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Newsletter – Thursday 21st July 2022

Summer Holidays:

School closes today for the Summer holidays and re-opens on Monday 5th September.

We wish all of you a happy, restful summer break. Thank you for all the support you have given to the staff and the school and we look forward to working with you again in September.

It is the last day for our Year 6 children – they had a fantastic 'Hollywood Bash' last night, they received their 'Whinfield' books in assembly this morning and have enjoyed all of the activities arranged over the last few weeks.

Year 6 – remember the poem on the back of your bookmarks – you are very special and as the last four lines says:

*'The thing that makes you wonderful,
And will shine through all you do,
Is just to be yourself,
And be proud that you are you!'*

Good luck all of you and enjoy all of those new opportunities that your new school will offer!

Staff news:

It was the last day today for some staff in school – Miss Fishlock and Mrs Kilpatrick leave today. We thank them for everything they have done for the children at Whinfield and we wish them lots of good luck for the future.

Mrs O'Callaghan will not return to school for the Autumn Term as she will be on secondment as a Deputy Headteacher working at another school. We wish her good luck and will see her again when she returns to Whinfield in the new year.

Year Group Summer Term Newsletters:

A reminder that the 'Summer Term Year Group Newsletters' are available to view on the 'Year Groups' page on our school website. The newsletters have also been emailed to parents/carers earlier this week.

Summer Reading Challenge:

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

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/>



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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.

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.