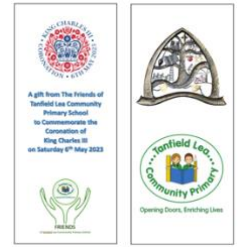


Dear Parents and Carers,

15th May 2023

It's been a short half term, but we've still managed to fit a lot into it with much to look forward to for the last half term of this academic year.

Our thanks for the Friends of Tanfield Lea for designing and making the Coronation Bookmarks for all of the children. I am sure they will be well used. We have a fundraising event for the victims of the earthquakes in Syria and Turkey this Friday. The School Council would like children to come in non-school uniform and bring a donation (one per family) for this fund. Pre-School and Reception thoroughly enjoyed their visits to Hall Hill Farm (PS) and the Great North Museum (Rec) and Y1 and Y2 are busy planning their visit to St. Mary's Lighthouse. Y3 will be attending the 'In It Together' Conference with children from Brandon Primary School on Wednesday 21st June.



Y6 will be completing a swimming assessment at the Louisa Centre over the next two weeks (6P this Wednesday and 6T next Wednesday). We have started to do this each year, after the SATs, to give the children every opportunity to meet the required standard, to swim 25 m, by the end of KS2. An email has been sent to our Y6 parents about this. In the last newsletter I informed you of Mrs Cooke's retirement and that we had successfully appointed her successor. I am sorry to have to report that she has since withdrawn her acceptance and so we have gone out to advert again. This will mean that for June and probably July we will not have a School Business Manager in post. Please bear with us until we manage to fill this.

Don't forget, we break up for half term early in May. The children's last day is Wednesday 24th May and then all return on Monday 5th June when we will have our Sports Week.

Assessments

Y6 have completed their SATs and will enjoy the post SATs celebration today, Y2 are busy with theirs at the moment and the rest of the school are doing their last formal assessments of the year this week.

After that we still have the Y4 Multiplication Tables Check in June and the Phonics Test for Y1 (meeting for Y1 parents about this at 2:45 on Monday 22nd May) and those children in Y2 who did not meet the required standard last year. This will take place the week beginning 12th June.

You'll have heard quite a lot in the press last week about the Y6 SATs. We were proud of our children as they showed great resilience and determination when tackling all the tests they had to complete.

Art Exhibition

Our annual art exhibition will be open for viewing on Tuesday 23rd May.

This is a celebration of the children's artistic skills, exhibiting a range of their work produced this year.

The children will have the opportunity to view the artwork during the morning and the first part of the afternoon. The Friends of Tanfield are holding a coffee afternoon and parents are invited to enter school via the main gates between 2 and 2:15 on Tuesday 23rd May to enjoy the art, a hot drink and a chat.

New Swing



Playdale Playgrounds will be installing a new swing in the grounds over half term. We already have two swings like this which are extremely popular with all of the children. However, the older children can't use them as they are too heavy for the structure. The older children were keen to have one they could use as well and so, with some money the school has earned supporting another school as well as money from school fund, we have purchased this swing for our grounds. It will be installed near the two tyre swings.

Sports Week

Our first week back after half term is Sports Week. We hope the weather will be kind to us all week! Children should come in their PE clothing Monday to Thursday (Y1 to Y4) and then non-school uniform on the Friday. Y5 and Y6 should be in PE clothing all week.

We have a range of activities for the children and the plan is as follows:

(Please note, we've switched the Monday and Tuesday due to the availability of the Skipping Company)

Monday 5th June – CnS Active morning – a variety of activities for children from Y1 to Y6

Tuesday 6th June – Skipping Activities led by Skipping School Ltd

After School – **Sponsored Bike Ride** for children from Y2 to Y6 and their families. We cycle from school along the cycle path just this side of Leadgate and then back. The children do it as a sponsored event. More details will be emailed to children from Y2 to Y6.

Wednesday 7th June - Sports Day

The events will run in the following order:

9:15 – Years 5 and 6

10:30 – Years 1 and 2

11:15 – Pre-School (Bumblebees only)

1:00 – Pre-School (Ladybirds and Caterpillars) and Reception. **Ladybirds to start 15 minutes later today.**

2:00 – Years 3 and 4

Parents are very welcome to come and see their children's races take place. Hopefully, if things go to plan, one event will finish in time for parents to leave and then new parents arrive.

To ensure the safety of the children in school we will open the main gates for entrance 10 minutes before the start of each event e.g. For Y1 and Y2 the main gates will be opened at 10:20.

The children in Pre-School (one race), Reception (two races), Y1 and Y2 will take part in three races each.

For Key Stage 2 we aim for the children to take part in at least two races. Some children may take part in more than this due to the number of children in their team, others may only choose to take part in one, but we aim to involve them all.

Thursday 8th June – Outdoor Activities in the school grounds – Y1 and Y2 a.m./Y3 and Y4 p.m.

Sleepover for Y6 – an evening in school and then a night on the hall floor.

More details to be emailed directly to parents of children in Y6

Friday 9th June – Outdoor Activities in the school grounds – Y5 and Y6 - including the climbing wall



Howtown Slideshow

The Y6 children who visited Howtown in November have worked hard preparing the slideshow of their visit. They would like to invite their parents in to see this on Friday 23rd June, 9 a.m. in the Upper School Hall. We hope you will be able to join us. It should last about 30 minutes. Thank you.

