am	KS2 Performance
Tuesday 10 th July	Y1 Multiskills Festival – Brandon
Wednesday 11 th July	
Wednesday 11 th July	Framwellgate School Transition Day (Y6)
Friday 13 th July	Y5/6 Athletics competition (all day) at Brandon
Monday 16 th July	Transition Day – all classes move up and spend the day with their new teacher in their new classroom
Thursday 19 th July 2.30pm	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly – Y6 Parents invited
Friday 20 th July	Break for summer holidays
20th July – Tuesday 4th September 2018	SUMMER HOLIDAYS

School holidays 2017-2018

Please note that schools are required to allocate staff training days individually therefore holiday start and end dates may not always match those of other schools.

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-open for teaching purposes
Summer half term	Friday 25 th May 2018	Monday 4 th June 2018
Summer holidays	Friday 20 th July 2018	Tuesday 4 th September 2018

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Summer holidays	Friday 20 th July 2018	Tuesday 4 th September 2018
October half term	Friday 19 th October 2018	Monday 29 th October 2018
Staff training Day	Friday 23 rd November 2018	Tuesday 27 th November 2018
Christmas holidays	Friday 21 st December 2018	Monday 7 th January 2019
Spring half term	Friday 15 th February 2019	Monday 25 th February 2019
Easter holidays	Friday 5 th April 2019	Tuesday 23 rd April 2019
May Bank Holiday	Friday 3 rd May 2019	Tuesday 7 th May 2019
Summer half term	Friday 24 th May 2019	Tuesday 4 th June 2019
Summer holidays	Friday 19 th July 2019	To be confirmed