



Whalton School News

Summer Term

25th May 2018

Walk to school week



Thank you to all children who were able to support 'Walk to School Week' this week. It was tricky with the roadworks on Tuesday but well done to all who managed the other days.

If you wish your child in Year 4 and 5 to walk to school independently, please give a written letter to Miss Johnston. Thank you.

Royal Wedding Tea Party/Christian Aid

Thank you for everyone who came to our Royal Afternoon Tea last Friday. The weather was extremely kind to us and we were able to enjoy the festivities in the warm sunshine! We must also give grateful thanks to the Blacksmiths' Coffee Shop; Morrisons and the staff for donating cakes and biscuits for our consumption. We raised £45.07 for Christian Aid. Thank you for all you kind donations.

Family Church Service

Thank you for all those who attended the Family Church Service today taken by Reverend Sample. There will be a short family service on Sunday 27th May at 10am at St. Mary Magdalene Church for anyone who is interested.

Summer Weather



Please send sun cream into school in named bottles/tubes, to be applied when necessary. Alternatively, you can buy products that offer all day protection such as P20 which can be applied before the school day begins.

Sunhats are an extremely important part of the children's sun protection this term. We are ensuring all children wear them during outdoor sessions. If you have any spare sun caps at home that we could use for those children who forget to bring theirs, we would be most grateful to receive them.

Playtimes, schoolwork and sport is thirsty work. Please could the children bring in their water bottles to school each day. Thank you.

Judaism Topic

On Tuesday 15th May the Key Stage 2 children (Years 3, 4 and 5) visited the synagogue in Newcastle as part of their Judaism topic in Religious Education. It was a very informative trip with lots of activities condensed into the morning. On July 2nd we will welcome Deanna Van Der Velde who will talk to the younger children about Shabbat and why it is so important to the Judaism faith.

Sport - Tennis and Cricket

Tennis: Next half term, we welcome back Nick Clark from Ponteland Tennis Club who will be coaching tennis to our Year 2s and 3s on Wednesday 6th and 13th June. The Year 3 tennis Challenge Cup will take place on Thursday 14th June. All Year 3s are invited to attend. A separate letter will be sent home regarding this visit. Please return your permission slips to school by Monday 4th June. Thank you.



Cricket: All children will receive cricket coaching on Friday afternoons. Please ensure they have the correct kit and water bottles in school. There will be a festival for Years 3 and 4 on Tuesday 17th July at Blagdon Cricket Club. More information to follow nearer the time.



Years 2,3, 4 & 5 Orienteering Festival - Friday 22nd June at Wallington Hall

John will be coming in again this year to help us to read maps and understand the basics of orienteering. His practice session is on Monday 11th June before the festival at Wallington Hall on the morning of Friday 22nd June 2018. A separate letter will be sent home regarding this visit. Please return the permission slip to school by Monday 4th June. Thank you.



Wednesday's Tuck Shop

Many thanks to Mrs Rushmer for the very popular fruit tuck shop on Wednesdays. The fruit is very welcome after an afternoon's swimming!



Year 5 Partnership Sports Event at Richard Coates - Friday 15th June

Year 5 have been invited to a Partnership Sports Event which is to be held at Richard Coates on Friday 15th June. A separate letter will follow. Please complete the permission slip and return it to school by Monday 4th June.

Year 4 Service at Newcastle Cathedral - Wednesday 27th June

Year 4 are invited to attend the Cathedral end of term service on Wednesday 27th June. Lunch will be at Pizza Express and the children will return before the end of the school day. A letter with more details will follow after half term.

Castles Trip - Thursday 21st June

Years 1, 2 and 3 have the opportunity to visit Belsay Hall and Castle as part of their Castles topic. They will join with children from Longhorsley to take part in activities that will help them to understand more about Medieval Britain. A letter with more details will follow after half term.

Summer Fair- Thursday 28th June



On Thursday 28th June we will be having our School Summer Fair. There will be Maypole Dancing at 3:15pm and a football tournament with teams from Whalton, Cambo, Belsay and Longhorsley. PTA are organising stalls and will need as much support as possible. Please see Linda or Katie if you can assist in any way. For the stalls we would be very grateful for donations of:

- clean soft toys
- child and adult tombola items
- child and adult raffle prizes
- cakes (these can be brought in on Wednesday 27th /Thursday 28th)

Star Writers

Each week we identify a child who has either showed significant progress or has produced an exceptional piece of writing. Last week our star writers were Hector, Craig and Henrietta.

This week our star writers are Charlie, Holly and Daisy. Well done



Dates for your diary -



Monday 4th June - School re-opens for summer term 2

Friday 8th June - 1st of 6 weeks of cricket ****please note change to original date****

Thursday 14th June - Year 3 - Tennis Challenge Cup - Ponteland Tennis Club

Friday 15th June - Year 5 visit to Richard Coates - Partnership Sports Event

Friday 22nd June - Years 2,3,4 and 5 Orienteering Festival at Wallington Hall

Monday 25th June - New to Mrs Potter's class meeting - 2:30pm in school hall

Tuesday 26th June - New to Miss Anderson's class meeting - 2:30pm in school hall

Wednesday 27th June - New to Mrs Elliott's class meeting - 2:30pm in school hall ****please note change to original date****

Thursday 28th June - School Summer Fair ****please note change to original date****

Saturday 30th June - Cyclone cake stall ****please note change to original date****

Wednesday 4th July - Bale Dance - 6:30pm meet for 6:45pm start at Village Hall

Monday 9th July - Sports Afternoon - 1:30pm on school field

Friday 13th July - Reports to Parents

Tuesday 17th July - Cricket Festival for Years 3 and 4 and Year 5 Sports Leaders - Blagdon Cricket Club

Friday 20th July - Summer end of term service - 2:00pm in Church

Friday 20th July - School breaks up for summer holidays

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