

North Park Primary School



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APRIL NEWSLETTER

What's been happening?

- Year 2 have had a workshop delivered as part of the events around the Bishop Auckland Food Festival
- The Foundation of Light delivered a family learning assembly and Family Learning Sessions have now started each Thursday – this will finish with a visit to the Stadium of Light and tickets for a football match.
- Friends of the School have continued to meet to plan events for the Carnival and the New To You Event – all help is welcome.
- Children in Reception and Nursery enjoyed a wonderful visit to Hall Hill Farm – they are waiting patiently for the eggs in the school incubator to hatch!
- Our School Council pupils have been meeting with and talking about the ways they are involved in school life to representatives from Investors in Children – they have talked about their plans for raising funds for a salad bar, the work the Sports Leaders do with younger children each day on the yard, and how they organised resources for break times. They should be very proud of how they represented themselves and the school and we have received very positive feedback. Well done!

Wrap around provision - Jack in the Box After School Club

We are always keen to do all we can to support families with childcare needs. We are delighted to be able to continue offering a free breakfast club and from September we now can also offer an **After School Club**, for a small charge of £7, running from 3.15 to 6pm. This will be provided by Jack in the Box Day care, an outstanding local provider. We already have a number of families who have signed up for this – some for all of the week, and some for part of the week. If this is a service you would like to access, please contact school.

Polite reminders

- Children should not be wearing jewellery for school, other than stud earring. Some children are coming to school with choker necklaces and hooped earrings – these are dangerous, especially when children are playing, and pupils will be asked to remove these. Please support us in ensuring children are safe by leaving this sort of jewellery off.
- It is lovely to have nicer weather and for pupils to be able to enjoy being outdoors more, but can we remind you that suitable footwear should be worn – nothing with higher heels please, such as wedges, as we have had a number of children going over on ankles and this can cause a nasty injury.
- Please can we ask that children do not wear false nails for school – again these can catch and come off, but are also causing problems with being able to pick up pencils, other objects and with writing – especially so for younger children.
- A number of children are arriving late for school – this is being monitored by the EWO – please ensure children are in school for 8.55am when the bell goes and when registers are called – lateness is recorded as an unauthorised absence.
Thank you for your support with these matters.

Mrs Monk
30.4.15



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Diary Dates

May

- 4 **School closed for May Day**
- 5 Year 1 visit to Botanical Gardens, Durham
- 5 Father John Assembly
- 7 Year 1 and 2 Multiskills Festival
- 7 Year 5 Bike-ability training starts (3 weeks)
- 8 Year 3 Outdoor Adventurous Activities – Hardwick Park
- 11-15 May - KS2 SAT week**

- 15 Year 2 Outdoor Adventurous Activities – Hardwick Park
- 19 Year 6 visit to Whitworth Park School
- 22 Years 1, 2 and 3 Hanging Basket Family Workshops – 10-12 noon
- 22 *New To You* event – introductory meeting – 2pm
- 22 – School closes for half term – re-opens June 1st.**

June

- 4 Year 4, 5 and 6 Proggy Mat Family Workshops – 10-12 noon
- 5 New to You Meeting – 2pm
- 9 Father John Assembly
- 10 Year 6 Photograph
- 10 Year 1 Family Assembly – 10.10am
- 11 Year 5 visit to Whitworth Park
- 12 Boys, Boys, Boys – Family Learning Course – 3 weeks – 9.30am – 11.30am
- 15-19 June - Year 1 Phonics screening week**
- 18 Year 3 Farm Visit – High Crane Lodge
- 19 Year 2 Mermaid Tails and Treasure Tales event – 10-11am
- 19 Year 5 Outdoor Adventurous Activities – Hardwick Park
- 19 Bunsen Burner Tower Murders – Science Show
- 22 New Starters Parents' Meeting – 9.30am
- 23 County Durham Primary Maths Challenge – Year 6 team to Ferryhill Business College
- 24-25 – Year 6 visit to Whitworth
- 24 Changeover Morning – new classes
- 24 New Starters visit – 9-11.30am
- 25 Year 5 Theatre Visit – the Groovy Greeks
- 26-28 Robinwood residential visit
- 29 Childline Assembly

July

- 1 New Starters visit – 9.30-12.00
- 2 Sports Afternoon – KS1 and 2 – **please note change of date**
- 3 Sport's morning – EYFS
- 3 Year 2 visit – St Mary's Lighthouse
- 3 New to You Planning Meeting – 2pm
- 4 Carnival
- 6 Childline workshops – Year 5 and 6
- 7 Drop off day for New to You event – 9am and 3pm
- 8 *New To You* Event – 3pm - information to follow
- 9 Year 5 Farm visit – High Crane Lodge
- 9 Year 6 Chocolate Challenge
- 10 Year 6 Fun afternoon
- 13 EYFS visit – South Shields
- 14 Year 6 Leaver's Show – 1.50pm
- 15 Nursery Graduation – 10am
- 16 School closes for Summer holiday**

