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Primary School

# Windy News

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## School PE and Sports Provision in school

Mr. Gibson does a great job of organising sporting events both within school and within the local community. His before and after school clubs are very well attended and his sports and play leaders support him in ensuring the children in school have active playtimes. Mr. Gibson has made a real difference to the sports provision offered in school with a number of teams experiencing success in a range of different sports including our Year 5/6 football team winning the football league and just missing out on being County final winners. Our Year3 /4 Fusball team being runners up and our girls football team reaching the semi finals. Our recent pupils questionnaire from Year 2– Year 6 identified that

86% of pupils feel that My school encourages me to look after my physical health (eg healthy eating and fitness)

51% of pupils take part in school activities outside of lessons, like clubs, sports, music and art.

We are therefore really sad to announce that Mr. Gibson has decided to leave us at the end of this academic year to go and train as a teacher. We wish him the best in his new endeavours. We will place an advert out in order to try and find a replacement sports coach.

### Sports Day

Following the success of last year's sports day we have decided to follow the same format. Sports day will take place on Friday 5th June. Reception and KS1's sports day will start at 9:15. Parents will be allowed straight up onto the field after dropping their children off. Gates will be locked at 9:15.

KS2's sports day will start at 12:45. Gates will be opened at 12:30 to let parents up onto the school field. Please remember that you will not be allowed access to the sports day after the gates have been locked. This is for the security of all pupils and staff on site.

### Sports Assembly

Due to the number of children who have attended sports events over the course of this year we have decided to separate our sports assembly into 3 different events.

Year 5/6 will have their sports assembly at 9 am on Monday 13th July — parents will be invited to attend

Year 3/4 and KS1 will have their sports assembly at 9 am on Tuesday 14th July — parents will be invited to attend

EYFS will have their sports assembly as part of an in school assembly on Wednesday 15th July.

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## Year 6 Sats

This week Year 6 sat their SATS. They have all worked incredibly hard all year and although SAT results are important, they often do not reflect the true progress both academically and socially your child might have made. We are proud of all of your children and their achievements in school.

It was great to see the Year 6 children attending the SATS breakfast club and I'd like to thank all of the staff who helped make this happen.

We look forward to Year 6 having a fantastic time during their last half term with us. There are lots of great things planned including their residential trip and an end of term leaving assembly. It can be an emotional time for the children and friendships can be tested at times, so we would ask you to help us in supporting your children's last term in school by keeping a close eye on their social media behaviour.

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**Please remember that the staff car park must not be used to collect children from after-school clubs.**

### *Annual Pupil Questionnaire*

*We have collated the results from our annual pupils questionnaire which is completed by children in Years 2-6. We were really pleased with some of the feedback we received.*

*97% of pupils felt that bullying was not an issue within school or if it did happen teachers were very good at dealing with it*
*95% of pupils agreed / strongly agreed that my school encourages me to respect people from other backgrounds and to treat everyone equally*
*89% of pupils agreed/ strongly agreed my schools lets me know my rights and helps me understand my rights*
*88% of pupils agreed/ strongly agreed my school encourages me to look after my emotional and mental health*
*86% of pupils agreed / strongly agreed that my school encourages me to be independent and to take on responsibilities*
*85% of pupils agreed/ strongly agreed that they felt safe in school*

*All staff work hard to support all pupils within school and I'm sure that you will join with me in thanking them for everything they do to ensure that your children enjoy school most, if not all, of the time.*

*Article 12: You have the right to share your ideas and be listened to when adults make decisions about* you.

### Staffing updates

We have welcomed Miss Byrne back to school this term following her maternity leave.
Mrs. Hewitson has joined our nursery team.
Mrs. Herring will leave us on 20th May to start her maternity leave. We wish her well.

### Dates for your Diary

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

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| **Mon 18th May** | **KS1 Washington Wetlands visit** |
| **Tues 20th May** | **Y5/Y6 Cricket** |
| **Thu 21st May** | **Y3/4 football** |
| **Fri 22nd May** | **Y6 Fun Run– Saltwell Park** |
| | **Y3/4 virtual rainforest visit** |
| | **KS1 parents workshop 1:30** |
| | **Break up for half term** |
| **Mon 1st June** | **SCHOOL CLOSED OCCASIONAL DAY** |
| **Tues 2nd June** | **School reopens** |
| **Wed 3rd June** | **Y4 multiplication check** |
| | **Y3/4 Cricket** |
| **Thur 4th June** | **Year 3 /4 Quad kids event** |
| **Fri 5th June** | **Sports Day Years 1 – 6** |
| **Mon 8th June** | **Y1 Phonics check** |
| | **Y6 football event Gateshead College** |
| **Tues 9th June** | **Y5/6 Tennis** |
| **Wed 10th June** | **Y6 residential Newby Wiske** |
| | **Y2 Nightingales Healthy Eating workshop** |
| **Thur 11th June** | **Y3/4 Cricket** |
| | **Curriculum committee 5pm** |
| | **Resources committee 6pm** |
| **Fri 12th June** | **Y6 return from residential** |
| **Wed 17th June** | **Choir attend Big Sing—Glasshouse** |
| | **Governor Attendance Panel** |
| **Mon 22nd June** | **School Assessment Week Y1-5** |
| | **Y5 What is university workshop** |
| **Tues 23rd June** | **Y6 Into University workshop** |
| **Wed 24th June** | **Y4 Careers in Action workshop** |
| | **Y6 visit Newcastle University** |
| | **New reception parents meeting 4pm** |
| **Thur 25th June** | **Y6 St. Albans visit pm** |
| **Fri 26th June** | **New class lists go to parents** |
| **Tues 30th June** | **School transition Day** |
| **Wed 1st July** | **School Transition Day** |
| **Thur 2nd July** | **Full Governing Body meeting 5pm** |
| **Fri 3rd July** | **Summer Festival** |
| **Mon 6th July** | **Y6 sports competition in school** |
| | **Nursery Stay and play session 4pm** |
| | **LKS2 visit Bede's World** |
| **Tues 7th July** | **Summer Music Concert 5pm** |
| | **Y6 Sats results arrive in school** |
| **Tues 14th July** | **Reports to parents** |
| **Wed 15th July** | **100% attendance assembly** |
| **Fri 17th July** | **Year 6 Leavers Assembly** |

### Community / Parent Based Events

**Coffee morning**—Mrs. Conroy will be holding a coffee morning in The Hive in school on 10th June. We are hoping that the Children's centre and citizens advice will be present so that parents can get any advice they need.

Quiz **Night**—Mr. Hill Is arranging a family quiz night for after half term. More information to follow.