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## Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had many great events happening over the past few weeks and we would like to thank you for the support as we couldn't do some of these events without it. We have had sports days, cricket comps, family bingo nights, assessment weeks, year 6 sleep overs and many more. We have also now got our official Year 1 Phonics and year 4 MTC results and we are proud of the number of children achieving the official pass mark this year. The children that didn't should also be very proud of the progress they made.

This week we will be receiving the year 6 SATs results so we are looking forward to sharing these results with you and your child. We are also looking forward to our Early years trip to the Seaside and our transition days for all our children meeting their new teachers. Our key stage 1 children have unfortunately not been able to take part in a visit to the wildlife park as discussed but on Friday we will be having a visit from the Lion Learners so that all our key stage 1 children can meet and hold a variety of animals and insects.

We have a few staffing updates this year (more details below) For this reason we will be having our meet the team meetings the first week in the Autumn term when all staff can be present. Teachers will send out a letter before the end of term to pass on any information you may require before then.



## **Bingo night**

We would like to thank all our families for the support at the pie and pea Bingo night. This was a successful night with all involved having fun. We raised just under £500 for our school funds which is great for our first social event. We will be planning many more nights like these. Our next one is at the Longcar Inn on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July and will be a quiz night. Mr Thompson is coming back to be our quiz master.



## **Class mixes**

We have had a few parents ask questions about the mixing of classes and why we don't send children up as full classes. This is because we have mixed classes in each phase. A class with year 3 and 4 children can not be moved up together as they become year 4 and 5. This crosses over key stages. Each key stage has a different curriculum and end of key stage expectation so this is not possible. If you have any further question please do not hesitate to ask.

## **Staffing updates**

We are pleased to welcome back Miss Williams and Mrs Gates who will both be returning after their maternity leave, and welcoming a new Year 1 teacher Miss Robinson. Sadly we will be losing Mrs Firth, Miss Hines and Miss Hartley as they leave us for new adventures. We wish them luck in their new jobs.

After a year of hard work, we would like to congratulate Miss Lindley who has now qualified as a class teacher. She will be having her own class from September. We are also welcoming Mr Woodcock. He will be joining Ms Bailey as her job share. Most of you are aware that Ms Bailey is also our SENCo so he will be teaching on Monday and Tuesday when she is out of class.

Finally we are also saying goodbye to Mrs Clark who will be retiring after many years at Shawlands. We would like to wish her the best of luck and a restful retirement.

## **Summer Fair and Picnic**

We are still collecting prizes for our raffle and summer fair. If anybody has any tombola or raffle prizes, please bring these to school.

We are also collecting bottles for a bottle tombola. This could be anything from a fruit shoot to a bottle of wine.

On Thursday we will be having a non-uniform day and we ask that all children bring a bottle instead of the usual £1.00 donation. As always this is optional and all children can attend in non-uniform regardless if this contribution is made or not.

If anybody would like to contribute to our cake stall, could you please send these on the day. If any parents would like to help at these events, please contact school with your details. There are still tables available.

If you are attending the picnic, you can pick your child up from 1.15pm from their classroom. Any child not getting picked up will attend the picnic with staff and they can bring a small amount of money in an envelope to spend at the fair. All children would have had lunch but if you are not attending you can send snacks with your child to enjoy at the picnic. If you want to join the picnic later the gate will be open (a member of staff will be there at all times) and you can meet your child on the field. Once a child has been picked up their name will be ticked off the class list and they will be your responsibility. You can leave at any point during the afternoon. Please can you let us know through school gateway if somebody is attending the picnic with your child. This way we know how many children will be left and we can have the children getting picked up ready for 1.15pm. **This will be open from the end of the day today.**

### **Attendance**

As you may be aware, new attendance guidelines have been introduced from September 2024. Included in these changes is the introduction of a National Framework for Penalty Notices for School Absence. I have attached the poster from Barnsley MBC that explains what these changes are and what they mean. Further information can be found at

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/media/unqi3veu/national-framework-2024-5-minute-guide.pdf>

Penalty notices for unauthorised holidays will continue to be issued as they have been previously but will reflect the changes at first, second and third offence as outlined in the new framework

We would like to reiterate that this is a national policy and not a school decision. Our focus as always, will be on supporting families. We understand that there are many reasons why children don't attend and we ask that you talk to us about these so that we can look at what can be done to help. Our first action will be to offer support and penalty notices will only be issues when families have not engaged or where attendance has not improved. We know that these changes are causing worry to some families so please don't hesitate to come and talk to us if you require any further information.

<b>July</b>	
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Horizon transition day for year 6 children
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Transition day for whole school (meet new teachers)
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Transition day for whole school (meet new teachers)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Choir at Barnsley sings events
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	year 6 show
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	year 6 show
	Non- uniform/ bring a bottle
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	EYFS visit to the seaside

Tuesday 16th	Quiz night at the Longcar pub (fundraising event)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Family picnic and summer fayre
Friday 19th July 9.15	Year 6 leavers assembly Parents welcome
Friday 19th July 1.45	Whole school assembly on the field Families welcome (Weather dependant) Children can leave after the assembly around (2.15)
Friday 19th July	School closes for summer
September 2024	
Monday 2nd	Inset day
Tuesday 3rd	School opens for all children in year 1-6 (Nursery and reception would have received information in their packs about starting dates.
Tuesday 3rd	Lower Key Stage 2 (year 3 and 4) team meetings (for parents to attend) 3.30pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Key stage 1 (year 1 and 2) team meetings (for parents to attend) 3.30pm
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Upper Key Stage 2(year 5 and 6) team meetings (for parents to attend) 3.30pm,

Kindest regards,  
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