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Windy News

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Keeping your children safe on line

Despite our continued on line safety lessons and advice to the pupils in school, we continue to have issues and concerns raised about our older pupil's behaviour on line when they are at home. Whilst we can support the children in school, we cannot monitor and police their behaviour outside of school. Quite often issues that have started off as a small disagreement between friends, become a much bigger issue because of the behaviour of other pupils on line. We would once again ask you to monitor your child's social media usage and support them in managing what is and is not acceptable to post on line. If you have any questions or concerns about this please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We are holding a parents on line safety session in school on Wednesday 1st May at 2:10—3:10pm. If you are able to join us please do as our trainer will be able to support you with any worries or queries about your child's behaviour and experiences on line .

Article 17: You have the right to get information that is important to your well-being, from radio, newspaper, books, computers and other sources. Adults should make sure that the information you are getting is not harmful, and help you find and understand the information you need.

Thank you for your support
Easter Service

It was great to see so many parents attending our Easter Service. It is always good for the children to perform in different venues and the children really did us proud.

Dance Festival

Thank you to all parents who supported their children by watching them perform at the Gateshead Dance festival on the Tuesday before the Easter holidays. The children, as always, were a credit to the school and their commitment to the after school dance sessions paid off in their excellent performance.

A huge thanks to the staff who have helped to organise these events.

Staffing updates

Mr. Hawdon has decided to resign from teaching at the end of the summer term and concentrate on his joinery business. Mr. Hawdon has dedicated many years of his life to Windy Nook Primary as a former pupil, parent and of course as class teacher and Assistant Head. He will be a great miss and we wish him well in his future endeavours. The governors are currently in the process of recruiting a new Assistant Head to replace Mr. Hawdon.

Mrs. Herring would also like to share her exciting news that she will be having her first baby in September. We would like to offer our congratulations at this exciting time.

Following her cycling accident, Mrs. Short is making a good recovery and is hoping to return to school at the beginning of May.

What's happening?

- ◆ Diary Dates
- ◆ SATS
- ◆ Feeding Families
- ◆ Holidays in term time
- ◆ Help please

If you would like a paper copy of this newsletter then please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office.



Sun cream in school

As the weather starts to warm up can I remind everyone to make sure your child comes to school with adequate protection from the sun e.g. a sun hat and a layer of sun cream. If you haven't filled in your sun cream permission letter and sent in cream for your child, please do so as soon as possible.

Dates for your Diary

Please note that some dates may change due to circumstances beyond the school's control.

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Thu 25th April
Fri 26th April
Tues 30th April
Wed 1st May

Thurs 2nd May

Fi 3rd May
Mon 6th May
Tues 7th May
Thu 9th May
Mon 13th May

Wed 15th May
Thu 16th May
Mon 20th May
Tues 21st May
Fri 25th May

Parents meeting KS2 sats 4pm
Cricket Taster Day
Y6 fieldtrip
Y5/6 fieldtrip
Online safety session for parents
Y2 Athletics Heworth Grange
Y5 Fieldtrip
SCOOOL CLOSED
BANK HOLIDAY SCHOOL CLOSED
Year 3/4 tennis team Cardinal Hume
Year 5/6 tennis Heworth Grange
KS2 Sats this week—breakfast included
Y4/5 girls football
Curriculum and Standards 5pm
Y5/6 Cricket Felling
Illustrator in school
Y6 Fun Run- Saltwell Park
Break up for half term

More Information

Holidays in term time

A quick reminder now we are approaching the holiday season, that holiday in term time is not allowed by this Government unless there are exceptional circumstances. As harsh as it may seem, having an affordable holiday or set work holidays are not considered exceptional. Some Penalty Notices have already been issued to parents who have taken their children on holiday without school's permission. This costs £60 per parent, per child so can add to a considerable amount.

If you are taking your child out of school for a holiday please collect a holiday request from the school office. This ensures we know where your child is if they are absent in school and saves a lot of time for office staff have to chase up any absences.

Article 28: You have the right to a good quality education. You should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level you can.

KS2 SATS

KS2 SATS will take place the week beginning 13th May. As usual we will be offering our SATS breakfast from Monday -Thursday of that week. We would encourage all pupils to attend this session as it gives the children time to relax together before going into their tests. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 in the main entrance hall. Please make sure your child is in school on time during SATS week as any lateness impacts on the whole year group tests.

There is an information session for Y6 parents regarding SATS on Thursday 25th April at 4:15 in the main hall. Please come along if you can.

KS1 SATS

As you may well be aware KS1 SATS are no longer a statutory requirement. We will continue to use KS1 SATS for Year 2 testing but they will just be part of our usual assessment week.

Help Please

In order to make indoor and outdoor playtimes more constructive we are looking for donations of dressing up outfits and board games that could be used by the children in school. If you have any that your child no longer plays with please drop them off at your class teacher's door or at the main office.

Feeding Families

We have weekly donations from Feeding Families.

If you would like a food box from Feeding Families please contact Mrs. Gerry in the office.

Article 27: You have the right to food, clothing, a safe place to live and to have your basic needs met.

Summer term events

Sports Day will be held on Monday
10th June
Year 6 on residential 12th-14th
June

Week commencing 1st July-
Transition Week
All children will spend Monday and
Tuesday of this week with their new
teacher. This will allow staff to
meet the children and give the
children the opportunity to get to
know their new teacher.

School will be closed on Friday 21st
June for teacher training.