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JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER PART 1 FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic half term we've had so far! The weather has been very kind to us for our outdoor events and it has been lovely to still be able to go ahead with most of our end of term activities. This newsletter contains information about a number of these and some other useful information.

We understand how disappointed parents/carers will have been not to attend Sports Days but the children thoroughly enjoyed these and demonstrated their usual excellent team spirit and determination. We hope you enjoyed the photos we shared on Class Dojo and understand that this decision was made with the aim to keep all of our class bubbles together in school until the end of term. As you have seen, Covid cases are very high in our local area and we are doing everything we can to keep our bubbles secure.

We were able to share Year 6 Sports Day with parents/carers, following some very careful organisation and it was lovely to share their last Sports Day at Ouston Primary with parents/carers who were able to attend. We are also looking forward to our Year 6 (outdoor) Celebration Evening next week. So far, the weather is looking good for this! See our separate letter for details about this.

I will send our final newsletter out at the end of term but in the meantime, enjoy the sunny weather when it arrives and the Euros Final on Sunday! As you will see from my text this morning, we are open at the usual times on Monday, however children arriving up to 10.30am will not be classed as late on this occasion. We have a quiet and enjoyable morning planned for each class so children arriving at different times will be easy to manage. See the information below about how to drop your child off safely if arriving later than 9.05am. Let's hope we see lots of happy, smiling faces following a win at Wembley!!

Best Wishes,

Mrs Lavelle



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Organisation for Monday 12th July

Staff will be on the yards/entrances at the usual times but if you are bringing your child to school later than this, please observe the following guidelines so we stay in line with our current risk assessments:

Between 9.05 to 10am: please drop them off at the office but be mindful of social distancing and wear a face covering as you may need to wait in a short queue if a few children arrive at once.

Between 10am to 10.30am:

- please bring Years 1 -5 pupils to the main double gate which will be open at this time. Staff members will then take them to classes from the yard. (The back gate will NOT be open at this time)
- Any Y6 pupils arriving between 10-10.30am to come to the usual door where a staff member will watch out for them arriving.
- Reception/Nursery pupils to come to usual waiting area where a staff member will let them in.

Year 6 Weardale Residential



We were so pleased to be able to go ahead with our Year 6 week at Weardale. This was an action packed week including canoeing, rock climbing, raft building, High Ropes and a very exciting River Walk! All of the pupils involved demonstrated determination, team work skills, resilience and a positive attitude throughout, we were very proud of them all.

Science Week

We enjoyed our whole school Science week during the first week of this half term. The Planetarium was fascinating and classes then carried out a number of investigations and enquiries relating to the Space theme. We all enjoyed a picnic lunch outside too due to the Planetarium taking over the dining hall!



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Holiday Club

Please note that our Holiday Club will be open on the following dates:

Wednesday 21st to Friday 30th July

Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th August

Tuesday 31st August and Wednesday 1st July

Prices are as follows:

Full day – £23 Half day (any 5 hours) – £15

Our opening times are: 7.30am– 5.45pm

Please contact the school office or Mrs Patton if you would like to book a place for your child on any of these dates.

Sports Days

Here are some action shots from our Sports Days! Team Winners were as follows:

Nursery and Reception - Red Team

Key Stage 1 – Yellow Team

Key Stage 2 – Blue Team

Well done to all of our Teams and to all of our children for their excellent participation – you really earned those ice lollies!



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Parking and Driving Safely Near School

Can I remind parents/carers to take great care when driving close to school and if possible to avoid driving right up to the road next to the school gates as it can get very congested in this area. We have had a couple of near misses recently with children running into the road when cars are turning into this corner. It is really important that if you do drive up/down this road that you are vigilant and drive extremely slowly. Parents/carers on foot should also ensure that they keep a close eye on their children when crossing this road.

Do not park onto pavements or where there are double yellow lines either as this forces pedestrians onto the road. I am sure no parent/carer wants to be responsible for an accident as we approach the end of term.

Dates for the Diary:

14th July: Reports to Parents/Carers. This is slightly later than planned due to the number of staff we currently have self-isolating

15th July: Reception Teddy Bears Picnic pm (Reception Reports given out then)

15th July: Year 6 Outdoor Celebration Evening, 5.30pm (see separate Year 6 letter for more details)

16th July: Year 6 Trip pm

19th July: House Team Winner non-uniform and treat day – Team to be announced next Friday

20th July: END OF TERM!

2nd July: Children return to school. I will email our organisation for September once we know more about the new guidelines with regards to class bubbles etc.



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