



Framwellgate Moor Primary School Newsletter



June 2023

Welcome back. I hoped that you enjoyed the half term break. We have a very busy and fun half term ahead.

Staffing changes from September

Both Mrs Morgan (Reception) and Miss Callaghan (Year 5) have taken new teaching positions and we will be sad to see them both leave FMPS but wish them well in their new posts. I would like to thank them for their hard work, friendship and commitment to FMPS.

Congratulations to Mrs Crampton who is expecting her second child. We hope all goes well and look forward to working with Mrs Crampton again in 2024.

Teachers and classes from September

The Reception Teacher team: Mrs Davison, Miss Mallen and Mrs Simpson (Assistant Head Teacher)

Year 1/2 Penguins Class – Miss Thompson

Year 1/2 Seals Class – Miss Mackenzie

Year 1/2 Whales Class – Mrs Brooks (4 days) and Mrs Simpson (1 day)

Year 3/4 Tigers Class – Mrs Chadwick and Mrs Ray (Job share)

Year 3/4 Pandas Class – Mrs Lewis and Miss Hardy

Year 3/4 Orangutans Class – Mr Dawson

Year 5 Jaguars Class – Miss Storey

Year 5 Toucans Class – Miss Robson

Year 6 Mr Anderson and Mrs Crank-Field (Training teacher)

Transition

Similarly, to last year, we will have 2 transition days so that children can become more familiar with their new teaching staff, space and routine prior to the summer holiday. These 2 days will be on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th July. Pupils are to arrive at the door to their new classroom on those 2 days and will need to be collected from those new classrooms too.

Parents are invited on Thursday 13th July to visit their child's new classroom between 3:30 and 4:30 via the new entrance and exit (to familiarise yourself prior to Monday 17th July) and will have the opportunity to meet with the Teaching Staff.

Please collect your child/ren as usual on Thursday 13th July and then walk around the outside of the building to the new exit and entrance that your child will use in September.

Mixed Age Classes

The children in Year 1 and 2 will be mixed for registration and most other curriculum subjects and this will be the same for Year 3 and 4. Staff will observe your child and their friendship groups so that they will be placed in a class with some of their friends. The children will be together for lunch (mixed in their own year group) outside breaks and all activities for an individual year group e.g. Year 1 athletics festival or Year 3 trip to Hamsterley Forest. Once the classes have been organised you will be informed prior to Thursday 13th July so that you can visit the block/wing and the classroom/teaching staff your child will be taught by. It is likely that your child will be taught by all staff in the Year 1/2 block or Y3/4 wing throughout the year and will come to know them all well.

Robinwood

The Robin Wood Residential for Year 6 pupils will take place between Wednesday 7th and Friday 9th June 2023.

After School Clubs

The last week of clubs this term will be the week beginning Monday 3rd July.

This means that there are no clubs running between 10th and the 21st July.

PE KITS

We have a stock of PE kits of all ages in school. Please ask at the office if you require a new one.

We still have enough Sainsbury's PE kits for Year 6 next year. All other classes require a school PE kit.

Class Newsletters

A class newsletter will be sent home on Friday 8th September, giving further information about topics taught during the Autumn term and tips on how to support your child.

Phonics Screening Check

The Phonics Screening check will take place during the w/c 12th June for children in Year 1. There is nothing to worry about and you will receive a report of your child's score in July. Children who do not meet the threshold in Year 1 have the opportunity to take the test again in Year 2.

Year 2 SATS

SATs for Year 2 Pupils have been completed and a report will be sent to Year 2 parents with your child's results in July.

Year 4 Times Tables

Pupils in Year 4 will take a Times Tables screening test online in school in June and a score reported to parents in July.

Year 6 SATS

SATs for Year 6 Pupils have been completed and results are released to schools on 11th July. A report will be sent home with your child's results.

Endless Adventure trip for Year 5 and Y6 (not attending Robin Wood)

During the 7th/8th and 9th June we have 3 days of enrichment activities arranged for Year 5 and Year 6 (who do not attend Robin Wood.) This includes a French Café experience, composing a new school song with Mrs Curry, Zambia Fun Run and an art project creating curriculum subject montages for the website.

On Thursday 8th June pupils will attend an Outdoor and Adventurous Activity day at Causey Arch with the Endless Adventure team. Children can arrive in sporty/comfortable clothing with a coat, trainers and a water bottle. The children will leave after usual registration and return before the end of the school day.

Flat Stanley First Aid Workshops – Monday 19th June

Year 3 to Year 6 pupils will take part in these first aid workshops to learn some basic skills.

