



HOWLETCH LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

JUNE NEWSLETTER

I can't believe that we're now in the last half term of the academic year. This has been such a year of change but the children have continued to be resilient learners and have adapted well to any changes which we have had to put in place.

This term we are hoping to re-introduce some of the aspects of school life which we have missed such as assemblies and singing together (both outdoors when the weather permits). Year 6 are working on an end of year performance which will be recorded and sent home for parents to watch. They also took part in a training session today called 'Re-start a heart' teaching them emergency first aid procedures. The school is also taking part in 'The Big Play' day with Durham music service. This event will run across the week beginning 21st June and will involve music-making activities.

RSE EVENT

We will be holding a non-uniform event on 24 June to promote respect for others and respect. Children will be asked to dress in different colours for the day: (see below)

Nursery/Reception - Blue

Year 1 - Pink/Red

Year 2 -Blue/Purple

Year 3 - Pink/Red

Year 4 - Blue/Green

Year 5 - Pink/Red

Year 6 - Blue/Yellow

EMP - Pink/Red

PARKING AROUND SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Once again we are urging parents dropping off children in Nursery and KS1 to ensure their children are supervised at all times and not permitted to run around the car park. Staff from the Children's Centre have complained about damage to their cars and receiving an ill-tempered response when confronting parents.

Parking is still an issue – please use the large car park behind the Catholic Club and walk to the gate rather than parking on pavements or blocking access to other people.

LATE MARKS

We are becoming aware of an increasing number of children using the main entrance to access the school. Children must enter from their designated entry point at the allotted time. The gates are open for a slightly longer time to allow for late entries. All children coming to school through the main entrance must sign in using our electronic access system and will automatically be given a late mark even though their class register may not have been taken.

We expect all children to be in class by 9:00 am

SCHOOL MEALS AND BREAKFAST CLUB PAYMENTS

Please ensure your account is in credit. Payment for Breakfast Club must be made in advance to secure your child's place.

The cost of a school meal will increase to £2.15 from September. Children's Centre meals will increase to £2.26 (£2.15 + 5% VAT)

Children in Y2 will not be eligible for universal free school meals when they move to Y3 in September. If your child currently has a school meal, you will automatically be charged. If you wish to change your child's meal pattern, you must complete a change to meal pattern form which is available on the website or a paper copy from the foyer at the main entrance.

TEA TIME CLUB

We are hoping to resume Tea Time Club during the next academic year. All parents were emailed a link to a survey yesterday which we hope will give us an indication of interest. If you did not receive the email, please contact the school office.

DATES FOR DIARY

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| Thursday 24 June | RSE Non Uniform Even |
| Tuesday 29 June | Y2 Trip to Raby Castle |
| Tuesday 6 July | Y6 Activity day at Moor House |
| Wednesday 7 July | EMP Trip to Adventure land |
| Thursday 15 July | Y5 Bushcraft day in school grounds |
| Friday 16 July | School breaks up for summer holiday |
| Thursday 2 September | School re-opens for Autumn term |

Please note that Monday 19 July, Tuesday 31 August and Wednesday 1 September are staff training days.