

Dear Parent and Carers,

13<sup>th</sup> September 2021



We have discussed and confirmed the dates for the year as they stand at the moment. As the year progresses, we hope to be able to invite parents into school.

Currently we are remaining cautious and so the Harvest Celebration will be uploaded to our YouTube channel.

This means the children still get the chance to perform and you still get to see them do this.

We will continue to review our plans throughout the year, depending on the guidance at the time.



This continues to be an important part of the children's learning. They will be assigned tasks each week in addition to the websites we encourage them to log on to. Home Learning is given on a Wednesday and is expected back in on the following Monday. Teachers will be using a combination of the children's Home Learning book and eSchools. Please check this weekly – if you can't find a task in their Home Learning books then it will be on eSchools. Please continue to support your child with this, encouraging them and praising them for their efforts. Hearing them read is an essential task too. If you can continue to hear your child read at least 3 times a week, talk to them and question them about what they have read and then record this in their Personal Organiser. This can really make a difference.



We may have to use eSchools for remote learning so it's important we continue to use this. Many of you have Chromebooks or iPads on loan to assist you with this. If other families no longer have a device to complete eSchools

home learning on or need more devices as they have more than one child, please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange to borrow a device.



### Dates for your Diary

#### Autumn 2021

Tues 14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	5 p.m. Grinton Meeting for Parents
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	CNS Disability Morning – Children involved in activity sessions (1 hour)
	Jack Smith (Gold medal winning Paralympian) to visit school in the afternoon and talk to the children
	Voting for School Council
Every Monday from 20 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Spanish Club will resume for those interested in Y2, Y3 and Y4 from today – 3:15 until 4 p.m.</b>
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Sept	<b>Maths session for parents of children in Reception (Mrs Geach's Class)</b> , plus walk through of classroom 3:15 – 4 p.m. Childcare will be available for Mrs Geach's class only
Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept – 1 <sup>st</sup> Oct	Grinton Residential visit for Y5
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	<b>Non School Uniform Day</b> – please send in a donation for school fund – 1 per family This month we will donate the money raised to Pact House, Stanley.
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Maths session for parents of children in Reception (Mr Durham's Class)</b> , plus walk through of classroom 3:15 – 4 p.m. Childcare will be available for Mr Durham's class only
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Lower School Harvest Assembly</b> – Virtual Performance to shared live today Donations for Pact House from the Non-School Uniform Day on 1 <sup>st</sup> October.
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	5 p.m. Howtown meeting for parents
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Attitudes to Learning sheets to be sent out to parents (Y1 through to Y6) Pre-School and Reception to receive an update including voice of child and parent
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>ASSESSMENT WEEK for all children</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Y6 Multi Skills Festival – just our school this half term
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Y3 and 4 Tag Rugby and ABCs (Anti-Bullying Champions) Meeting - just our school this half term
<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>Back to school</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> Nov	<b>Parent Meetings – after school – times to be confirmed at time of booking (These will be done via video call this term, parents to book a 5 minute time slot)</b>
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	<b>Parent Meetings – after school – times to be confirmed at time of booking (These will be done via video call this term, parents to book a 5 minute time slot)</b>
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund (1 per family)

	Y5 and Y6 visit to Newcastle linked with the Bridges and Ho'way the Lads topic
8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Y6 Howtown Residential Visit
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Phonics session for parents of children in Reception (Mrs Geach's Class)</b> , plus walk through of classroom 3:15 – 4 p.m. Childcare will be available for Mrs Geach's class only
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Phonics session for parents of children in Reception (Mr Durham's Class)</b> , plus walk through of classroom 3:15 – 4 p.m. Childcare will be available for Mr Durham's class only
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> November and Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Teacher Training Days</b> <b>The children will not attend school on these two days.</b>
Week Beg 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Assessment Information to be shared with parents this week (Rec to Y6)
1 <sup>st</sup> /2 <sup>nd</sup> /3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Parents of children starting Pre-School in January to be invited to come for a visit
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
<b>At this point we can't confirm what performances will look like this year for our Reception, Y1 and Y2 Christmas Performances. We have planned to do separate performances for each year group and to invite one adult per child to attend. We will also record the dress rehearsal and share this with all parents via our YouTube Channel. We'll confirm all this nearer the time.</b>	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Y1 Christmas Performance a.m.</b> <b>Y2 Christmas Performance p.m.</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	Y5 Multi Skills Festival <b>Christmas Performance by Reception p.m.</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Pre-School Christmas Activities (each child to invite a parent) a.m. Bumblebees and Caterpillars</b> <b>Pre-School Christmas Activities (each child to invite a parent) p.m. Ladybirds and Caterpillars</b> <b>Christmas Dinner</b> <b>ALL CHILDREN TO COME DRESSED IN THEIR CHRISTMAS JUMPER TODAY or other Christmas clothing.</b>
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Y1 and Y2 Hockey Competition and ABCs meeting
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Reception and Y1 Party – Lower School Hall p.m. – come to school in party clothes</b> <b>Y3 Party – Upper School Hall p.m. – come to school in party clothes</b>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Santa hoping to visit children in Lower School a.m. - if he can fit us into his busy schedule. The Pre School Ladybirds are invited to join us from 9 until 10 <b>Y2 Party– Lower School Hall p.m. – come to school in party clothes</b> <b>Y5 Party - Upper School Hall p.m. – come to school in party clothes</b>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Pre- School Party – a.m. and p.m. Lower School Hall – come to school in party clothes</b> <b>Y4 Party Upper School Hall p.m. - come to school in party clothes</b>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec <b>Theatre Day</b>	Y1 to Y6 booked for a visit to the Northern Stage to see 'The Sorcerer's Apprentice' Pre-School and Reception to see a performance of 'The Greediest Christmas Elf' at school
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Carol Service for Upper School children only, in the church</b> <b>Y6 Party Upper School Hall p.m. – bring party clothes to school</b>
<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> December until Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>
<b>Spring 2022</b>	
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Back to School</b>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Weds 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Tanfield's Got Talent for Y2 to Y6 (6 p.m.)
14 <sup>th</sup> Feb to 18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>ASSESSMENT WEEK for all children</b> Attitudes to Learning sheets to be sent out to parents (Y1 through to Y6) Pre-School and Reception to receive an update including voice of child and parent
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Y3 Multi Skills Festival
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Gala Theatre booked for Y4 performance – all children to take part. Rehearse in the afternoon and then perform at night. <i>Y4 to be central to this plus our musicians and choir</i>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 and Y6 girls v girls/boys v boys High 5 competition
Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Full Governing Body

