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NEWSLETTER FOR PARENTS & CARERS: JULY 2024 (PART 2!)



Dear Parents/Carers,

The end of another academic year! It was lovely to see the sun shining as the children left school today; we really hope this continues so that you can all make the most of the time together in the Summer.

We have had a very special event this afternoon; our Year 6 Leavers Assembly. We gave out awards, presented each pupil with a novel of their choice containing a special message from us and enjoyed their brilliant performance of three songs. I am always proud of our Year 6 pupils at the end of their time with us and this year group are no exception. They are kind, respectful, confident, positive and hard working young people who I know will continue to do well at secondary school. We wish them all the very best for the future and are proud of them all.

I would like to thank all of you for your support this year, it is much appreciated and demonstrates how special our school community is. Many thanks also for all the lovely gifts and kind messages we have had during these last few days.

Our brilliant staff team have already started to plan for September and are looking forward to getting to know the new classes next year. A huge thank you to them all for their hard work this year and for making our school the special place it is.

One staff member who isn't planning for a new class in September is Mrs Exley who had her last day with us. She has been a huge part of Ouston Primary School and will be sorely missed. She has enjoyed her last few days in school and has been touched by the gifts and messages she has received. She is now looking forward to this next chapter in her life but has promised she will still keep in touch!

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Below you will find some news, information and reminders. As always, please get in touch if needed.

Wishing you all a lovely Summer,

Mrs Lavelle

Friday Fundraisers

Our final Friday Fundraisers were a great success! A big well done to the following pupils:

Ella, Jack and Amelia in Year 5 who raised £21.50 for the Newcastle Cats and Dogs Shelter.



Isla and Miley in Year 6 who raised £23.90 for Cancer Research UK



Jessica, Thomas and Imogen who raised £ 24.45 for Children in Need.



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Excellent organisation by all and the charities will be very happy with these fabulous donations.

Artist in School

Pupils been working with a local artist to create a beautiful glass mosaic to celebrate the 60th anniversary of our school. The anniversary isn't until December so the mosaic will be finished by then. A photo of how it is looking so far is included at the top of the newsletter. Both staff and children have loved adding glass pieces to this work of art!



Summer Fair and Family Picnic

This was such a lovely event and definitely now something we will do annually. Thank you to everyone who joined us and for your generosity with both donations and at the various stalls.

We raised a fabulous total of £1,305 which will contribute towards additional resources, experiences and activities for our children.

Many thanks to our fabulous parent/carer helpers, staff members and volunteers who organised this event.

Uniform

Just a reminder about school uniform as we head towards the holidays and you will be thinking about buying new items. Our uniform is as follows:

- black trousers /black skirt/black school shorts/yellow gingham dress
- gold polo shirt
- black 'v' neck sweater
- black, grey or white socks/tights
- Black, sensible school shoes please (no heels, fashion boots, strappy sandals etc). Plain black trainer style school shoes are currently permitted. Other colours or black trainers with brightly coloured stripes/designs etc are not part of our uniform and the wearing of trainers may be reviewed if this policy is not followed.

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PE Kit:

Plain white T-shirt and black shorts/joggers/leggings (no cycling shorts or gym shorts)

Please note that unless it is PE day, black leggings must not be worn as part of school uniform.

If your child is having their ears pierced during the holidays, please do so this week so that these will be healed by the end of the holidays and can be removed. Earrings are not permitted in school.

Support During the Holidays

There will be someone in the school office during the first and last week of the holidays if you have any questions/need advice.

If you or your family require support during the holidays when school is closed, particularly if this is relating to keeping children/young people safe, please use the service below:

First Contact:

If you have a concern about a child or young person's welfare who lives in County Durham, call First Contact on 03000 267 979. First Contact brings together children's services staff with partners such as Durham Constabulary and health services.

First Contact is open from 8.30am until 5.00pm, Monday to Thursday and from 8.30am until 4.30pm on a Friday.

Dates for the Diary

5th September: Return to school

23rd September: Welcome to the New School Year Meetings for Parents/Carers, 5pm

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