



Allendale Primary School May 2017 Newsletter

School games News:

Welcome back to school for the Summer term. Last week the Y3/4s went straight into 2 sporting finals. Last Monday the Rugby Team came third in their area finals and on Thursday the Gymnastics Team came third in their area finals with Sasha gaining the highest points score overall. Both teams were fantastic representatives of our school; well done to them all.



Owen, Will, Alfie, Harriet, Sasha and Jess



Sasha



Bridget, James, Will, Jem. Taylor
Daniel, Sasha, Oscar and Owen

Beach Trip with Mr Hopper:

Tremendous thanks to everyone who sponsored the children for the Fun Run. We have raised over £1200 and this with the £821, we already had towards the Beach Days has seen us reach our target of £2000; especially well done to Barn Owl Class who won the intra class competition for raising the most money.

Mr Hopper's Beach Days are as follows:

Thursday June 8th - Reception and Kestrel Class

Tuesday June 27th - Skylark and Barn Owl Classes

Friday 7th July - Curlew and Lapwing Classes.

We will be leaving school very promptly on each trip and arrive back at 4.30pm. Please see a member of staff if there is a problem with collecting your child when we extend the school day and we'll try and help.

Miss Pearson has now started working with Mrs Atkinson at Allstars. There is a weekly timetable of staff led activities and the possibility of extended hours if there is a need and enough children to make this viable. Feedback from parents on the 'new look' has been very positive.

Curlew Class currently have a trainee teacher working with Mr Vincent. Miss Read is undertaking her final teaching practice and will be with us until Friday 23rd June.

We will also have 2 trainee teachers, Miss Walker and Mr Longhirst working in Skylark and Barn Owl Classes from 15th May until 23rd June.

Mr Ricketts continues to teach PE on Monday mornings; this term Kestrel, Curlew, Lapwing and Pipit Classes are working with him; PE kits are essential.

We have just purchased some new storage in the cloakrooms for the children to store their PE kits; this keeps the cloakroom tidier and safer as items of clothing are no longer falling on the floor. Please can I request that from September, PE kits are kept in PE bags or small soft bags as the girls especially, can't fit their kits in the new storage drawers.

May is SATs month for Y2 and Y6. Hopefully Y2 children will not even realise that they are doing their SATs, we try as much as possible to keep them very low key. Unfortunately Y6 will be all too aware, their tests take place on Monday 8th through to Thursday 11th but they can only do their best. To give Y6 something to look forward to, their residential with Miss Honeyman and me, to Lockerbie Manor in Scotland will run from Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th May. Miss Honeyman is holding a parents meeting on tonight at 6pm.

Many thanks to the parents who wrote to our local MP, Mr Opperman, about Education Funding; the issue has been increasingly highlighted on the national news as schools are facing some difficult decisions with the cuts in funding.

We have rolled out the Accelerated Reader programme to all the Y2 children now. All of the children in Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 have been following the programme since last September. We devote 30 minutes reading time every day within which the children can take their quizzes. It has provided the opportunity for staff to review our approach to teaching reading as well as generating a lot of information about individual children's reading. Miss White will be running a Parents information session about Accelerated Reader On Thursday 25th May, time to be confirmed.

The PTFA are holding a Marble Night on Friday 12th May after school; further details will follow. The School Photographer will be visiting school on the morning of Wednesday 24th May for individual, family and Class photos.

This is a really short half term and we finish for 1 week on Friday 26th May. When we come back on Monday 5th June, Kestrel Class will be organising a School Book Fair which will run during that week.

There will be another BagstoSchool collection on Thursday 6th July. Bags can be brought into school at any time.

Just a polite reminder that as part of our uniform policy, children should not wear nail varnish at school.

Keeping your child safe online

We know that lots of children in school play Minecraft and other games which have an online element where you can interact with other players across the internet. Did you know that games like Minecraft can leave your child open to online bullying, hacking and lead to the downloading of viruses?

Minecraft

Find out more about how to ensure your child is safe whilst playing Minecraft by following this link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/minecraft-a-parents-guide/>

Hopefully the weather will be steadily improving. When we do get some hot, sunny weather, we encourage the children to bring a sunhat for playtimes and sunscreen. In accordance with child protection procedures, staff are not allowed to apply sunscreen to children unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Dates for your diary:

Tuesday 3 rd May	Lockerbie Manor Parents Meeting 6pm
Monday 8 th May	Y6 SATs week
Friday 12 th May	PTFA Marble Night
Monday 15 th May	Y6 Rugby Tournament Hexham Middle School
Tuesday 23 rd May	Y3/4 Inter Schools Tennis tournament Sports Hall
Wednesday 24 th May	School Photographer
Thursday 25 th May	Reading Workshop
Friday 26 th May	Finish for half term

Monday 5 th June	School starts - Swimming Y2, 3, 4
Monday 5 th June	Piers Torday author visit - Curlew and Kestrel Classes
Thursday 8 th June	Beach Trip Kestrel and Pipit, (Reception children only)
Friday 9 th June	Intra House Football Competition
Monday 12 th June	Y4 Residential to Wastwater, (Wasdale Hall)
Monday 12 th June	Y1 Swimming session
Wednesday 20 th June	Transition morning, (children spend time in their proposed new class)
Thursday 22 nd June	Creative Writing Workshop visit Curlew and Lapwing Y4
Sunday 25 th June	Duck Race
Monday 26 th June	Transition afternoon
Tuesday 27 th June	Beach Trip Skylark and Barn Owl Classes
Thursday 29 th June	Parents E-Safety Workshop
Wednesday 5 th July	Transition morning
Thursday 6 th July	Bag2School collection
Thursday 6 th July	Annual Reports and SAT results sent out
Friday 7 th July	Beach Trip, Curlew and Lapwing Classes
Monday 10 th July	Theatre performance whole School
Wednesday 12 th July	Sports day - Y4, Y5, Y6 am; Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2 & Y3 pm
Thursday 13 th July	Transition afternoon
Friday 21 st July	Y6 leavers assembly; last day of term.