




Durham Gilesgate
Primary School

SUMMER TERM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parent / Carer

The last half term has flown over and after the May half term break we will be starting the final few weeks leading up to the summer break.

I'd like to thank you all for the support that you showed us when Ofsted inspectors visited last week. We cannot tell you the outcome until the report is published but hopefully, we will be able to share that with you all in mid to late June.

The summer term is always a busy one, there will be some educational visits, sporting events and of course the celebration of our Year 6 children as they prepare to leave us and start the next stage of their journey. In addition we will be planning the transition for children as they all get to meet their teacher for next September.

In this newsletter you will find some important information about sun cream and hats for the warm weather, plus a reminder about attendance and some information about school uniform and upcoming dates.

I hope that you all have a relaxing half term.

Kind regards
Mark Turner

Attendance

A big thank you for sending your children to school every day possible; please keep this going in the lead up to the summer so that our school attendance remains in line with or above the national average.

Reporting Absence

Please can you inform us via email or telephone before 9am if your child is going to be absent. You should report your child's absence everyday they are absent. If they have sickness and/or diarrhoea, they must remain at home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea. If you do not report your child's absence by 9.30am, it will be registered as an unauthorised absence and may lead to a fine. Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

Punctuality

Please remember that school starts at 8.50am and children should arrive by then to ensure that they are settled in class to start the school day. Children arriving after 9.05am will be registered as late and after 9.15am, unauthorised late.



School Menu changes

All school lunch menu changes must be made by a parent or carer. If your child would like to change what they have chosen, parents and carers can contact the school office to make changes. School meals are also increasing to £2.50 per day from 1st September.

School Communications

If you are not receiving school communications by email or text, please inform the school office. Please can parents and carers ensure that contact telephone numbers and emails are up to date and medical conditions too.

Important - Child's Details

Please can you ensure your child's address, contact telephone numbers, medical and dietary details are up to date. To update your child's details please see the school office for a paper copy of the required form.

Road Safety and Parking

Please park in the streets away from the school gates and the garages and walk the last little bit into school. Parking is becoming a concern and a health and safety risk, particularly at pick up time. We do not want to see any child or parent injured as a result of parking habits. Residents in School View have complained to the local council because vehicles are blocking access to their street. There will be parking wardens making random spot checks and handing fines out. Please help us keep your children safe by parking away from the gates, the garages and the narrow road to School View.



June Project Summer Fayre

On Saturday 17th June, the June project are holding their annual Summer Fayre in conjunction with us in our school. The fayre is being held from 11am – 1pm.

Stalls will include:

BBQ, Face Painting, Bouncy Castle, Raffle, Tombola, Crafts and Games

Sun Protection

Please can you ensure that all children come to school wearing sun cream and a sun hat. All children must have a water bottle also to keep them hydrated.

Breakfast Club

We continue to offer a breakfast with childcare from 8:00 am to the start of the school day and this is £2 per session per child.



Preloved Uniform

We are collecting preloved uniform, if any families would like to donate. Any for any donations of uniform and PE kits in a good condition would be gratefully received.





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Important Dates – More information to follow

Half Term – 27th May – return Monday 5th June

Tue 6th & 13th June – Y3/4 Pedestrian Training

Wed 7th June – 12th July Every Wed – Head's Up Ambassadors after school club.

Thu 8th June Y6 Walk & Talk every Thursday for 6 weeks

Thu 8th June – R-Y6 **Parents** Jigsaw Meeting 2.30pm

19, 21, 23 June and 3 July – Indian Dance and Kuchipudi workshops

Saturday 17th June – Summer Fayre with June Project – 11-1pm

Tue 20th June – Reception visit to Hall Hill Farm.

Tue 20th June Y5/6 Quidditch Festival – PE kit & trainers

Wed 12th July – Beautiful Durham visiting school allotment

Thu 13th July – Rounders Day – PE kit & suitable footwear

Mon 17th July – Celebration disco after school

Tue 18th July – Durham Music Service – Live Strings Concert

Fri 21st July – School Summer Picnic – teddy bears welcome

TBC JULY - SPORTS DAY – PE kit and trainers

Monday 17th July - EYFS Fun Day

Monday 17th – Y1-Y6 After School Disco

Summer Holidays – Last Day Friday 21st July

Return to school – Wednesday 6th September

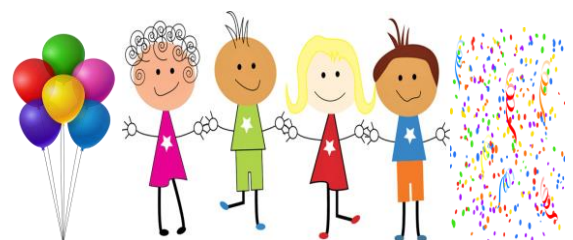
Summer Picnic.

On the last day of term, to reward the children for all of their hard work this academic year we will celebrate with an end of year Summer Picnic. Children who have a school meal will choose their option in school (please let the office know if your child would like to bring their own packed lunch instead of a school one) If your child brings their own packed lunch they will have the option of having a school packed lunch, we will send letters home at a later date. Teddy Bears are welcome at the picnic.



Summer Disco

On Monday 17th July 3.30pm – 4.45pm our Y1 to Y6 children can attend the Summer Disco to celebrate their hard work over the last academic year. Tickets are available from the school office for £2.00 per child which will include admission and a pizza square with a drink. Children can bring spending money if they would like to buy sweets from the tuck shop. Tickets available at a later date.



Y6 Transition Days

For our current Y6 children, the transition to secondary school days are:

Belmont Community School – Thursday 6th & Friday 7th July

Framwellgate School – Friday 30th June

St Leonards – Thursday 13th July