



Allendale Primary School June 2018 Newsletter

We have got a very busy last half term coming up and I have included some details and dates of events and trips which involve various classes.

Our Bag2School collection is on **Thursday 21st June**. All donations of clothing etc. can be left at the office anytime.

No news as yet on Miss White's baby; s/he is being very reluctant to make an appearance. As I am now a full time teacher in Lapwing Class until the end of term, I regret that I cannot meet with parents in a morning before school and will endeavour to reply to any correspondence as quickly as I can.

We held a very successful coffee afternoon to showcase the children's work on aspects of the Allen Valleys to celebrate Northumberland day. Many thanks to all the friends and family who donated cakes and attended the event. I would just like to clarify a misunderstanding regarding taking children home early when we have events in school. Legally the children should be in school until 3.30pm, which is our official home time; however, as the majority of children do have parents or a family member in attendance, I apply some discretion to allow children to leave slightly earlier, from 3.00pm and the class teacher must be informed. Not all children can have a family attend so activities are still going on in classrooms during these events.

There are quite a few sporting events as well as regular PE lessons; PE kit should be worn by all children, navy blue polo shirt, navy blue shorts, navy blue hoodie, (optional), dark tracksuit / jogging bottoms, (optional for outdoor PE) and trainers / sand shoes. We have a few items in lost property, please name your child's uniform and sports shoes.

I know that children and parents will be keen to know which class their child will be in from September; I am working on it. School budgets are extremely tight and without the support of the PTFA and yourselves in attending events, we would not be able to offer the trips, visitors and workshops free of charge as we currently do. We will be able to maintain 5 classes from September with the same level of Teaching Assistant support as now. I am just waiting for confirmation of new children joining our school before finalising the classes.

We are performing a Summer show at the end of term. A lot of time and effort goes into our shows and the children have just started to learn some of the songs. We may be asking for your help in producing some of the costumes, however, we do not expect any parents to buy something especially for this, a bit of imagination and creativity can go a long way! There are also 2 evening performances which we would ideally like all children to attend but if this is not possible, please could you let a member of staff know so we can adapt things as necessary.

Dates and events this half term:

Mondays, (except 25th June) - Y1, (group that did not swim before half term), Y2, Y3 and Y4 children go swimming.

Mr Ricketts is teaching PE to Y5 and Y6, Pipit Class and Lapwing Class, (outdoor on the field so suitable clothing is required).

This week, 4th - 8th June, Kestrel Class are running a School Bookfair, with sessions throughout the week for each class as follows:

Pipit - Tuesday

Skylark - Friday

Lapwing - Friday

Curlew - Wednesday

Thursday 7th June Kestrel Class, outdoor learning with Mr Hopper at Allen Banks for the day.

Thursday 7th June Cricket coaching for Lapwing and Skylark classes

Friday 8th June PTFA marble Night 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Monday 11th June Pre-school and Pipit Class joint activity session

Monday 11th June PTFA meeting 6pm, The King's Head

Tuesday 12th June Allendale World Cup Football Tournament a.m.

Weds 13th June - Friday 15th June Y4 Wastwater Residential with Mr Vincent and Mr Hopper

Monday 18th June Pre-school and Pipit Class joint activity session

Weds 20th June - Friday 22nd June Y6 Lockerbie Manor Residential with Miss Honeyman and Mrs Hawkins

Thursday 21st June Cricket coaching, Lapwing and Skylark Classes

Monday 25th June Swimming Gala, (a Y3 /4 team will attend to represent school)

Tuesday 26th June Skylark Trip to the Roman Army Museum

Thursday 28th June Northumberland Games Finals - Y3/4: We have 3 teams who have won the area competitions, so we will be representing Tynedale in Rugby, Golf and Tennis.

Thursday 28th June Session for the September Reception children

Wednesday 4th July Transition, children spend time in their new class.

Wednesday 4th July Northumbria Water Pantomime for the whole school, 1.45pm

Sunday 8th July PTFA Duck Race

Tuesday 10th July Sports Day; Lapwing, Curlew and Kestrel am: Pipit and Skylark pm

Tuesday 10th July EYFS parents meetings 4.15pm or 6.15pm

Monday 16th July Summer show, performances at 2pm and 6pm

Tuesday 17th July Summer show, performance at 6pm

Weds 18th July Lapwing, Curlew and Kestrel classes, Adventure Valley, return at 4.30pm

Thursday 19th July Skylark and Pipit Classes, Crackers and picnic

Friday 20th July Y6 Leavers assembly, 9.15am

Finish for Summer holidays.