



May Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of a short but action-packed half term, I would like to wish all our children and families a safe and happy half term holiday and share some news and information.

*Best Wishes,
Mrs Lavelle*



SCIENCE WEEK

We will return after half term to a very exciting week when we (quite literally) launch Science Week! We have a number of visitors from a Science background visiting school that week to talk about their love of Science and their profession plus on Thursday and Friday we have a visit from Captain Chemistry who will work on a Mission to Mars project with all children in school. This will involve researching and preparing for a trip to Mars and designing rockets which will then be launched on the school playing field!



Pupils will carry out a range of Science activities and lessons during this week and we will keep you posted about

our adventures on Class Dojo and Twitter.

Could we ask that on the Thursday of Science Week, pupils bring in a bag of recycled items to use to create our rockets please? This should include: cardboard boxes, cartons and plastic bottles. Many Thanks

DIARY DATES

24 th May	End of Half Term
3 rd June	Return to School and start of Science Week
4 th June	School of Rock and Pop sessions start for Yr 6
11 th June	Meeting for 2019 Reception intake pupils and parents/carers.
13 th June	KS2 Sports Day pm (weather permitting)
14 th June	Father's' Day breakfast
17 th June	17th June: Year 6 to Weardale
20 th June	Nursery, Reception and KS1 Sports Day pm (weather permitting)
4 th July	End of Year Discos
8 th July	Enterprise and Careers Week (more information to follow)
12 th July	- Mrs Dadswell's Class Assembly at 9.10am - Summer Fair from 3.30pm
15 th July	- Reports to Parents/Carers - Reception pupils and Parents Teddy Bears Picnic pm
16 th July	Year 6 Celebration Evening from 6pm
19 th July	End of term and start of Summer Holidays

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VISITS & VISITORS

Reception had a fantastic visit to Whitehouse Farm which fitted in well with a recent Spring Topic. As always, behaviour was excellent and the children thoroughly enjoyed meeting lots of different animals and a very exciting tractor ride!



Year 5 had their three day residential at Robin Wood this half term. Highlights included caving, canoeing, climbing and the Piranha Pool!

All of the children were an absolute credit to school and their parents and really impressed staff with their determination and resilience when facing fears and new challenges. They had a fantastic time!

YEAR 2 & YEAR 6 TESTS

Year 2 and Year 6 will definitely be ready for half term after sitting end of Key Stage tests in Reading, Arithmetic, Maths Reasoning and Spelling/Grammar/Punctuation.

The attitude of children in both of these year groups was superb throughout and all tried their absolute best which is all we can ask of them.

Well done everyone!

RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS AWARD

Some members of school council will visit Langley Moor Primary School in June to meet Rights Respecting groups from other local Primary Schools and to share activities and ideas.



We have had some lovely examples of kindness and respect around school this half term. These have included:

- *Asking Mrs Lavelle if she needed help with anything - Alfie R, Year 2*
- *Noticing that some children had left their coats on the yard at break-time and bringing them in - Lauren G, Year 6*
- *Making me smile and helping me when I was hurt - Mischa, Y4*
- *Holding doors open for staff on several occasions - Max and Sonny, Year 2*

A number of these are read out in Assembly each week and all pupils whose name appears in the Class Kindness and Respect buckets are entered into a draw each week.

Our weekly Golden Table Awards also highlight pupils each week who have shown excellent manners and been helpful and respectful at lunchtimes.

GOVERNING BODY

We welcomed two new governors to our Governing Body this half term. Mrs V Cooper (parent governor) and Mr G Mackie (co-opted governor) have joined our

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committed and experienced Governing Body Team and will work to both support and challenge school leaders as we work on school development priorities. A further parent governor vacancy will be advertised in the Autumn Term and we will send out further details at this time.

DEPUTY HEAD

We are delighted with the success of our Nursery provision which has really helped us to positively expand our school. This, combined with the demands of continuously improving our school and ongoing school development activities, has resulted in us internally advertising the role of a Deputy Head-teacher. This vacancy will be open to internal applicants only. The closing date is 3rd June and the new role will commence in September 2019.

NEW ROOF

I am very pleased to inform you that our application to the Department of Education to replace our school roof has been successful. This work will be carried out in the Summer Term so we will then be ready to face whatever weather Autumn and Winter brings!

HEALTHY EATING

A few reminders about packed lunches please. We are encouraging pupils to eat more fruit and vegetables in their packed lunches and to reduce the amount of crisps, biscuits and cakes included. Your support with this is greatly appreciated.

Nutella type chocolate spreads cannot be included in packed lunch sandwiches as contain nuts and our dining hall needs to be nut free to protect our children with allergies.

Could we also remind parents/carers to be careful about the inclusion of whole grapes or olives in packed lunches and cutting these in half if necessary, particularly with younger children. Many Thanks

SUMMER FAIR

Plans are underway for our Summer Fair after school on Friday 12th July. Carnival Rides will be back with their fairground rides and slides. We have booked food outlets Noshbox Pizza and The Waffle Co to attend and the Arty Party Cabin will also be joining us with their popular crafts and slime making stall!



As you can imagine, an event like this takes a lot of organising. Please let the office know if you will be able to help in any way e.g. helping to make up sweet cones, organising a stall, setting up, helping on the tombola, face painting etc. The more the merrier! More information will be sent out after half term.

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