



## **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Newsletter**

### **\*Change of date\***

#### **Family picnic day-8<sup>th</sup> June \*reschedule to last day of Summer term\***

We have decided to reschedule our family picnic day and weather permitting will have a picnic lunch on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July after the Leaver Service in the morning. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience caused. We are planning to ask Green Monkey Portraits back in September to take portraits, indoors and outdoors rather than on the day of the picnic.

#### **e-safety PARENT SESSION-Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15pm in Class 2**

Please do your very best to attend this meeting led by John Devlin who is e-safety co-ordinator for Northumberland County Council. His sessions are always very informative and very useful and in this current climate of social media, YouTube etc. and the challenges that go with them.

#### **Robin Hood day-Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

The whole school have enjoyed a Robin Hood themed day today led by Helen and Paul from Discover History. They have experienced life in Medieval times and learnt about crime and punishment of the time. They attended Sword school, made jester wands and enjoyed medieval dance.

We would like to thank Leah Vigars who firstly recommended the organisers and secondly offered accommodation free of charge at her Bed and Breakfast. We really appreciate your generosity Leah. There is a leaflet in your child's book bag detailing activities during the half term that Helen and Paul are involved with.

#### **Home school/Rising 5s –letters after half term**

Parents of new starters to Reception in September will receive a letter after half term offering possible dates for home school visit and details of the Rising 5s transition sessions.

#### **Wellies for after school club**

If your child attends After School Outdoor Adventure club on a Monday, please ensure they bring wellington boots every week no matter what the weather forecast is.

#### **Mile walk**

For the last month, the whole school have been taking part in a weekly mile walk around the school field which is 4 laps. They have shown great determination and resilience and are very supportive of each other. We will continue to do a mile walk at least once a week through the second half of the Summer term.

#### **Half term holiday-reading**

Please ensure you read with your child every day during the half term holiday. If your child is older and a more independent reader, please encourage them to read on a daily basis and talk to them about what they have read. We are planning to organise a Handwriting challenge for the Summer holidays. Further information will be shared nearer to the end of term.

#### **PE**

PE will still take place on a Friday afternoon. PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS THEIR PE KIT IN SCHOOL –IT CAN BE LEFT ON THEIR PEG FOR THE HALF TERM, TAKEN HOME AND WASHED IN THE HOLIDAY AND RETURNED TO SCHOOL AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEXT HALF TERM. PLEASE ENSURE TRAINERS ARE PROVIDED FOR OUTDOOR PE.



### **Sun safety and Water bottles**

As the weather is hopefully getting warmer, please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day. They must be taken home to wash on a regular basis but children can refill their bottles in their classroom. Also, please apply sun cream before school and provide a sun hat if possible. We have very little shade in the yard but the children still need to have their full playtimes regardless of the weather.

### **Summer Production (Y4 Leaver Production)**

There will be an update letter sent out after half term with details of costume and about the day of the show. Class 2 have started rehearsing with Mrs Long and after half term, Class 1 will join in. Please help your child to learn dialogue and song words. I am sure there are some secret Kevin Costners and Nicole Kidmans among you!!!

### **Parent Help**

If anyone has any time to spare during the week or weekend, we are always looking for volunteers to either help in class or around the school. For example if there are any keen gardeners who can spare a few hours to weed the front beds anyone who is handy with a paint brush and could paint the planters or the front fence it would be thoroughly appreciated. Please contact Mrs Long. Thank you to Tim Taylor who kindly went round the premises with some Round Up weed killer, we really appreciate your help.

### **Parent visits**

To inspire children to be aspirational, we have invited parents to come into school to share their experiences with children about their jobs and professions. If you are a chef, hotelier, builder, health visitor, social worker, plumber, electrician, care worker, lawyer...or any other, please contact Mrs Long to arrange a suitable time. There would be a teacher present to lead the question and answer session. Thank you to Mark Smith who talked to the children yesterday about his various careers.

### **Nut and sesame seed allergy**

Just a reminder that we have children with a nut allergy in school. We ask that if you are providing a packed lunch for your child that you do not include food containing nuts or sesame seeds. The allergic reaction is severe even if the children come into brief contact with nuts or sesame.

### **Attendance and Punctuality**

There have been a number of late marks recorded in the last week. We are still using our Late book to record and monitor punctuality.

### **Other dates for your diary.**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May:** History Day (Robin Hood and Medieval times)

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May:** Last day of Summer 1<sup>st</sup> term

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June:** Start of Summer 2<sup>nd</sup> term

**Rescheduled-Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> June:** Family Picnic Day (Now Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July from 11.30am)

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June:** Parent s-safety session (New date)

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June:** Y4 Leaver Service at Newcastle Cathedral

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June:** Sports Festival Wentworth Leisure Centre (Y2-4)

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July:** Transfer Day (5<sup>th</sup> July for Bellingham)

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July:** Sports Day: 1.30pm (Weather permitting)

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July:** Hoodwinked Summer Production 9.15am and 5.30pm

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** Wall Fete-children singing -time TBC

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> –Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** Broomley Grange, Year 4 Residential

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** Leaver Service at school 9.15am (Picnic lunch on the field-everyone welcome)

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September:** Teacher day

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September:** Start of Autumn term

Happy holidays! Jude Long (Headteacher)