Please keep the following two pages safe so that you can see the dates for the rest of this academic year. Thank you.

Dates For Your Diary	
Summer 2023 (New dates added in green)	
Mon 15 th – 19 th May	Assessments for the rest of the school – as for all assessment weeks, it's important the children are in school for this
Friday 19 th May	Y3 and Y4 Cricket Competition @ Brandon
Monday 22 nd May	Y1 Multi Skills Festival and ABCs @ Tanfield
Tuesday 23 rd May	Art Exhibition - celebrating the children's artwork Friends of Tanfield to hold a Coffee Afternoon in the Lower School Hall – Gates open between 2 and 2:15 p.m. for entry
Wednesday 24 th May	Y5/6 – Cricket Competition at Burnopfield
Thursday 25 th May and Friday 26 th May	TEACHER TRAINING DAYS – no children in school for these 2 days. This is your chance to book a cheaper holiday, linking up with the May half term week, before the rest of the schools break up on Friday 26th May.
May Half Term	Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June
Monday 5 th June	Back to school
5 th June to 23 rd June	Multiplication Tables Check – Test period for Y4 children
Monday 5 th June	SPORTS WEEK Skipping Activity Session today
Monday 5 th June 3:15 to 4:15	After School German Club run by Ms Bruce for Y3 to Y6 starting today (No charge for this club) (Letter to be sent out before May half term)
Tuesday 6 th June	CnS Active Morning for all children from Y1 to Y6
Tuesday 6 th June after school	Sponsored Bike Ride after school for children from Y2 to Y6
Wednesday 7 th June	SPORTS DAYS for all year groups: 9:15 – Years 5 and 6 10:30 – Years 1 and 2 11:15 – Pre-School (Bumblebees only) 1:00 – Pre-School (Ladybirds and Caterpillars) and Reception. Ladybirds to start 15 minutes later today. 2:00 – Years 3 and 4
Wednesday 7 th June	10:30 to 12:15 Selected Y6 to attend swimming assessment at Louisa Centre
Thursday 8 th June	Y1/2 (a.m.) and Y3/4 (p.m.) – Outdoor Activities in the grounds
Thursday 8 th June evening	Sleepover for Y6 – arriving at school between 6:30 and 6:45
Friday 9 th June	Activity Day for Y5 and Y6 including a Climbing Wall Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Wednesday 14 th June	Targeted Y6 swimmers to attend swimming session at Louisa Centre every Weds morning until the end of term.
12 th to 16 th June	Phonics Screening Check – Test Week – All of Y1 children plus those Y2 children who did not reach the required standard last year.
Wednesday 14 th June	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 15th June	Fire Brigade in to do a Water Safety Assembly with Y5 and Y6
Wednesday 21 st June	Transition Day for Reception (current Pre-School to move into Reception for the day)
Wednesday 21 st June	In it Together Conference for Y3 – exploring equality and diversity
Friday 23rd June	9:00 a.m. Howtown Slideshow for Y6 parents whose children visited Howtown in November 2023
Friday 23 rd June	Letters to go out today to all parents re classes for next year
Wednesday 28th June	6 p.m. Fashion Show organised by the Friends of Tanfield Lea
Monday 3 rd – 5 th July	Transition Days for Tanfield School (for our current Y6 moving to Y7)
Monday 3 rd July	Transition lesson for all children at our school
Monday 3 rd July. 4 p.m.	Meet the Teacher meeting for all parents to learn more about their child's new class – creche available

Tuesday 4 th July	Y2 Multi Skills Festival and ABCs @ Tanfield Y3/4 – Cricket Competition - TBC
Wednesday 5 th July	Transition afternoon for children and parents of Pre-School and Reception to learn more about how things work in the new year groups and support their children with this progression. Reception to move to Y1 – Current Reception Parents to be invited to join us at 1:45 p.m. Pre-School to move to Reception – Current Pre-School Parents to be invited to join us at 2 p.m. (If attending this you do not need to attend the ‘Meet the Teacher’ on Monday 3 rd July)
Friday 7 th July	Non School Uniform Day – please send in a donation for school fund, one per family
Friday 7 th July	Y5 and Y6 girls v girls/boys v boys Athletics Competition @ Brandon
Friday 7 th July	Reports go out to all parents
Monday 10 th July	Parent Meetings after school for those parents who would like an appointment
Friday 14 th July	Y2 Moving on Assembly for their parents (9 a.m.) Bastille Day – all to come in dressed in red, white and blue and do some activities linked with this day
Monday 17 th July	Y6 Dress Rehearsal to the Upper School and some parents – afternoon Y6 Leavers’ Meal – 4:15 until 5:45
Tuesday 18 th July	Thankyou tea for all who have helped us this year Y6 Performance – evening – 6 p.m.
Wednesday 19 th July	Lower School Fun Day and Upper School visit to Craster/Embleton Beach
Thursday 20 th July	Y6 Leavers’ Assembly for Y6 and their parents (9 a.m.) 12:15 to 3:15 - Y5 and Y6 to go to NDA to see their performance of Frozen
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term



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