The Durham Dash

The School Sports Partnership Team are holding the Durham Dash on Wednesday 14th June at Beamish. This will be held in the evening after school and those children who are going to be involved have brought a letter home to explain the format.

Quidditch Festival

On 27th June, all Year 6 pupils will be taking part in a Quad Kids Festival led by the School Sports Partnership. It will be held at Durham Johnston School and the children will travel there by coach.

Year 4 / 5 Zambia Fun Run

On Friday 9th June all Year 4/5 (and Y6 not at Robin Wood) pupils will be taking part in the Zambia Fun Run led by the School Sports Partnership at Maiden Castle. An online form has been sent out via the parent app.

Swimming

All Year 3s will attend swimming on Friday 9th June during the 2 sessions as Year 4 pupils are attending the Zambia Fun Run.

As promised all Sharks from Year 3 and 4 will attend a fun swimming session at Brandon swimming Baths on either Wednesday 12th July or Wednesday 19th July. There will be 2 groups as there are many Sharks!

The Tadpoles and Dolphins will continue to attend Freemans Quay up to the end of term and will have a fun session on Friday 21st July.

Danish Longball event – Monday 12th June

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 will take part in a Danish Long Ball event in school. Pupils will arrive in uniform and get changed in school.

African Drumming sessions

All Year 1 and 2 children will have the opportunity to be taught how to play the African drums in small groups on Thursday 15th June during the morning.

Health and Wellbeing Day

All pupils will take part in a Health and Wellbeing day led by the School Sports Partnership. This involves relaxation and fitness sessions and will be held on Friday 16th June. All pupils can attend school in sporty clothes for this event.

Year 1 and 2 pupils - Monday 19th to Friday 23rd June

Year 1 and 2 pupils will participate in balance bike sessions throughout the week. The school has purchased 14 balance bikes for the Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils to use after this event.

Early Years - Wednesday 21st June

Dinosaur day in the Early Years. If your child would like to be in dinosaur clothes instead of uniform on this day that is fine. For example; a dinosaur tee-shirt, pyjamas or outfit.

Year 5 - Thursday 22nd June

Year 5 pupils will take part in the Durham Cathedral Music Outreach programme. Parents can attend the cathedral to watch the 9 schools taking part at 1:30 and should last about an hour. The pupils will then return on the bus back to school. If you are attending and wish to take your child home from the event please let the school know in advance. The children have been practising and sound really lovely!

Year 6 – Wednesday 14th June

Sarah Millington has written her first novel based on Transition to secondary school. It is entitled “Demelza Rice is not very nice.” Sarah is visiting school to lead a workshop with Year 5 and Year 6 on Wednesday 14th June. If children wish to purchase and read this book prior to the visit they can then bring it in to school to be signed by Sarah. We have also bought copies that are in your child’s class library for them to borrow.

Year 6 – Secondary School Transition

Transition sessions for Year 6 led by the Emotional and Wellbeing team are going to begin on 12th June for 4 weeks. Pupils in Year 5 and 6 have taken part in Feelings and Confidence sessions which will finish on 5th July.

Chartwells

On Wednesday 21st June children will be offered a **Summer special menu**.

On Thursday 29th June Chartwells have designed a special **Sports Day menu**.

On Wednesday 19th July there is a **Women’s World Cup** special menu

Pupils who usually have a packed lunch but would like to purchase either or both of these meals are asked to complete the online form via the app that was sent out.

Sports Day

On Thursday 29th June we hope to hold our annual school Sports Day. It will take place on the Main field at 1:15pm. Parents are not allowed onto the field until after 1pm as we need the children to finish their break-time first.

Please can the children come to school in sports clothes and wear a t-shirt that represents the colour House that they are in. This is Red, Yellow, Green or Blue. If you are unsure please ask the teacher at the door. A bottle of water and sun cream and a hat if it is sunny. We will also provide juice throughout the day. In the morning pupils also take part in lots of sporting activities. In the event of rain, Sports Day will be postponed. If the Sports Day is postponed, it will be held on Thursday 6th July at the same time.

Reports

Annual Reports will go out on Thursday 29th June.

Nursery

Caterpillar pupils will take part in sporting events during the week 3rd to 7th July

Butterflies Nursery Sports Day will be held on Wednesday 5th July. Parents will be able to visit and support their children at this event. More information to follow.

Caterpillars and Butterflies children will have a Teddy Bear Picnic on Wednesday 19th July.