<b>HALF TERM</b>	<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Back to school</b>
Week beg 28 <sup>th</sup> Feb	<b>Book Fair in all week</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Parent Meetings – timing to be confirmed at point of booking</b> (These will be done via video call this term, parents to book a 5 minute time slot) In addition to video call, parents to be invited in tonight to see children’s work-no appointment needed for this)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>Parent Meetings – timing to be confirmed at point of booking</b> (These will be done via video call this term, parents to book a 5 minute time slot) In addition to video call, parents to be invited in tonight to see children’s work-no appointment needed for this)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>World Book Day</b> (We will <b>not</b> be asking children to dress up as book characters.)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
	We hope to have an Author Visit some time in March – still to be confirmed
Week beg 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Assessment Information to be shared with parents this week (Rec to Y6)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Y4 Multi Skills Festival
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Egg Decorating</b> Lower School children to bring decorated egg into school today for competition. Upper School children to bring boiled egg and decorating resources to school to decorate egg – If possible we will invite parents to come and work with the upper school children in class on this a.m.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>KS2 Easter Celebration – through music and poetry in St. Margaret’s Church</b> Rehearsal for main children involved in the service to take place from about 9:30. We hope all parents of children involved will be able to join us for this special service – starting between 1:30 and 1:45. We will confirm this nearer the time.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Y1 and Y2 Football Competition
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Break up for Easter Holidays</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAYS</b>	<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Back to school</b>
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>May Bank Holiday</b>
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Y6 SATs WEEK</b> It is very important that you <b>do not</b> book a holiday for this week or for the weeks leading up to it. <b>Requests will not be authorised and absence will impact on your child’s attainment.</b>
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Assessment Week for the rest of the school</b>
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3 and Y4 Cricket Competition
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Annual Art Exhibition - celebrating the children’s art work
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Y1 Multi Skills Festival
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>TEACHER TRAINING DAYS – no children in school for these 3 days. This is your chance to book a cheaper holiday before the rest of the schools break up on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May.</b>
May Half Term	<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Back to school</b>
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>SPORTS WEEK</b> CnS Active Morning for all children from Y1 to Y6
6 <sup>th</sup> to 10 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Phonics Screening Check – Test Week</b> – All of Y1 children plus those Y2 children who did not reach the required standard last year.
6 <sup>th</sup> June to 24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Multiplication Tables Check – Test period for all in Y4</b>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>Sponsored Bike Ride after school for children from Y2 to Y6</b>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>SPORTS DAYS for all year groups:</b> <b>9:15 – Years 5 and 6</b> <b>10:15 – Years 1 and 2</b> <b>11:00 – Pre-School (Bumblebees only)</b> <b>12:45 – Pre-School (Ladybirds and Caterpillars) and Reception</b> <b>1:30 – Years 3 and 4</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Sleepover for Y6
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Activity Day for Y5 and Y6

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Weds 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Full Governing Body Meeting
Week beg 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Science Week Catch Up Week
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Monozukuri visit at Nissan for Y6 – 20 children
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Monozukuri visit at Nissan for Y6 – 20 children
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Letters to go out today to all parents re classes for next year
Weds 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Transition day for new Reception children
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Days for Tanfield School
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition lesson for all children at Tanfield
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Meet the Teacher meeting for all parents – 4:00 p.m. Creche will be available
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Multi Skills Festival
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition afternoon for Reception moving into Y1. We hope to invite parents
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Y5 and Y6 girls v girls/boys v boys Athletics Competition
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Meetings for those who might want to speak to their child’s teacher.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Y2 Moving on Assembly
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Lower School Fun Day and Upper School visit to Craster/Embleton Beach <b>Reports go out to all parents</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Y6 Leavers’ Meal – 4:15 until 5:45</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Y6 Dress Rehearsal to the Upper School and some parents - afternoon</b> <b>Y6 Performance - evening</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Y6 Leavers’ Assembly for Y6 and their parents</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>Last day of term</b>

We also hope to plan in an ‘In it Together’ Conference for all children in Y3 and Y4. This will look at diversity and equality.

We will endeavour to follow all dates as planned. Please make a note of the activities and the holiday periods and avoid booking any holidays in term time if at all possible. Thank you for this.

