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## *Start of Summer Term Newsletter*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and the Summer Term, which has already got off to a busy start this week. I hope you all enjoyed a lovely Easter and managed to recover from the horrible illnesses which were afflicting so many pupils and staff before the holidays. Apologies for the lack of our usual End of Term Newsletter, also missing due to illness! In place of this, we will begin with a short round-up of news from last half term below, before sharing information about all the exciting learning adventures and other events we have planned for the coming weeks.

### **News from last half term**

We had such a packed half term of learning in and outside the classrooms and special events before Easter! Highlights with a musical theme included **Class 3's amazing performance of 'The Pied Piper'** with world-famous clarinettist Emma Johnson and students from QES on the Kendal Town Hall stage to huge audiences and rave reviews; a wonderful concert of **'Carnival of the Animals'** by the schools' music service for the whole school (also including our enthusiastic pupils!) to end our term's Animals topic; and some brilliant performances by many of our young musicians and choir in our end of term **Easter Service**, which also included excellent readings by Y6 and prayers/organisation by our collective worship committee pupils. We learned such a lot about **Islam** through **RE lessons**, our visitor Imran from the Muslim Learner Service and our **special multi-faith afternoon**, which also had a special Prayer focus and included activities exploring Christian Prayer and Buddhist meditation. Despite disruption from snow days, we still managed a belated **World Book Day** celebration, with an animal focus as part of our term's topic and shared some fantastic costumes and favourite books. Y2 pupils enjoyed a **visit to Strickley Farm**, orienteering. We also had a big focus on all things sporty, including Class 3's weekly **swimming**, Y4's weekly **dance sessions working towards the Arts Award** 'explore' level, Class 4's weekly **biking** lessons, an amazing team effort in the Kendal Pool **Swimathon**, a fabulous, confident and colourful **Dance Platform performance by Class 4** on the Brewery stage and our amazing **Let's Get Active Week**, with **daily mile-running** and special lunchtime sports, an inspiring **visit from Team GB athlete Stephanie Inglis**, including taking part in sponsored fitness sessions with her and culminating in our **Sports Relief mufti day**. Our school **fundraising** has been truly phenomenal, with over £300 raised for Sports Relief and £612 for Senegal through our Team GB sponsored event. Wow! A huge thank you to all staff, parents and others who helped us with the planning and organisation of these events and to everyone for your hard work making last half term into such a success!

### **Pupil news**

At the end of last term, we said a sad goodbye to Freddie (Y1) and his family. We wish him well in his new school. Our school roll is now 91.

### **Staff news**

The process to **appoint a new Class 4 teacher** is now well underway, with interviews scheduled for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April. We will let you know as soon as we have further news about this.

Next week, we welcome **Miss Joanna Young** as a volunteer TA gaining school experience before starting teacher training in September; she will be working with us across all classes on Mondays throughout the term. Later in the term, Class 2 will also again have the support of a University of Cumbria student who worked with Y2 in the Autumn Term, **Miss Lucy Taylor**.

### **Summer Term plans**

We have now begun our new **topic themes focussing on the outdoors in this hopefully warmer and more sunny time of the year, including Science/Technology/Geography-based topics on Fairtrade for the whole**

school – look out for our special Fairtrade week just after half term; ‘World Kitchen’ and Growing in Classes 1 and 2; ‘Invaders and Settlers: Vikings’ (History) and Plants in Class 3; ‘Megastructures’, the Tudors (History) and shadow/light/forces in Class 4. Our RE whole school theme is Christianity, with classes focussing on different aspects, including the Bible as interpreted in ‘The Big Frieze’ and the Trinity; our Christian Value this term is **Friendship**. As usual for the Summer term, we have lots more sports events, visits and adventurous activities planned as part of our special Adventure Curriculum and to enrich our pupils’ learning. These include our very exciting **residential to York (Class 3) and Edinburgh (Class 4)**, visits to Strickley Farm, Growing Well and Bendrigg for Class 1 and 2... plus lots more! **Please see the updated ‘Diary Dates’ attached** (but also note that there will be other updates to follow later in the term as other events are planned).

#### **Extra-Curricular activities news**

Please **sign up on the attached form** and send it back **in to school by next Monday (23<sup>rd</sup> April) morning** for pupils to join in our exciting range of extra-curricular clubs. There are a few changes this term – please note **some new days/times** - as well as the return of some old favourites! Many thanks to all the staff and volunteers (including some of our older pupils!) who kindly give of their time to provide these enrichments to our curriculum.

