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## Summer Half Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy half term holiday on Friday! I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well and looking forward to a lovely week off ahead – with what is promising to be a sunny, warm and summer-like forecast at last. Over the last 7 weeks, it has been lovely to settle down to a full half term of more ‘normal’ school with everyone in the building (and spending lots of time outdoors of course too!), back into lesson routines and filling our bubbles with lots of laughter and learning. I continue to be so overwhelmingly proud of every member of our wonderful staff team, our fantastic pupils and each one of you in our families at home for all the amazing things you continue to do to keep OHS learning and supporting each other at this time. Despite the recent slight easing of lockdown restrictions out in the community, the CV19 situation and its impact continues to be a worry and challenge for all of us and everyone in the staff team is so grateful to all of you at home for your perseverance and support. Thank you. Please make sure that you and your children have a very well-deserved good break and spend some quality time together, ideally including lots of fresh air and exercise too. Focussing on maintaining our wellbeing continues to be more important than ever at this time.

### Pupil news

We were excited to welcome 4 more new pupils into our school family this half term: **James (R), Henry (Y1), Ava (Y3) and Rosie (Y4)**.

### Staff news

This week, Class 4 said a final goodbye to **Mrs Rachel Angus** from her part-time Teacher/Teaching Assistant role. Rachel has become a very special part of the OHS team over the last 3 years and will be hugely missed; we all wish her well in her new job in the care sector.

As you all know, I am now, sadly, soon to be one of our leaving staff as I move on from **my Head teacher post** at the end of July to become a Senior Education Adviser for North Yorkshire. I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who have already sent in such kind words and messages on hearing my news. It is going to be very hard to say goodbye, but I am looking forward to enjoying and making the very most of my last half term at OHS, as a Head, NLE and adviser for Cumbria, after the holiday week. I can report that the Governors have now advertised for a new Head teacher to begin in January 2022, or sooner if possible (see our website for the details they have put together) and the recruitment process is underway, with interviews scheduled for early July. We will inform you as soon as we have the outcome. The LA and Diocese are currently also seeking a temporary Executive Head to help oversee the school during the Autumn Term.

As shared by our Chair of Governors, Claire Toone, in her letter to you last week, we are very excited to have promoted **Miss Harrison** to the new part-time post of **Deputy Head** 2 days weekly from September, to work alongside the Executive Head.

This week, we completed the recruitment process for a **new part-time Class Teacher for Class 4** and I am thrilled to share the news that we have appointed **Mrs Cara Foley**, a very experienced teacher with specialisms in English and The Arts, to this role; we were all (including our Y5/6 pupils) extremely impressed by her interview and the quality of her teaching. Cara will begin working with Y5/6 next half term on Monday afternoons (group work) and all day Tuesdays (whole class teaching). In September she will have a 0.6 post in Class 4 (2 full days plus 2 mornings), job-sharing with Miss Harrison.

### Lessons and events news

Do visit the **school Facebook page** (also via the school website) to see some of the wonderful learning and wellbeing experiences our pupils have been enjoying this term, including taking part in the Kendal Museum Wild Art and Photography Competition, food technology fun, Bikeability for Y5/6, beginning our link with Olive School in Blackburn through penpal exchanges for Y3/4, gardening club making our school look even more beautiful, fantastic weekly forest school activities, Stone Age art, fossil-making... We have definitely been keeping our pupils busy and inspired!

Please **see the diary dates below** for special activities planned for the rest of term. Under current CV19 restrictions, we are unfortunately still unable to host many of our usual summer term events; however, we will still be running some of these within our bubbles e.g. sports afternoons for pupils (but not able to invite parents/carers/ex-pupil helpers this year – sorry!) and we will ensure that LOTS of photos will be shared with you all via Facebook and also Tapestry for the Class 1/2 bubble. We are however now allowed to take limited bubble groups out on school trips, very carefully risk-assessed, and staff have begun to plan some of these. We are also hoping that expected future easing of restrictions by July will allow us to enjoy some special leavers' events for our Y6 pupils towards the end of term – see additional letters from Miss Harrison and watch this space!

