

North Park Primary School

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June 2022 Newsletter

What have we been up to?

As ever we have a busy end of term with lots going on. The children have enjoyed lots of activities throughout June:

- Year 4 children worked hard to try their best on their multiplication test – they keep practicing which is great to see!
- Mrs Kalus' class did a wonderful Family assembly – lovely singing and speaking.
- Both Year 1 classes enjoyed a super session of sport at the Leisure Centre
- Year 5 enjoyed a visit to Whitworth Park Academy.
- Year 6 pupils have enjoyed their transition visits to comprehensive schools
- We had a group of Year 4 superstars playing cricket in Tudhoe!
- We had an amazing assembly from our inspirational sports star – Alex Dewar – athlete and Invictus Games medalist. The children loved meeting him.
- Year 3 and Year 6 enjoyed a Primary Olympics in Sedgefield.
- Chef Sarah has been in whipping up delicious food with Year 6 – we really loved the cookies!
- Year 4 have had a fabulous visit to Seaham beach.
- It has been lovely seeing parents and children enjoying the yoga sessions we have organised – we are looking forward to arranging more events like this next year.

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

Fun Day – 15th July

The Year 6 Fun Day returns this year for children – I have been asked by Year 6 to request donations of cakes and sweet treats for their cake stall. Please can we ask for cakes without any nuts and if you would prefer your child not to purchase cakes due to allergies please let staff know.

Sports Day

It is our hope to organise some sporting events in the coming weeks where parents can come in and enjoy watching the children participate in activities and races – it seems like a long time since we have been able to do this, so we are hoping the good weather lasts!

- Reception Sports Morning – Thursday 7th July – 10am – please come to the main entrance
- Nursery Sports Morning – Thursday 21st July – 10am – please come to the main entrance

Sports day for the rest of children – Monday 11th July - please enter via the main gates for the yard at the specified times and make your way to the back of the school where seats will be out for you to watch the children's races

- For KS2 – 10am
- For KS1 – 1.30pm

Uniform

Thank you for the donations of uniform. We will organise to have this set out in the main entrance so parents can benefit from using this good quality, clean uniform – we will let you know when this is set out via text message and you are welcome to come and choose some.

Data sheets

Mrs Harris has circulated data collection sheets to parents – please return these as soon as possible. This will help us ensure any information 'glitches' that may have occurred as a result of transferring to a new system are ironed out. It is also important we have an up to date email – this is because the new system has an APP attached – we will send you information about accessing this APP in September, via the email you provide. This APP will ensure improved communication between home and school.



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Move up days

The children will soon be enjoying two mornings with their 'new' class teachers – we will also welcome our new Reception class children into school. Classes next year will be as follows:

Nursery – Mrs Willcock

Reception A – Mrs Summerill **Reception B** – Mrs Scotter

Year 1 – Mrs Kalus

Year 2A – Mr Logan **Year 2B** – Mr Lamb

Year 3 – Miss Walton

Year 4 – Miss Leckenby

Year 5 – Mr Atkinson

Year 6 – Mr Summerill

Inclusion Nurture group – Mrs Wood

Our other teachers and support staff will also be in school working with the children on these mornings in their groups and classes.

Holiday club

We are delighted that children at North Park will have the opportunity to attend a holiday club run by Berry Education in partnership with Livin. The club is free of charge and runs for three weeks – see the attached flier and contact school if you are interested in signing up. There will be a registration form to complete when you attend for the first time.

Attendance

- 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) |



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Online concern

It has come to our attention that several children are talking about watching an online character, 'Huggy Wuggy'. This is a significant concern as this character is based on an online horror game that is not appropriate for young children; the game contains scary images, violence and concerning scenarios, such as toys coming to life and wanting to harm the children they belong to. We are concerned some children may be exposed to harmful content and may wish to recreate scenarios from the game in their play and through song, which scares other children. If this happens we will discuss this with the children but would ask that you are vigilant as to what your children are accessing online, and please echo the messages we are giving that this is not a friendly character, despite the name. For more information about this game and how to support your child with online safety please follow this link. <https://www.commonsemmedia.org/game-reviews/poppy-playtime>

Reports

We aim for reports to be shared with parents on 14th July – included with your report will be your child's attendance certificate. If you would like to discuss an aspect of the report with the class teacher please contact school once you receive this.

Sincerely,

Mrs P Monk

Diary Dates

July

- 5 Year 2 Family Assembly – 10am
- 6 Year 5 Forest School visit
- 6 Year 4 and Mrs Wood's group – Friendly Games event
- 7 Reception sports – see above for details
- 8 Reception visit to Seaton Carew
- 11 KS1 and 2 Sports – see above for times
- 11 Mrs Wood's group – visit to cinema and Botanic Gardens
- 12 Year 2 visit to Saltburn
- 12 New Reception pupils parent meeting – 9.30am
- 13 Father John Assembly
- 13-14 New Starter visits
- 13-14 Move up morning
- 13 Brass concert
- 15 Year 6 Fun Afternoon
- 19 Year 6 Leaver's Show – 2pm
- 20 Year 6 visit to Moorhouse
- 21 Nursery sports morning
- 21 **School closes for summer**

September 2022

School reopens for teaching on Mon 5th Sept 2022.

