



May

NEWSLETTER

Finally we feel like summer has arrived. The sun shone brightly this week for our sports day which was such a relief. Thank you for coming along and supporting the children. One of the highlights of the afternoon was definitely the ice cream van.

This half term has been very busy. The Y2 children have had their KS1 SATs, Y1 are practising their sounds and alien words in preparation for their Y1 phonic screening after the holidays. We would appreciate it if you could continue to practise with this during the holidays please. Y4 are practising their tables in preparation for their multiplication test during the second week after the holidays too.

The Y4 residential trip to Newby Wiske was a great success. The children were fantastic ambassadors for our school and we were given many compliments about their exemplary behaviour and manners which was lovely to hear. We will be returning next year with our next Y4 class.

We had a very enjoyable visit from the Dogs Trust at the beginning of this half term, all the children learned how to behave around dogs, particularly those that they didn't know.

Our coronation activities on the 5th May were thoroughly enjoyed by all the children, thank you parents for joining in with the indoor picnic, sadly the weather yet again stopped us making the most of the outdoors.

Last week our Y4 children had an invitation to go to County Hall where they were able to witness a British citizenship ceremony and afterwards were presented with a gift bag. Thank you to Mrs Ballantyne for organising the visit.

This week our Y1 and Y2 children have had a visit to Elsdon castle followed by an outdoor picnic. This tied in with their class work on castles.

Transition

Transition for Year 4 children going to Rothbury Middle School will be taking place on Thursday 6th July and Friday 7th July. More details will follow with regards to the arrangements for this. We have also arranged a transition opportunity with Harbottle and Thropton. Their Y4 pupils will join our Y4s for a forest school afternoon on Wednesday 14th June and on the morning of the 14th June we are having a visitor who will present a 'Smooth Moves' workshop for Y4 covering concerns and possible anxieties of moving to another school. Transition for all other classes in school will take place on Friday 7th July during the morning.

Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who helped with the car boot sale. Even though it was a disappointing turnout we still managed to raise £172.31. In total this half term we have raised £440.11 for school funds. Thank you all for your contributions. We are still trying to raise money for our Yurt. We have had a substantial contribution from the Parish council which was greatly received and we were given a donation from the Coop community fund which was also very much appreciated.

PTA

Our PTA members could really do with a boost. The PTA have done a tremendous job raising money to pay for hoodies for Y4, running school discos, paying for transport for visits and paying for author and theatre visits, to name just a few. Without future PTA help these extra things are unlikely to happen. If you could volunteer occasionally to help and possibly attend a PTA meeting once a term then all our children will reap the benefits.

New Arrivals

We have recently welcomed Harlie to the Y1 class, he has settled in very well and has been a lovely addition to our class.

Mrs Robinson has welcomed her own new arrival. Jack Hugo Robinson arrived safely on 8th May. Congratulations to all the family.

Help

Early years are looking to improve their outdoor area and would like to attach some wooden pallets to the Nursery fence to hang toys and they would really like some pallet tables and an outdoor kitchen area for the children to play with. If there is anyone you know with skills that could help us and they are willing to volunteer we would be absolutely thrilled. Please contact the school office: 01669 620283

Dates and Events

Monday 5th June	Cricket Tennis Choir	9.30 - 11.30 1.00 - 3.00 after school club	Y3 and Y4 Y1 and Y2 Rec - Y4
Thursday 8th June	Trident	after school club	Rec - Y4
w/c 12th June	Phonics screening Multiplication check	mornings	Y1 and some Y2 Y4
Wednesday 14th June	Swimming Smooth Moves workshop Transition Forest school	1.00 - 3.00 11.00 - 12.00 1.00 - 2.30	Y1 and Y2 Y4 Y4
Friday 16th June	Family Breakfast (Proceeds to go to the Dogs Trust)	8.15 - 9.00	All parents and children
Tuesday 20th June	NHS Handwashing workshop	1.15 - 2.15	Y1 and Y2
Friday 23rd June	Training Day	School closed to pupils	
Thursday 29th June	Life path at Brinkburn	9.00 - 3.00	Y4
Thursday 6th July	Transition day	all day	Y4
Friday 7th July	Transition day Transition morning Visit to Jubilee Hall	all day 9.00 - 11.00 Timings tbc	Y4 N - Y3 Choir club
Wednesday 12th July	Rothbury First's Got Talent tbc	tbc	All classes
Friday 14th July	Reports out to parents		All classes
Wednesday 19th July	Parents lunch	11.45 - 12.30	Y4 + 1 parent
Thursday 20th July	Leavers Concert	2 performances 9.30 and 1.30	All children + parents (details to follow)
Friday 21st July	Leavers lunch at La Mensa End of term	11.45 - 12.45 3.15	Y4

Enjoy the half term break. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 5th June

Kind regards

Mrs C Auld and Mrs H Duffield