



Weekly Bulletin 5 – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that this is the final letter of the school year. I always find endings difficult – I just do not like change! Next week, we will be saying goodbye to some Nursery children and our Year 6 children, many of whom have been with us for 7 years – it is always hard and it will be a very emotional week for children, parents and staff alike.

We have enjoyed another fabulous week in school with two performances of Ocean World being the highlight. Our children just never cease to amaze me – they really are so talented, confident and eager to do their very best at all times. I was so proud of each and every one of them this week – I am sure you were too. However, I would also like to publicly thank the wonderful team of staff we have here at school. They too, have all worked so hard in so many different ways to make the show possible.

We have enjoyed another highly successful year in school. Ofsted visited us back in September and were very complimentary about the work we do. External endorsement can only be a positive. Then, this week, we have had our SATs results in for Year 6 children. As you know, the KS2 SATs are a very narrow measure of children's attainment. Our aim in school is to ensure our children have a wide range of experiences during their time here and whilst data is obviously of great importance, we believe that this is only one small part of primary school education. However, our school is judged on data and I am delighted to say that our Year 6 children have excelled again this year. Our school results are below, along with the national averages and I am sure you can see for yourselves just how well the children have achieved. This is also thanks to the highly talented and dedicated staff team that we have in school – we are very fortunate to have a motivated staff, a superb team spirit and a team of adults who care passionately about doing their absolute best for your children.

Cohort (50)	Reading	Maths	GAPS	Writing	R,W & M Combined
School	90%	90%	90%	86%	80%
National	73%	79%	78%	78%	65%

## **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Summer Fair – 11.00am – 1.00pm**

We hope to be lucky with the weather again tomorrow for our summer fair. We have a number of activities and stalls for the children to enjoy including a bouncy castle, trampolines, water slide, penalty shootout, hot dogs, refreshments, tombolas, ice creams and a number of side stalls. Soak the Teacher is normally the most popular event for the children to enjoy and the line up so far is Mr Graham, Mr Stephenson, Mr Taylor, Mr Knighton and Mrs Davis. If the children want to play on the water slide (open from 11.30am), swimming trunks/costume are essential as well as a change of clothes and towel! Our fair is always a super event where it is lovely to see so many families!

## **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Moving Up Morning**

On Monday morning, all children will be moving up to their new classroom to spend the morning with their new teacher. We also have a number of new children joining us in September and they will be here for a visit on Monday too. I am sure our children will make them feel very welcome.

## **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Drop in Parents' Evening**

On Monday we are having a drop in parents' evening session – this is designed for parents to come along and discuss anything at all from your child's school report with their current teacher. There is no need to book for this, just turn up if you would like to see your child's teacher.

## **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Sports Assembly – 9.15am**

Our annual sports assembly will take place in the Junior Hall on Tuesday morning starting at 9.15am. Here, we celebrate all the sports teams, competitions and events that have taken place during the year. We are very fortunate to have an abundance of teams who take part in many competitions and this assembly is our chance to present the children with medals, whilst also congratulating them. Parents, carers and families are all welcome to join us for this, although it is more for KS2 children.

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Year 6 Sleep Over**

Our annual sleep over for the Year 6 children takes place on Tuesday night. We ask the children to come back for around 6.30 – 7.00pm for the evening. We will be ordering a Chinese takeaway for them as well as playing games, watching DVDs and generally just enjoying each other's company before we 'go to bed'! All children will need a sleeping bag and airbed (or PE mat!) as well as their overnight clothes and uniform for the next day. I am sure we will all have great fun!

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Non-Uniform Day**

On Wednesday, we are holding a non-uniform day in exchange for £1 which will go towards supporting the charities of those children who have lost their father this year. The charities benefitting will be:

- Haemochromatosis uk
- Alpha-1-antitrypsin deficiency
- DREAM fund through <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/steventopping>
- School – family have requested that their charity is the school as their child is due to leave us this year

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Waste Aid Charity Day at Biffa Newcastle**

Biffa has partnered up with Waste Aid and are holding a charity day on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July to raise funds. They have very kindly asked us to get involved with this worthwhile initiative.

Our Eco Rangers will be attending the event which will also involve the Biffa staff, volunteers and members of the local community. The aim is to educate the children on what happens to waste after it has been put in the bin and will include a tour of the site via the viewing gallery, where they will see the rubbish being sorted. There will also be a large number of fun activities for the children to enjoy.

This sounds like a fun and educational day out for our hard working Eco Rangers and we would like to thank Biffa for including us and for arranging the transport to enable us to attend.

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Summer Barbecue**

Our summer barbecue is taking place between 3.30 and 5.30pm on Wednesday. Tickets are £5 each, or 5 for £20 and are available from the School Office up until end of school on Tuesday. Knitsley Farm Shop are providing the food and this should, once again, be another lovely occasion. During the barbecue, our Rotakids will also be organising some side stalls to raise money for the four charities of the day.

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Leavers' Service in All Saints Church at 1.30pm**

Our Leavers' Service takes place in All Saints Church at 1.30pm on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July. This is always a highly charged, emotional service which includes attendance awards, citizenship awards and The Henry Dancer Memorial Trophy. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019 – Leavers' Assembly at 10.00am in Junior School Hall**

After the emotionally charged service comes the fun, laughter and tears in the school hall. Our Year 6 children will be taking the assembly with an Oscar ceremony, leavers' video and first day at school photographs. Again – an event not to be missed by the Year 6 parents and families!

### **Foundation Stage News**

We would like to invite Nursery parents to a short end of the year singing celebration in Nursery at 10.45am on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July for Giraffes and Monday-Wednesday Flamingos and at 2.30pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July for everyone else in Nursery. We do hope that you can join us for this wonderful celebration!

Please remember to take home everything belonging to your child including their wellies. We need to do a big clean and re-organisation in Foundation Stage over the holidays so need everything to be as tidy as possible next Friday!

### **Staff News**

I am delighted to inform you that Miss Nicola Dodds is getting married during the summer holidays and I am sure you will all want to join with me in wishing her all the very best. On her return in September, she will be Mrs Newby. Let's hope she gets a lovely day for such a special occasion!

### **Payments**

Please ensure that payment accounts are up to date by the end of the term. Dinner money and Wrap Around Care payments should be made by Wednesday next week at the latest and should include payments due up to and including the last day of term. This will enable the school staff to complete the paperwork before the end of term. Thank you for your help.

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August - Holiday Club**

Don't forget that Mr Graham is running a holiday club for the first two weeks of the summer holidays. Please sign up for this as soon as possible as he is quite busy, especially during the first week! Forms are available from the School Office.

**Parent Questionnaire**

End of year Parent Questionnaires have been included in the back of your child's report folder. We would really appreciate you taking a few minutes of your time to complete these. We really value your opinions and suggestions and every year, we do make changes in school based on comments made on the questionnaires. Thank you.

**School Reports**

I hope you find your child's school report informative and are proud of your child. If you have any questions about anything at all contained in these, please come along to the open evening on Monday evening where you can discuss them in more detail with your child's class teacher.

All that remains is for me to thank you for your wonderful support this year and to wish you all a lovely summer with your children.

Yours sincerely,

*Jane Davis*

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