#### **Parking Issues/Breakfast Club and Early-Morning Drop-Off news**

As shared last term in our special letter about the ongoing parking issues outside school, we are continuing to look at ways to improve the situation. Latest news for the coming weeks:

- we continue to **encourage more parents to car-share where possible, please!**
- we found that our introduction of the daily mile run with Miss Harrison during Active Week was very popular, so are offering this again as a **weekly mile** option this term, **on Tuesdays 8.30-8.50am** (sign up on the extra-curricular activities form) – parents also welcome!
- our aim to also relieve the morning parking rush through providing a **new shorter Breakfast Club without breakfast, from 8:30-8:50am** had limited results when we trialled this just before Easter – only 2 new families took up the option and our usual attendance at the full Breakfast Club from 8am reduced. We are therefore going to trial this option again for the rest of this half term, but see if we can encourage more of you to take it up and therefore help relieve our parking issue. Please also note that the drop-off time is at 8:30am – **no later than this please**. The cost is £1 per day and, as with our usual Breakfast Club, **please pre-book places at least by the Friday before, by phone, email or in person**. This is **essential** for us to plan ahead and prepare for the sessions, as well as for safeguarding reasons. Thank you.

As always, please can I also remind everyone to show consideration to others, including our neighbours in the village, by **driving slowly and cautiously in the school vicinity** and **avoiding parking in front of all the private properties opposite the school and opposite the yellow zigzag lines. It is dangerous and illegal to park on the yellow zigzag lines in front of school**. Please try your best to park sensibly and always take extra care of the children and yourselves when getting in and out of vehicles, crossing the road and walking to and from school. Thank you for your understanding.

With best wishes from,



**Andrea Walker, Head teacher**

#### **Diary Dates – Summer Term 2018**

##### **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**

Football Club weekly KS2 3.30-4.30pm

Cyclewise starts Y5

Chess and draughts club starts Class 4 weekly – lunchtime

##### **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April**

Weekly Mile starts 08.30-8.50am

Warhammer club starts weekly KS2 3.30-4.30pm

Cyclewise Y5

Kendal Snowsports ski race - evening

##### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!

Dance club starts KS2 weekly 3.30– 4.30pm

Y6 SATs Homework club weekly until 9<sup>th</sup> May 3.30 – 4.30pm

<b>Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Mindfulness colouring club starts weekly Y1-Y6 lunchtime
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Choir starts weekly Y1-Y6 - lunchtime
	Sports club starts weekly KS1 3.20-4.15
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Interviews for Class 4 Teacher post
	Cyclewise Y5
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	Cyclewise Y5
	Y2/KS1 Assessments during May
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>BANK HOLIDAY – School closed</b>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Cyclewise Y5
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
	<b>LAST SATs homework club 3.30-4.30pm</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Class group photos 1.30-2.00pm
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Governors' Finance Meeting – 11am in school
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Y6 SATs week
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Class 3 York Residential
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>HALF TERM HOLIDAY</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> HALF OF SUMMER TERM</b>
	Fairtrade week – more details later
	Y1 Phonics Assessment week
	Governors' Health & Safety meeting – 9.30am in school
	<b>NO FOOTBALL CLUB</b>
	Chess and draughts club continues Class 4 weekly lunchtime
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Weekly Mile continues 08.30-8.50am
	Warhammer club continues weekly KS2 3.30-4.30pm
	Governors Meeting 7.00pm
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
	Dance club starts weekly KS1 3.30– 4.30pm
	Cricket/Rounders starts weekly KS2 3.30-4.30pm
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Mindfulness colouring continues weekly Y1-Y6 lunchtime
	Whole School Trinity event - <b>TBC</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	QKS Y6 & parents moving up evening at QKS
	Choir continues weekly Y1-Y6 - lunchtime
	Running club starts weekly KS2 3.20-4.15
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Class 4 Edinburgh Residential
	Football Club continues weekly 3.30-4.30pm
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
	QES Y6 & parents moving up evening at QES
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KKS Y6 & parents moving up evening at QES
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KKS Y6 Induction, moving up day
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Settlebeck Y6 Induction, moving up day
	Settlebeck Y6 & parents moving up evening at Settlebeck
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Pupil Parliament meeting at the Netherwood, Grange
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y5 Activity Day at QKS
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	QES Y6 Induction, moving up day
	Moving up morning for new Reception & all pupils in school
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	School of Rock, KKS Musical for Class 4 at KKS
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	QKS Y6 Induction, moving up day
	QKS Y6 & parents moving up evening at QKS
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>NO FOOTBALL</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Sports evening 5.00-7.00pm – more details later
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Claire Griffel visiting with Senegal news -PM
	Sports evening reserve date
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Open the book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Open afternoon & Music Concert – more details later
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Music Concert – more details later
	Sports evening final reserve date
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Leavers' Service in Church – ALL WELCOME! Followed by leavers' tea
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	TERM ENDS at 2pm

## **School Year dates 2018-19**

### **Autumn Term 2018**

Staff training day Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October

### **Spring Term 2019**

Staff training day Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

### **Summer Term 2019**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May