

North Park Primary School

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July (End of term) 2022 Newsletter

What a busy end of term, as usual, and unfortunately a hot one! The children have been great, as usual, and have enjoyed a fun few days in the last couple of weeks, including:

- A super Year 2 Family assembly, that took us all around the globe with Flat Stanley! Well done!
- Year 5 enjoyed their visit to the Forest School – lots of ideas for our own project in school now, more of which next year!
- Mrs Wood's group and Year 2 welcomed pupils from Cotsford to a Friendly Games event – so lovely to see them all working together
- We managed to enjoy a KS2 Sports Day, as well as sports days for Reception and Nursery – unfortunately the weather was against us for KS1, but the children have enjoyed activities in school
- Mrs Wood's group had a lovely visit to the cinema and Botanic Gardens in Durham
- Year 2 and Reception classes both had a great day at the seaside – Seaton Carew and Saltburn!
- Year 4 loved their pond dipping at Low Barnes
- Year 3 loved their picnic organised by Miss Walton
- We welcomed our new starters for visit days and loved having them all; the children in school all enjoyed their move up mornings with their new teachers too.
- Year 6 had a great end of term, cooking with Chef Sarah, raising over £600 for Fun Day, showing off their skills at Moorhouse and giving us an amazing farewell performance and their Leaver's Show – well done! We wish them all lots of luck as we bid them farewell and they now move to their secondary schools!

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

Uniform

- Thank you for the donations of uniform. The donations were cleaned and have found their way to new homes; we hope to organise a similar event each term. Please remember to put your child's name in any uniform you have!
- School will be open on Friday 2nd September between 10am and 2pm if you wish to order uniform or pick up uniform already ordered.

Data sheets and New Menus

- We will be launching a new parent App in September – please ensure the data sheets are returned so we can include you in this. More information will be sent out in September.
- New menus have been sent out; any menus that are not returned means that children will be given a sandwich on the first day back. These menus have been provided by 'North Eats' who are the new meal providers for Durham. Please read the attached information from them. Please also note meals from September 2022 will cost £2.25.

Holiday club

For those children who have signed up for the holiday club run in the first 3 weeks, please ensure you use the phone number provided in the first session if you need to contact organisers – the school phone will not be manned.

An additional Holiday Club is available for children at St Andrew's Church between 22nd to 26th August - see attached – free of charge - 9-12, including food.



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Attendance information

- A reminder that attendance is mandatory. You will have read that the DFE have updated guidance for families and schools that stresses the importance of good attendance and actions needed to improve this. This guidance can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance>
- School and the LA aim to work with you to ensure your child attends school in-line with DFE expectations. Attendance should ideally be at **96% or above**. Absence below 90% is viewed as persistent absence. If absence begins to fall there is an expectation that parents and school will work together to improve this.
- Please remember the DFE and Local Authority regularly review and monitor attendance with us and analyse school data; the LA may intervene if your child accrues 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.

TERM		Number of sessions (half days) missed before becoming a persistent absentee
AUTUMN	HALF TERM 1	7 or more (3.5 days)
	HALF TERM 1 and 2	14 or more (7 days)
AUTUMN + SPRING	HALF TERM 1 to 3	20 or more (10 days)
	HALF TERM 1 to 4	25 or more (12.5 days)
AUTUMN + SPRING + SUMMER	HALF TERM 1 to 5	31 or more (15.5 days)
	HALF TERM 1 to 6	38 or more (19 days)

Staff news

- We congratulate Mr and Mrs Logan on the news they will be having a baby in the Autumn.
- We also congratulate Mr Summerill on his upcoming marriage in the holidays – we wish him and his wife-to-be Liz lots of happiness.
- We bid a fond farewell to Mrs Biddle, Miss Bloomfield and Mrs Yeoman, who all leave us this week. We wish you lots of luck for the future.
- We look forward to welcoming Mr Lamb, Mrs Skaife, Mr Skaife and Miss Ord in September to join the staff team.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all, our families, for your ongoing support for the school; the Governors and Friends of the School for extras they do; and the staff team for their hard work and dedication.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing summer and I look forward to seeing the children again in September.

Sincerely,

Mrs P Monk



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Diary Dates

**Some dates are TBC and may be subject to change*

North Park Primary will be closed for the following four Professional Development Days:

19.12.22
20.12.22
17.2.23
17.4.23

September 2022

5 School reopens for teaching purposes
7 Chef – Year 2
12 Foundation of Light Parent Coffee Morning – more information to follow
15 Archery Day
30 Harvest Service – St Andrew's Church 2pm

October

4 Year 5 Yorvik Trip
5 Flu vaccination day – whole school
21 School closes for half term
31 School re-opens

November

1 Skipping day
17 Parent Evening
24 Parent Evening

December

5 Year 5 Craft, Carol and Coffee Morning
6 Year 3 Craft, Carol and Coffee Morning
7 Year 4 Craft, Carol and Coffee Morning
8 Fencing Day
9 Year 6 Craft, Carol and Coffee Morning
9 Mrs Wood's group – Craft and Mince Pies – afternoon
12 Nursery Parent Christmas Crafts
13 Year 1 Christmas Music Show – time TBC
14 Reception Nativity – times TBC
15 Year 2 Christingle Show – times TBC
15 KS 2 Carol service – St Andrew's Church – 2pm
16 Nursery and Reception Party – am
12-14 Other parties – TBC
16 School closes for end of term

January 2023

4 School re-opens



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