Please also remember to visit the **Spiritual Space on Google Classroom** to see and share in our Collective Worship experiences, recent work on prayers, reflections and inspiration to support everyone's spiritual health and wellbeing.

### Risk Assessment health and safety reminders

Thank you to everyone for your continued efforts to keep following our safety measures, as set out in the Home-School Agreement and our Risk Assessment documents; these are **essential to help us keep school open and help keep everyone safe**. As we reminded you last week by email including the letter from Cumbria Public Health, although CV19 restrictions have recently begun to ease in the community, **for primary schools very little has changed so far. We will inform you as soon as there are any changes.**

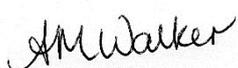
Please can we remind all parents/carers who are bringing pupils in or collecting them from school that you must **wear a face mask/covering** for drop-off and pick-up, unless you have an exemption. **It is essential that parents/carers continue to organise drop-off and pick-up promptly at the times for their bubble groups** to avoid cross-contacts between groups and contact between families. **If you wish to speak to a staff member, please send an email or arrange a phone call.** Only one parent/carer per family should bring their child/ren in to school. If possible, younger pre-school sibling/s should be left at home; if they need to come with you, **they must be kept close to you (holding hands) and stay with you on the dots/cones. They must not be allowed to play or run around freely in the yard, nor in the area between Pre-School and the churchyard. Parents must not gather at the school gates or around the car park,** nor mix with other families while waiting to drop off or pick up children. **2m distance must be maintained between families and with staff at all times.**

As always, we remind everyone to **be careful and courteous when parking in and driving through the village**; with current staggered timings, there has been the benefit of reduced impact on traffic and parking issues around school, but we still need to be aware. There was an unfortunate incident this week where a parent blocked the drive of a village resident; please can we remind parents that **you should not park across any driveways opposite school, nor in the vicinity** and to please **respect all our local neighbours**. Please also remember, for health and air pollution reasons, to **not wait in your car with the engine left running**; everyone should arrive and depart the car park or school vicinity as quickly and safely as possible. Thank you.

### Stay safe at home

Finally, a reminder to everyone to please ensure that you continue to stay aware of all the current restrictions and guidance and follow them carefully to help keep everyone in your family and community safe at this time.

With best wishes from,



**Andrea Walker**  
Head teacher

## Diary Dates for Summer Term 2021

<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b>	HALF TERM
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	SCHOOL BEGINS AGAIN FOR 2 <sup>ND</sup> HALF SUMMER TERM
	Y5&6 Sable Dog visit
	Extra-curricular clubs resume weekly
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	New Y6 intake afternoon tour @ KKS
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y6 photoshoot
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y6 photoshoot
	Headteacher post closing date
	Y6 sleepover
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sports Day Class 1&2 1-2pm
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Headteacher post shortlisting date
	Sports Day Class 3 1-2pm
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y5&6 Art Day & club after school as a one off (TBC)
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Sports Day Class 4
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	Assessment week 1 all week
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	Full Governor Board Meeting 6.30pm
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y5&6 Brockhole trip
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Assessment week 2 all week
	New Y6 intake welcome eve events for parents & pupils @ QES (TBC)
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y5&6 Sex Ed talk
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<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Y6 Rock climbing at Kendal climbing wall
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Headteacher post interviews
	New Y6 intake eve @ Dallam
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Headteacher post interviews
	New Y6 intake day @ Dallam
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 leavers' service & picnic (TBC – 1 <sup>st</sup> potential date)
<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	School reports to go out this week
	Y6 intake induction morning @ QES
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y5&6 board games (TBC)
	Y6 leavers' service & picnic (TBC – 2 <sup>nd</sup> potential date)
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 Pizza night (TBC)
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Y6 leavers' service & picnic (TBC – 3 <sup>rd</sup> potential date)
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>TERM ENDS AT 2PM (no extra-curricular clubs, no after school club)</b>

## School Year dates 2020-21

### Summer Term 2021

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

## School Year dates 2021-22

### Autumn Term 2021

Staff training day Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October

### Spring Term 2022

Staff training day Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February

### Summer Term 2022

Staff training day Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

Easter Monday: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April

Early May Bank Holiday: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

**Half Term Holiday:** Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June