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Newsletter 20th June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this newsletter finds you well. Here are some updates and reminders for the coming weeks.

Year 5 'Taster Days' at NDA

NDA have rescheduled the previously postponed year 5 taster day for Friday 1st July. The children will come to our school at their usual time, walk to NDA (and back) and return to school in time to finish at 3:10pm. NDA will provide pizza for lunch and they have advised that children take a water bottle with them and some snacks. If your child does not like pizza, then a packed lunch from home will need to be provided or you can order one from the school office. School will provide a packed lunch for all children who are entitled to free school meals.

After School Clubs

The following clubs have continued from last half term:

*Basketball on Tuesdays

*Cricket on Thursdays

*Rounders on Fridays

The last session for every club will be during w/c 4th July 2022.

After school Tuition (Year 5)

Please note that there will be no after school tuition during transition week (w/c 4th July) and the final week for after school tuition sessions will be w/c 11th July.

Sports Days

We are very excited to be able to host our first 'proper' sports day in several years which will be on 18th July. Due to large numbers of parents/ carers having children in different year groups, we have split the day into two halves; years 3 and 4 in the morning and years 5 and 6 in the afternoon so that you have more chance of seeing your children in action! Miss Wilkinson is currently planning the events which will include long jump, 200m sprint, egg and spoon race and the classic three-legged race.

Parents and carers are all welcome to attend and we kindly ask that support is shown for the children in a polite and encouraging manner. For the morning session, parents/ carers can arrive from 9:50 (gates will not be opened until this time) and the events will



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run from 10-12. Parents of year 5 and 6 children can arrive at 12:50 (again, the gates will be locked until this time) and the events will run from 1-3pm. We will be using both school fields for the sports day events and staff will be available at the top of the drive and on the school gates to direct you towards your child.

Please ensure that your child has their water bottle in school on this day as well as a sun hat/ sun cream just in case the sun decides to show its face!

Year 6 Residential

Thank you to everyone who has made regular payments towards the residential and to all those parents/ carers who have paid in full. Final payment is due on Friday 24th June.

Staffing Changes

We have some staffing changes from September which I would like to inform you of. Our assistant head teacher Miss Slater will be leaving us after 8 years at the school and our SENCO Mr Wakelam is also leaving us to work at another school in County Durham. We wish them both the very best of luck in their new roles and thank them for everything they have done for our school.

From September, we will have a new assistant head named Mr Patterson who has been recently appointed and we will also welcome back Mrs Guy (from Greenland) who will be taking over as our SENCO on a part time basis.

Transition Week

From 4th to 6th July, all children in school will take part in transition. For most of our year 6s, this will be three days spent at their new high schools and for other children, it will be three days spent in their new classes at our school. This is such an important part of 'moving on' and really does help children with the process of change so it is essential that your child attends school on these days. For those children who are moving up to high school, please talk carefully with them about their route if you are allowing them to walk to school and back.

All children at our school will find out who their new teachers and teaching assistants are at the start of the day on 4th July.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Bell', written in a cursive style.

Mrs R Bell