

# Wylam First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed the sunshine! Already we are moving at pace through the Summer term with the added bonus of a long weekend to look forward to.

Over the last 2 weeks our children have been taking part in Bikeability training. The children thoroughly enjoyed the lessons and did really well. The company actually took the time to send an email into school to express how amazing our children had been throughout the programme, in terms of their behaviour, manners and skills level. Well done!

We would like to thank all of you who were able to attend our parent evenings this week; it is great to get the opportunity to share your child's achievements with you.

Thank you also to Mr Kane who came into school today to talk to the children about his field of engineering.

## News

### **PTA Update**

Up and coming events for the PTA are the Wylam Summer Fair on Saturday 22nd June and the Wylam Yard Bazaar after school on 18th July. Please support the PTA in whatever way you can as the money raised at the events has a huge impact on the children across the school.

The PTA met on Wednesday evening to discuss school priorities for the next round of fundraising. Our main aim is to purchase a class set of iPads and protective covers, and an iPad charging trolley. The iPads would be a fantastic addition to our resources and would allow us to work on animation, filmmaking and photography.

### **Sport and PE**

It is great to be able to announce that Miss Foster will be continuing in her role as PE teacher and coordinator next year. Sport and PE at Wylam has been a real strength this academic year and we still have some great events to come:

- This half term we have cricket coaches in delivering some of our PE sessions
- Today 10 of our Y3 children have attended a QuadKids competition. They did extremely well and we will keep you posted on the results!
- On 19th June Y4 will compete in the swimming gala.
- On 27th June the children who won the tag rugby competition in the Autumn term will compete in the finals.
- 9th July is the great Wylam Sports Day (with the following Tuesday 16th July as a provisional if there is bad weather).

### **Outdoor Day**

We will be taking part in Outdoor Day on Thursday 23rd May. You can find information about this at <https://outdoorclassroomday.org.uk/>. We plan to deliver as much of the curriculum as we can outdoors on that day (weather permitting) and will be working with members of the Orchard Committee to plan some interesting and exciting activities.

### **Well done Mr Daly**

Mr Daly has recently been awarded a place on the National Teachers Choir and will be performing at the Snape Maltings Concert Hall in July. Well done!

### **Staffing Changes**

Miss Lees will be leaving us at the end of the half term to begin her maternity leave. We would like to wish her the very best of luck and look forward to meeting her new arrival. We will inform Nursery parents of her replacement soon.

## Information

### **Breakfast and After School Clubs**

In order to organise staffing for next year we are taking bookings now for our Breakfast and After School Clubs in September. If you already have places and wish to continue them next year then you don't have to do anything, your booking will carry forward to next year. Please contact us as soon as you can if you would like to make any changes to your current arrangements.

If you would like to book a place for September then you can download the form from our website to complete or contact the school office. We would like to receive applications by Friday 24th May. Thank you.

### **Music Lessons KS2 (Y3 & Y4)**

Looking forward to September we are now planning out our music tuition and are asking for expressions of interest. In September we are considering offering:

- trumpet tuition
- ukulele tuition
- clarinet tuition
- keyboard tuition.

Please could you contact the school office if you would like to pay for your child to have tuition in any of the above.

## Reminders

### **Children's Cancer Run 2019**

There is still time to enter The Children's Cancer Run which takes place on Sunday 19th May at Newcastle Racecourse. We will be taking part alongside Mickley First School and Prudhoe Castle First School. Information on how to register can be found at the website below. Look forward to seeing you at the start line!

[www.childrencancerrun.co.uk](http://www.childrencancerrun.co.uk)

### **School Photographer**

The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 21st May for individual photographs and Monday 24th June for class photographs.

### **Warmer Weather**

As we are moving towards the Summer months please can we remind you to apply sun lotion to your child before school and to ensure that they bring a sunhat. Thank you.

## PE Kit

Please can we remind you to ensure that your child has both an indoor and outdoor PE kit in school, including outdoor trainers. The PE kit should be left in school for the duration of the half term. Thank you for your support with this.

## E-safety

### PEGI Ratings

It has come to our attention that there are a number of children across the school playing games that are unsuitable for young children and have PEGI ratings of 18, meaning that the content is suitable for adults only. Always check the PEGI rating of any game in advance of allowing your child to play. If you are unsure about the suitability of a game then please have a look at the e-safety section of our website. On there you will find links to specific websites which can help you to make an informed decision.

### Gaming

In this newsletter I would like to draw your attention to **Gaming**. Gaming is a popular pastime for many children, young people and adults across the world. There are a variety of games available aimed at various ages: from mission-based adventure to animation and sports themed. For most children and young people, gaming is a fun way to spend time with friends and create opportunities to develop teamwork, concentration skills and problem-solving. Many games have adopted an interactive online element - whether it's playing against other users, chatting or making purchases. With all online activities gaming can cause pose some potential risks from: chatting and communicating with strangers, cyberbullying and even grooming. The Think you Know website (which we have a link to on our website) has a great article on this with all of the information you need to support your child to game safely online.

## School Calendar

Sunday 19th May	Jump for Joy - choir at St Oswin's
Monday 20th May	Year 1 trip to Beamish
Tuesday 21st May	School photographs (individual/siblings)

Wednesday 22nd May	Year 4 Residential - Newby Bridge
Thursday 23rd May	Outdoor Day
Friday 24th May	Break up for May half term
Monday 3rd June	Back to school
Wednesday 19th June	Y4 Swimming gala
Saturday 22nd June	Wylam Summer Fair
Monday 24th June	Whole class photographs
Tuesday 2nd July	Transition Day
Tuesday 9th July	Sports Day (PM) (16th July if it rains)
Friday 12th July	School performance of Heritage Project - Institute (evening)
Wednesday 17th July	Y4 Leavers Assembly, 2pm
Thursday 18th July	PTA Yard Bazaar (after school)
Friday 19th July	Break up for the Summer

Kind regards.

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**Headteacher**