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Letter to Parents/Carers

Happy Easter



Easter Service

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend. Our youngest pupils performed brilliantly. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter from all of the staff and Governors.

Payments to School

Parent Pay

Following an overwhelming response from parents, we will be introducing a payment system that will allow Dinner Money and School Trip Money to be paid directly into an account rather than bringing money in to school. The Parent Pay System will allow parents to make any such payment from a mobile phone, or a computer, linked to a bank account.

For parents without a bank account or access to the internet, the Parent Pay System will allow cash payments to be made in shops, using Pay Point Cards, to the school's account. Further information will be sent to parents when we return to school in April. It is hoped that the new system will be operational by the end of May.

Music Concert

The KS2 music concert was re-scheduled and will now take place on Wednesday 15th June. The pupils in Year 5 and 6 will be performing in the County's Little Big Band, playing the clarinet & the Year 3 and 4 will be singing and playing the recorder. This will give the pupils the opportunity and experience to play alongside more experienced musicians in a live performance. Parents of the pupils who are partaking will be invited to listen to the concert.



Sporting Achievements

Congratulations to Ruby Watson for qualifying to represent Aycliffe Village Primary School in the County Durham Sainsbury's Schools Games Level 3 Open Gymnastics event in which she came 1st! We are very proud of her achievements - Well Done, Ruby!!

Key Stage One Dance Festival

The Year One pupils enjoyed partaking in the local Dance Festival earlier in the week. The pupils performed superbly. Many thanks to Miss Hunt for her efforts in preparing the pupils for the event.

Parking and dropping off outside school.

We respectfully ask that you abide by the traffic notices outside school when dropping pupils off at school and parking to collect them at the end of the school day. The restrictions are there to keep all children safe as they enter and leave school.

As usual, if anyone would like to discuss any of the issues raised here, with me or any member of staff, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J.P.Gargan.
Head Teacher

Please note: There have been some changes made to the school diary since the last newsletter.

Diary

Date	Event	Time	Place
Wednesday 23 rd	School Closes - Easter Holidays		
April			
Monday 11 th	School Re-Opens		
Friday 15 th	Y5 Greenfield experience	All day	Greenfield
Friday 15 th	Run for Fun*	9.15-12pm	Oakleaf Centre
Monday 18 th	Y4 Residential	All week	Ford Castle
Friday 22 nd	David Almond Author visit	All day	
Tuesday 26 th	Rec/Y1 Farm Visit	All day	Hall Hill Farm
Tuesday 26 th	Y3 Tennis*	9.15-12pm	Greenfield
Friday 29 th	School Closes		
May			
Monday 2 nd	School Closed - May Day Bank Holiday		
Tuesday 3 rd	School Re-opens		
Wednesday 4 th	Forest Schools - EYFS *		
Monday 9 th	SATs for Y6 children. Please do not arrange to take your child, or children, out of school at this time.	All week	
May 1 st - 31 st	SATs for Year 2 children These tests will be undertaken throughout the month of May. They will be administered in a manner that complies with the legislation but aims to test the pupils in a manner considerate to the pupils' needs.	Throughout the month of May	
Tuesday 24 th	Athletics: 12 girls and 12 boys from Year 5 and Year 6 to compete.	9.30-12pm	Sildon
Wednesday 25 th	Y4 Theatre Visit to see ' Gangster Granny'	10:30-12:30	Civic Theatre
Friday 27 th	School Closes - Half Term		
June			
Monday 6 th	School Re-opens		
Wednesday 15 th	KS2 Little Big Band*	6pm	Hall
Thursday 16 th	Book Fair*	1.30pm	Hall
27 th June-1 st July	Sports Week*		
28 th June	Y6 Induction Day	All day	Woodham/Greenfield

28 th June	KS1 Sports Day	9.30-11.30	Field
29 th June	KS2 Sports Day	9.30-11.30	Field
30 th June	PTA Summer Fair	3.30-6pm	Hall
July			
Monday 4 th	France Visit	1.30pm	
Thursday 14 th	Leavers' Disco	6.30-8pm	Hall
Monday 18 th	Y5 Full STEM Ahead *	9.15-3.15	Excel Centre
Tuesday 19 th	Leavers' assembly		
Wednesday 20 th	School Closes		

***More information to follow**