

North Park Primary School

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April 2022 Newsletter

What have we been up to?

- We say farewell to Mrs Alderson this week; she has worked at North Park for more than 20 years. Although we will miss seeing her each day, she will be back soon to undertake supply teaching (next week!). Mrs Berry will be teaching with Mrs Hemmingway in Year 1B class – so only a little bit of change for the children!
- Loads of sporting action - our football stars loved playing in the Football Shield and Cup competition; Year 4 had a brilliant time at a games festival; Year 6 pupils did really well at the High 5 Netball competition; Year 5 loved their sport festival; and the whole school loved joining in with the intra-school competition.
- We all enjoyed the theatre show, The Sword in the Stone
- Year 1 enjoyed a brilliant visit to Raby Castle
- Lots of fun was had learning about Fibonacci on World Maths day
- KS2 enjoyed learning and joining in with the Big Sing
- Year 6 loved their visit to Eden Camp
- Thank you to the Friends of the School for arranging an Easter Egg Raffle and Easter Egg decorating competition – what amazing designs you all did!

You can enjoy seeing all these things on the school Facebook pages, along with lots of other things the children enjoy doing.

School bank

Mrs Harris intends on restarting the school bank – if you are interested and would like to either begin or continue saving, please contact her. This is a great way of teaching children the importance of saving regularly.

Polite reminders

- A reminder that **attendance** is mandatory. Local Authority regularly review attendance with us and they continue to monitor attendance; the LA will intervene if your child accrues **seven days or more** of unauthorised absence in a term (this includes ALL unauthorised absence – holidays and any other unauthorised sessions, including late after registration). Holidays are not authorised unless in exceptional circumstances.
- Breakfast club and after school club are operating as normal. Registration forms for After School Club are available at the main office.
- School meals cost has increased to £2.20 per day.
- A reminder that it is important that children make sure **homework** is completed, especially their **reading**.
- A further reminder that your child needs a **PE kit** for PE lessons; jewellery should not be worn in school, particularly bracelets, necklaces and dangling earrings. Studs need to be removed for swimming too.
- As far as possible please avoid driving into school grounds for drop off/pick up, and keep the disabled parking area clear, unless you have a blue badge.

Covid 19 update

As per advice from the government, restrictions have largely eased, although we still advise caution, given that infections continue to occur.

- Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with others. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend. Ideally, we would advise you seek a Covid test.
- Children with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 to 5 days
- Government advice for families is that adults with a positive COVID-19 test should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. People who do need to leave their home after they have tested positive are advised to avoid close contact with people with a weakened immune system, wear a face-covering and avoid crowded places.



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In school we continue to monitor cases closely and report to DFE and LA if necessary. We have maintained our cleaning regimes during the day and the school is well ventilated.

Sincerely,

Mrs P Monk

Diary Dates*

**some activities may be subject to change as a result of Covid restrictions*

May

- 2** **May bank holiday – school closed**
- 3** **School closed for PD day**
- 4** **School reopens for teaching purposes**
- 9-12 KS2 SAT week
- 11 Reception Vision Screening
- 12 Year 3 – OAA at Hardwick Park – TBC
- 13 Individual school photos
- 16 Y2 Cathedral visit
- 19-27 KS1 SATs
- 17 Year 1 (Mrs Hemmingway and Mrs Berry) Family Assembly
- 20 KS2 Quidditch Day
- 23-27 Jubilee Celebration week and Jubilee Party
- 24 Year 1 (Mrs Kalus) Family Assembly
- 27 Jubilee Celebration Day – more information to follow
- 27** **School closes for half term**

June

- 6** **School closed for additional bank holiday – reopens 7th June**
- 7 Phonics screening (2 weeks)
- 7 Year 4 Multiplication Screening check (3 weeks)
- 14 Sedgfield DASH
- 16 Year 5 visit to Whitworth Park

July

- 5 Year 2 Family Assembly – 10.30am
- 13-14 New Starter visits
- 14 Move up morning
- 15 Year 6 Fun Afternoon
- 19 Year 6 Leaver's Show
- 21** **School closes for summer**

September 2022

School reopens for teaching on Mon 5th Sept 2022. Holiday dates can be found on DCC website.



SCHOOL MEMBER

