



Newsletter

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Welcome to the Summer Term!

The warmer weather has started to return! Although we are not sure how long it will last, it is really important that pupils stay healthy in the sunshine. If your child brings a sun hat to school, please write their name on it and apply sun cream prior to children coming to school. Most sun creams will last the length of the school day so they do not need to bring additional cream with them to school.

I am writing to inform you of some staffing changes for the summer term. As Nursery numbers have increased with the Summer intake, we welcome an additional member of staff, Miss Swain, to our teaching team. She will be working alongside Mrs Gray, Miss Johnson, Miss Gurden and Mrs Vasey.

INSET Day

On 5th May, school is closed to the majority of pupils whilst school is used as a polling station by Wakefield Council. Unfortunately, I have no control over the timing of this day and the use of the school site. This closure day is incredibly close to the Year 6 SATs tests which our amazing children have been working extremely hard for. So, on the 5th May, Year 6 pupils are invited to attend school in the morning for additional lessons prior to SATs commencing the following week. Children can come to school at the normal time of 8:45 am and leave at 12:15pm. They are welcome to wear non-uniform. Mrs Helks has planned fun activities for the morning including extra break times and yummy snacks from Mrs Elliott. If any children aren't able to attend, please telephone or email the school office. We're looking forward to having a fun morning with Year 6 having the school to themselves!

A message from School Council



Thank you to everyone for supporting our 'Day for Ukraine' events last term. We raised £135 and collected lots and lots of hygiene products to help people.

We have also been busy tidying up our school grounds by removing any litter from the playgrounds, paths and bushes. Please help us keep our school tidy and use the bins on the playgrounds. Thank you.



Upcoming Events

27th April - Whole school Oracy Day

28th April - Y6 Art Workshop

18th May - Y6 Cricket Tournament

26th May - Jubilee Celebrations.

26th May - School closes at 3:15pm for Half Term Break

6th June - School reopens for Summer Term

16th June - Y1 Educational visit to York Railway Museum

20th June - Y4 Roman Day Workshop

30th June - Summer Fayre

4th July - Sports Week. Sports Day TBC.

Summer Term Assessments

Year 6 SATs - 9th-12th May

Year 2 SATs - 16th-20th May

Phonics Screening Check Year 1 & Year 2 retake - 6-17th June

Year 4 Multiplication Check 6th-24th June

Please note the remaining INSET Day's and Bank Holiday dates:

2nd May - Bank Holiday

5th May - Polling Day / INSET Day

27th May - Additional Jubilee Bank Holiday



PE Days and PE Kit

When we returned to school in September, everyone looked incredibly smart in both their uniform and their school PE Kit. Over recent weeks, the PE Kit pupils are wearing to school has started to vary from our uniform. **Please support us in ensuring that pupils wear the following uniform:**

- Navy blue or black PE shorts, leggings, jogging bottoms or PE skirt
- Pale blue or white round neck t-shirt
- Navy tracksuit top
- Trainers

PE Kit Days for Summer Term:

Nursery - Wednesday

Reception - Wednesday

Year 1 - Thursday

Year 2 - Thursday

Year 3 - Friday

Year 4 - Wednesday

Year 5 - third Wednesday and every Thursday

Year 6 - Thursday



To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we are organising a whole school picnic on **Thursday 26th May**. Once we have the menu for the 'Royal Picnic' finalised, I will share information on ordering a meal for your child.

Dress like Royalty

With a royal lunch fit for a queen, it seems only fitting that we wear our best royal attire for the day too! Pupils are invited to wear their own special party clothes or prince / princess fancy dress to help celebrate the special day. Please do not go to any expense as non-uniform of any kind is fine.

Celebration Assembly

Starting this week, we will be inviting parents into Friday Assembly to join us to celebrate with your child if they will be receiving a certificate.

If your child has been chosen, you will receive a text message containing the timings and arrangements for visiting school.

We're looking forward to celebrating with you all!

Finally, I have some additional staffing news to share regarding our much loved member of staff Miss Gurden. Miss Gurden has recently had a successful interview to commence a new role and will therefore be leaving Mackie Hill School mid-May. Miss Gurden is a dedicated member of staff who has worked at Mackie Hill for the last 7 years. We will truly miss her and I know you will all join myself and the staff in sending our congratulations and wishing her all the best for the future!

Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Elliott & Mackie Hill Staff