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Newsletter – Friday 15th July 2022

Summer Holidays:

School closes on Thursday 21st July for the Summer holidays and re-opens on Monday 5th September.

Extreme Weather:

As you are aware there is a weather warning for excessive heat at the start of next week.

All children must:

- ☺ wear a sun hat everyday otherwise we will not be able to let them go out to play
- ☺ wear sun cream - please apply a high factor before they come to school each morning (named sun cream in their bag if you wish them to reapply at lunchtime)
- ☺ bring a water bottle wear the white school polo and PE shorts (do not send in any other PE kit)

School will support by:

- ☺ ensuring water is available in school throughout the day
- ☺ children will only stay outside for short periods of time and will stay in shaded areas where possible
- ☺ PE will not take place outside
- ☺ all physical activity will be kept to a minimal inside and outside

Please help us to keep your children safe. Thank you.

Reception Leavers Assembly:

The Leavers Assembly for parents/carers of pupils in Reception will take place Monday 18th July. It will start at 2:15pm and will last for approximately half an hour. Please can we request that if you are unwell with respiratory symptoms or a high temperature, you do not attend.

Year 6 Key Dates:

- Tuesday 19th July- Year 6 Leavers Assembly- 9:30am

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- Tuesday 19th July- Year 6 Leavers Disco- 5:00-6:30pm
- Wednesday 20th July- Year 6 Leavers Treat - more information to follow

Wildcats Festivals:

Well done to the Year 4 children who took part in the Wildcats Festival yesterday. We received a trophy for respect - well done! #LittleGems

Reading Books:

Please can all home reading books to be returned by Friday 15th July.

Summer Reading Challenge:

<https://www2.darlington.gov.uk/web/arena/summer-reading-challenge>



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Jubilee Planters:

If your child brought a planter into school for the Queens Jubilee and would like to take it home, they can do so from Monday next week. Thank you

School Meals:

If your child is moving from Year 2 to Year 3, please be aware that school meals will become payable in September (unless your child is entitled to a means tested free school meal).

From September School Meals will be provided by Chartwells. The cost will increase to £2.25 per day which is £11.25 per week and payable in advance through our online payment system School Gateway APP or website.

If you think that your child is eligible for free school meals, please complete the application form by clicking on the link below.

[Click here to complete FSM form](#)

Please do not send a message or email to change your child's meal pattern. We will send an online form at the beginning of September (before the children return) for you to complete if you wish to change your child's meal pattern.

Playleader Vacancies:

Would you like to join our team? We would like to appoint two lunchtime playleaders. If you are interested or know someone that may be, please head over to our website for further details and download an application form. <https://whinfield.net/our-school/job-vacancies/>

Packed Lunch:

A reminder that due to allergies in school packed lunches **MUST NOT contain any 'nut' products. This includes Nutella and hazelnut snack bars.** Milk and water are available free of charge in the dining room each day for all children, including those who bring packed lunch. Please do not include sweets, chocolate, hot food, soup, hot drinks or fizzy drinks in your child's packed lunch.

Continuing COVID Safety:

On Tuesday 29th March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April.

- If your child is unwell or has a high temperature, they **must** stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can come back to school, when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.
- All children and young people with respiratory symptoms should be encouraged to cover their mouth and nose with a disposable tissue when coughing and/or sneezing and to wash their hands after using or disposing of tissues.

Please be mindful when the entering the school building and at drop off and pick up times. Please aim to keep your distance if you can. Thank you for your continued support.

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