Dinosaur Day If your child would like to be in dinosaur clothes instead of uniform on this day that is fine. For example; a dinosaur t-shirt, pyjamas or outfit.

Superhero Sports Festival

Reception pupils will attend a Superhero Sports Festival on Wednesday 5th July in the morning. They will travel by bus to Finchale Primary School. Pupils are welcome to come dressed as a Superhero for the day or just sporty clothes instead of uniform. Please make sure that trainers are worn and that they bring a bottle of water. In the event of sunny weather please make sure that children have sun cream applied and have a sun hat.

Milk

Pupils entitled to Free School Meals will receive a carton of milk if they would like one. If they are in KS2, they can decide whether to have this at morning break or at the lunch table instead of water. Once your child has their 5th Birthday, they no longer receive free school milk. However, you can order milk through the Cool Milk scheme and your child can access this in any year group. They can choose whether to drink it at break time or lunchtime.

Enterprise stalls

All of Year 5 and 6 pupils will lead a stall/activity station and plan and prepare this. On Friday 14th July, children can bring in some change with them and visit the stalls in year groups with their teaching staff to enjoy taking part in the activities led by the Y5/6 pupils. Approximately £5 will allow your child to choose from games like: 'Hook a duck' and 'Splat the Rat!' 'Name the Teddy' and choose one edible treat and one drink. Please provide change in silver and £1 if possible in a purse/wallet with name on. The staff will then help your child choose and spend their money. Nursery pupils will also have this opportunity. All proceeds will be going towards purchasing 30 brand new iPads and a charging trolley. Our iPads are now old and these resources are much needed in school.

Year 6 Secondary School Visits

The Transition days are on different dates this year for local Secondary schools. If your child is attending a transition day, they are to go straight to their new school.

Year 6 – Polo Top

On Friday 21st July Year 6 pupils can bring in an old school polo top and have it signed by their friends.

Year 6 Extravaganza

The Year 6 pupils have their own afternoon Extravaganza on Thursday 20th July.

The Year 6 memories will be shared and their Leavers' Show 'The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan!' will be performed.

This will take place in the Lower Hall and will start promptly with the memories at 1:15pm. The Lower Hall Doors will be opened at 1pm. No tickets are required although there will be a raffle to raise money for school funds. I am hoping that all pupils in school will have the opportunity to watch their siblings perform this production on stage prior to parents watching it.

Year 5 and 6 – walking home and phones

For those children who have permission to walk home alone, there is a permission slip to sign. Please make sure that this is completed if required. Those Y5/6 pupils walking home alone will be allowed to keep their phones in a basket in class or office during the day. There is a phone permission slip for parents to consent to this if required.

Uniform

If you have made an online order with Tots to Teams for uniform and it hasn't arrived before 21st July then you will be able to collect it on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September between 10 and 12pm from the Main Entrance.

Ultimate Frisby Day

On Tuesday 18th July there will be an Ultimate Frisby Day lead by School Sports Partnership. More information to follow.

Year 2 to Year 3 transition

There is separate letter going out with this one to explain the changes from KS1 to KS2.

Transition from Reception to Year 1

Lunches continue to be free in Year 1. The main change is the entrance and exit being at the corridor link by the hill. Fruit is provided.

Discos

On 12th July we will have 2 discos. The Butterflies Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 children are invited from 3:30 to 4:30. The cost is £5 and includes a 'sweet treat' gift at the end of the disco. They can bring their party clothes into school and staff will help pupils get ready at 3:15 and take them to the disco in the Upper Hall for 3:30pm. Pupils will return to their classroom for 4:30 to collect their belongings.

At 4:45pm KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) pupils can enter via the Main Entrance for their Disco. At 5:45, the Year 5 and 6 pupils are to be collected from the Year 6 door, The Year 4s from the Main Entrance and the Year 3s from the Tigers classroom door by the yellow railings. We will assume all pupils are being collected with it being a later time. However, if you wish for your child to walk home please let the Office know in advance. The cost of the Disco is £3 for the KS2 pupils and there will be a tuck shop with sweets and drinks for pupils to purchase. Loose change appreciated please.

Tickets can be purchased from Monday 3rd July. Staff on the Nursery and Reception doors will sell tickets. In Year 1 and 2 pupils can bring their money into school and purchase them themselves (we keep a list!) in the KS1 block. The Year 6 pupils will sell tickets to the KS2 children in school. Please send the £3 in a purse or envelope.

Closure and Opening

We finish this term on Friday 21st July

Children return to school on Wednesday 6th September 2023.