



Summer

Half Term Newsletter

I am extremely proud of all the children for continuing to follow the rules, they have been a credit to you all.
Let's keep on going everybody!

Catch up School Trips

School experiences and visits are what we have recognised as the biggest loss to the children's education during Covid. We are thrilled to announce therefore that in June/July, KS1&2 will be going on weekly school visits. These will take place on a Thursday for KS1 and a Tuesday for KS2, and include, The Locomotion Museum (KS1) and The Jorvik Museum in York (KS2). We kindly ask for a £2 contribution towards each trip. Further information will be sent out in due course.

Important Reminders

Appointments/changes to pick up etc

Having received several notifications from parents/carers at short notice this term, can we please remind you that any appointments or changes to pick up etc, must be telephoned/emailed in before the start of school. Due to Covid restrictions it can be difficult to ensure teachers receive these messages in a timely manner.

Parking on yellow zig-zag outside of school

Parents/carers are reminded that parking/stopping or waiting on the yellow zig-zags outside of school is strictly prohibited. The Highway Code states that you should keep these areas clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or dropping off.

Smoking around the school gates

Can we kindly ask that parents/carers do not smoke around the schools entrances, this is strictly prohibited, second-hand smoke is harmful and extremely unpleasant.

COVID 19

Currently Covid 19 cases are above average in Shildon. We must all work together to help protect each other. If your child is ill no matter what the reason they must not come into school.

Lateral Flow Tests are for adults and secondary age children who do not have symptoms. Rapid lateral flow tests help to find cases in people who may have no symptoms but are still infectious and can give the virus to others. They are NOT to be used by primary school children.

If you or your child has symptoms you must take a PCR test.

Covid symptoms in children;

- A high temperature
- A new continuous cough (this means coughing a lot, for more than 1 hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours)
- A loss or change to sense of smell or taste

Reporting Covid – Summer Half Term

Continue to Play your part:

- if you test positive for coronavirus, you must inform the School ASAP via email
- if your child develops symptoms, you must continue to follow the rules to self-isolate with other members of your household and get a PCR test to find out if you have coronavirus
- if your child has had close recent contact with someone who has coronavirus, they must not attend school and must self-isolate for 10 days, please inform the school ASAP via email



TIKTOK

As I'm sure all of you are aware or have heard of TikTok. Could we remind parents/carers that TikTok has an age requirement of 13 years. Therefore is not suitable for children of primary school age.

www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/

Be Dog Smart - Safely

With nearly 9 million dogs in the UK, children can have a wonderful friendship with dogs, however it is important that we keep safe and act with considerate behavior when around dogs including the dogs we know and live with, and those we may see out and about in the community.

<https://www.learnwithdogstrust.org.uk/safety/>

Sun Awareness Programme

Wrap, Splat and Hat Awareness Programme 2021

Through an exciting programme of lessons and activities that have been designed and written by education experts, children will learn the simple mantra 'Wrap, Splat, Hat'. This stands for WRAP up in a T-shirt (and wrap on some sunglasses), SPLAT on some sunscreen (ideally SPF50), and of course wear a HAT!

Children aged 5-11 will love our Summer Explorers who bring sun safety messages to life in a memorable, meaningful way.

Wrap around Care:

As we approach the end of this half term it is important that parents/carers let us know their Wrap Around Care requirements for next half term.

Please book directly via the SchoolCloud or contact the School Office, as soon as possible to let us know your requirements. The value of the invoice will be added to parentpay.

Please see below a reminder of the sessions available and charges:

Breakfast Club: 8.00a.m.- Start time - £1.50 per day

After School Care: 4.30pm - Finish Time - £2.50 per day

5.30pm - Finish Time - £4.50 per day.

Just a reminder that Payment must be made in advance to secure your child's place.

At this point we must stress the importance of ensuring that **ALL** outstanding Wrap Around Care payments are received. Unfortunately, If we do not receive payments for outstanding balances we may not be able to offer the care you require. We thank you in advance for your support with this and should you have any difficulties please contact us as soon as possible.

New Lunch Menu

Week commencing 7th June

We have a delicious new lunch menu which I'm sure all of the children will thoroughly enjoy.
(attached in the email)

Next Half Term Dates;

Tuesday 8th June – Friday 16th July

Teacher Training Day Monday 7th June

Sports Day Friday 25th June

Year 6 Patterdale Residential – Friday 2nd July – Sunday 4th July

Parents Evening – Monday 12th July & Wednesday 14th July

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher