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Information Newsletter

17th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, what a fantastic start to the final term. (We are still waiting for the warmer weather; hopefully we will see the sun soon!)

Firstly, I would like to say a HUGE well done to Year 6 for their super performance in their SATS. Each and everyone one of them showed a mature and determined attitude. You may have seen/heard on the news how the Reading paper was more challenging than previous years – even with this, the children worked hard and shone! We are all extremely proud of them – WELL DONE YEAR 6!

We are also very proud of our Year 2 children who are working through their SATS and showing such maturity. They are working hard and proving what an amazing class they are. WELL DONE YEAR 2 – you are all superstars!

As we enter the last half term of the year, I would like to inform you of some changes for September.

School Day Timings

The Department for Education has instructed that from September all schools must offer a minimum of 32.5 hours of time in school, for all children. The 32.5 hours includes break and lunchtimes, but not breakfast or after school club.

This will not make much difference to our school, as we already offer this. The only difference for us will be that registration will have to start at 8.40am. We will still open up from 8.30am so that all children can be in school and ready for an 8.40am registration start. Therefore, if your child arrives after 8.40am, they will be classes as late. (Please remember that late marks count towards their attendance)

It is important that pupils be in school for 8.40am so that the register can be taken promptly. We will continue to use three entrances into school.

- 1) Entrance near the school field – Reception and Nursery entrance.
- 2) Main school gates – Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 – please note that children are to enter the school grounds independently. If you wish to wait outside the main gates and watch whilst your child walks into school, please do so. Many of our Year 1 children like to give their parents an extra wave as they enter the school building.
- 3) Carpark gates – Year 5 and 6 entrance.

Our school hours will therefore be 8.40am - 3.10pm.

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Book bags

We have had many difficulties with pupils bringing large rucksacks to school. Our cloakroom areas are small and limited in space. We have also had many books damaged from them being inside a rucksack and from leaking water bottles in rucksacks. Therefore, from September we will have a book bag only rule for all children (Reception – Year 6).

This does not have to be a Bellfield green book bag, although these are available on Steady School Wear. Please see below for some examples.



These are just a few examples. (The bag must be this size and shape, but can be any colour.) Children must not put their water bottles inside their book bag, as this is the reason we have had so many damaged books over the last few years.

Stationery for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Over this last year, we have started to allow Year 5 and 6 to bring their own stationery to school. Many of our older children like to bring their own personal equipment. We are going to continue to allow this, but are extending this to the whole of Key Stage Two. Children will be provided with a pencil case to keep their equipment in – so please NO pencil cases. We will continue to provide stationery for anyone who does not wish to send in his or her own.

This year we have seen children take greater care and pride when using their own stationery; it is also a great way to get children prepared for Secondary School. Please see the list below of equipment.

- Black biro
- Pencil
- Ruler – clearly containing cm and mm (not a bendy ruler)
- Glue stick
- Pencil sharpener
- Rubber
- Green and pink highlighter pen
- Purple biro

(No pencil case needed - school will provide)

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Shout Outs

We love to hear about the achievements of all children from dancing, gymnastic, football, rugby, swimming and much more. Starting in September, we will be doing ‘Shout outs,’ on our Twitter to highlight the amazing achievements of our pupils. Please send your child to school with any medals/certificates/trophies/badges when they have achieved something outside of school. (These must be new achievements and not something previous) Children can pop to see me as I love to see their achievements and these will then be posted on Twitter. (If your child is not allowed on Twitter, please still encourage your child to come and share their achievements with me).

I look forward to seeing the amazing talents of our children.

Reading Days

We are changing the days that children need to have read their book. All children will be given a seven day window in which to read their book, at least 4 times. If your child reads and has their book record signed at least 4 times then they will be rewarded with an additional 10 minute playtime on their reading day. Children love this reward so please make every effort to listen to your child read or encourage them (if they are old enough) to read at least 4 times weekly. Children who have not read for the minimum days, will stay in and read whilst the other children have their reward time.

Year group	Book sent home	Book to be returned
**Reception	Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 1 and 2	Wednesday	Wednesday
Year 3 and 4	Thursday	Thursday
Year 5 and 6	Friday	Friday

** Please note that Reception children all get a reading book at different points in the year, based on their phonic knowledge. We use Little Wandle Letters and Sounds for our phonic teaching and have to follow a strict assessment process. Children will only have a phonic book once they are assessed within the scheme. If you are concerned, or would like to know how you can help at home, please speak with Miss Gibson. Reception children will get a ‘reading for pleasure’ book from their first week at school. This is a real book and it is meant for you to read to/with them. Read to them every day and encourage them to enjoy the story, talk about the book and ‘read/repeat’ and phrases or sentences that they can.

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Residential Visits

We are considering how we operate our annual Residential Visit. For many families this is a huge expense, especially with the recent economic crisis. We will look to keep costs UNDER £100, making it more manageable for families. (Year 5 pupils will no longer go on a residential visit) Therefore, moving forward we will only be doing a residential for our Year 6 pupils and this will be a local overnight stay with adventure activities, taking place after the SATS. This **WILL NOT** affect the planned residential for Year 5/6 in the Autumn Term.

Therefore, this planned change will take place with our current Year 5 class in June 2024. (Details will follow, early in the new term.)

Important dates

Date	Event
Friday 19 th May	Reception Class – Williams Den Visit <i>(Pupils need a packed lunch in a backpack to carry with them)</i>
Friday 26 th May	Last day – Half term
Wednesday 7 th June	Pupils return to school
Thursday 8 th June	Year 5/6 Educational Visit <i>(Pupils need a packed lunch in a backpack with them to carry for the day)</i>
Monday 12 th and Tuesday 13 th June	Year 1 Phonic Screening assessment
Wednesday 14 th June	Foundation Stage Sports morning (Nursery and Reception) 9am – 10.30am on the school field, all welcome
Thursday 15 th June	Key Stage 2 (Yr3/4/5/6) Sports morning 9am – 11am on the school field, all welcome
Thursday 15 th June	Key Stage 1 (Yr1/2) Sports afternoon 1.30 – 2.30pm on the school field, all welcome
Monday 19 th June	Foundation Stage Dad's Day Celebration <i>(More details to follow)</i>
Tuesday 20 th June	Year 1/2 Educational Visit – Yorkshire Wildlife Park <i>(Pupils need a packed lunch in a backpack with them to carry for the day)</i>

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Wednesday 21 st and Wednesday 29 th June	New Reception Parent Meeting <i>(Further details to follow)</i>
Tuesday 27 th June	Reception Educational Visit – Scarborough <i>(Pupils need a packed lunch in a backpack with them to carry for the day)</i>
Wednesday 28 th June	Year 5/6 Welton Waters <i>(Further details to follow)</i>
Friday 30 th June	Year 5 – Race for Life <i>(Further details to follow)</i>
Thursday 4 th July	Year 3/4 Educational Visit – Eureka! <i>(Pupils need a packed lunch in a backpack with them to carry for the day)</i>
Monday 10 th – Friday 14 th July	Year 6 Transition week – all Year 6 pupils to attend new Secondary school
Monday 10 th July	Year 1/2 Dalby Forest Experience <i>(Pupils need a packed lunch in a backpack with the to carry for the day)</i>
Thursday 13 th July	Whole School Transition day <i>(All pupils will spend the day in their new class with their new teacher)</i>
Monday 17 th July	Year 6 Family picnic (1pm – 3pm) <i>(Further details will follow)</i>
Monday 17 th July	Reception/Year 1 and 2 Reports <i>(Reports will be sent via parent pay)</i>
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 3 and 4 Reports <i>(Reports will be sent via parent pay)</i>
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 6 Leavers Concert (5pm start in the school hall) <i>(All Year 6 parents welcome)</i>
Wednesday 19 th July	Year 5 and 6 Reports <i>(Reports will be sent via parent pay)</i>
Friday 21 st July	Last day of the year

Thank you for your continued support

Miss Howard

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