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## Newsletter 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

### After School Clubs

The following clubs will be taking place this half term:

Monday – Y5 and 6 Netball (Miss Petterson until 4pm with the same children who previously attended)

Y4 Rock Star Club by invitation (Miss Mclaughlin until 4pm)

Tuesday - Y3 and Y4 Basketball (Miss Wilkinson until 4pm)

Y5 Arts and Crafts (Mrs White until 4pm)

Thursday - Y5 and 6 Cricket (REEVO coaches until 4pm)

Y3 and Y4 Computing Club (Miss Whalley and Miss Astill)

Y3 Circus Skills (Circurama until 4pm)

Friday - Y4 Thrive by invitation (Mrs James until 4pm)

Y3 and Y4 Rounders (REEVO coaches until 4pm)

Letters will be sent out for children who wish to join a new club this week and all clubs will commence Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (other than circus club which begins on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April).

### Transition

We will be holding a whole school transition event on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Our year 6 children who are heading to NDA and Tanfield will spend time at their new secondary schools and our children in other year groups will spend time in their new classrooms with their teachers for next year (please note we are liaising with St Bede's and other secondary schools to arrange transition for children starting there in September). These days are a great opportunity for children to spend time in their new classrooms and to start building relationships with the staff so it is really important that your child is not absent on these days.

### Roadside Safety

Just before half term, the school councils from our school and South Stanley Infants met with local PCSOs to discuss our worries about cars parking unsafely around the entrances to our schools. Many cars are parking on the pavements which make it difficult for children (and adults) to walk past safely. The school councils are also concerned about cars speeding up and down Tyne road which is also a risk to children travelling to both schools.



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The school councils will be working a lot more with the police to make people aware of how their driving and parking can affect the safety of children and their parents/ carers on their way to school and back. They will also be handing out leaflets and doing some speed checks in the local area.

We would like to request that all parents and carers use side streets for parking or dropping off (rather than Tyne road) as this will minimise congestion on the main road and hopefully make it safer for everybody.

### Beamish Visit

There will be a whole school trip to Beamish on May 24<sup>th</sup>; a separate letter has been sent out to parents/ carers. If you did not receive a letter, please contact school.

### Year 6 SATs week - 9th May – 12th May 2022

As you are aware, the Yr 6 SATs tests will begin on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. It is really important that the year 6 children are not late for school on these days. Research has shown that pupils who receive a good night's sleep before taking tests, perform far better than those who do not. Where possible, please try to ensure your child is well rested during this important week. To help give the children a good start to the day, we will be providing breakfast each morning starting at 8.15am (children who normally attend breakfast club can attend at their usual time). All children are welcome to attend the breakfast club, which is free and will feature a special menu for SATs week.

The timetable for SATs week will be as follows:

<b>Monday 09 May</b>	<b>Tuesday 10 May</b>	<b>Wednesday 11 May</b>	<b>Thursday 12 May</b>
Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 1 Spelling Punctuation & Grammar – Paper 2	English Reading	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

### Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

As in previous years, the year 6 children will be able to buy leavers hoodies to mark their time at our school. The total cost for these hoodies is £14 but we ask that a **payment of £6** is made by parents and carers and the year 6 children will hold a business enterprise to fundraise for the remaining balance.

### Additional PD day for the Queen's Jubilee

School will be closed this Friday (29<sup>th</sup> April). All schools have taken an additional day to mark the Queen's Jubilee and in conjunction with the infant school, we have chosen to take this day off. School is also closed Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May for the bank holiday.

### Swimming

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May will be the final swimming session for year 4 and from Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, the year 6 children will have swimming lessons every Friday. The children will need a swimming costume/ trunks and a towel (swimming caps provided by school).

## Important Dates for this term

Please note that the first half of summer term is very short so we will host only one rewards assembly this term which will be on 19th July. There are also some class trips which have not yet been finalised; more information to follow.

Date	Event	Notes
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	School closed (additional day for Queen's jubilee)	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Bank Holiday – school closed	
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 5 drumming lessons begin	Lessons take place in school time
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	'Skip2bfit' day in school for all classes	
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Mrs Guy's class to orienteering at Greenland	
w/c 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week	
w/c 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Knife Crime Awareness Week (whole school)	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Litter picks in conjunction with Stanley Neighbourhood Wardens	Various year groups taking part
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 Multi-skills at Greenland (selected children)	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Coffee morning for parents/ carers of children with an ASD diagnosis.	Hosted by Mr Wakelam and staff from SENDIASS. More details to follow.
w/c 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Local history week	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 3pm	Information meeting for year 6 pupils who are attending the Kingswood Residential (and their parents/ carers)	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May and Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Jubilee celebration work with Stanley Neighbourhood Wardens	As many year groups as possible will take part in the stone painting project
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole school trip to Beamish museum	More details to follow
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 children to tennis tournament at Shotley Bridge (selected children)	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Queen's Jubilee Celebration Day	Non-uniform and street party style lunch for all pupils
	Year 5/6 cricket team to Annfield Plain Cricket Club	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Training Day	School closed to all pupils
<b>Half Term – school closes Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May and reopens Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>		
w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> June	National Geography fieldwork week	
w/c 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Bikeability sessions	
10 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Kingswood Residential for year 6 pupils	

<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b> 1:30pm	Year 6 Photographs and opportunity for any children who missed photos earlier in the year to have their photo taken	
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Winners of Star Awards announced in assembly SLP Maths Challenge Day	More details to follow
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Year 4 trip to Durham Cathedral	More information to follow
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Meeting for new year 3 parents	2pm onwards
<b>4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Whole School Transition days	Year 6 pupils will attend NDA/ Tanfield for the 3 days and children at our school will spend time with their new teachers
<b>w/c 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022</b>	Year 6 Business Enterprise Week	
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Pupil reports sent out to parents/ carers	
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July 10am</b>	Year 6 Leavers Extravaganza	
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Sports Day	Year 3 and 4 AM (10-12) Year 5 and 6 PM (1-3pm)
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b> (9:10am)	Rewards assembly	Parents and Carers all welcome in school
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Behaviour Reward	
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School closes for summer holidays and reopens Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	

Kind Regards,



Mrs R Bell