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Grindleford Primary School Newsletter

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Summer Term 2



Special Events and Dates:

INSET

- **Monday 1st June 2015**
- **Friday 26th June 2015**
- **Wednesday 3rd June**— Class 2 trip to Eyam
- **Thursday 4th June**—Whole Class Photographs
- **Friday 5th June**—Class 3 Swimming
- **Monday 9th June**—Class 3 3D printing at HVC
- **Wednesday 10th June**— Y5 Technology Day at HVC
- **Thursday 11th June**—Class 3 Tag Rugby Training
- **Friday 12th June**—Class 3 Swimming
- **Monday 15th June**—Class 1 Easy Rider Scheme
- **Tuesday 16th June**—Y6 Bikeability
- **Wednesday 17th June**—Ukulele Concert
- **Wednesday 17th June**—Y6 Bikeability
- **Thursday 18th June**—Class 3 Tag Rugby Training

Well we have again come to the end of an incredibly busy term. I am sure you will agree with me that this year has flown by at a remarkable pace. I cannot believe that we only have one more term before the summer holidays.

Thank You!

Thank you so much for all your generous tray bake making and gifts of time that made the Gallop a huge success again this year. The newest set of PTA minutes is attached to this newsletter. Without everyone pulling together, events like this couldn't happen—thank you!

The next PTA event will be the Summer Picnic on Thursday 9th July. This year we are going to do our annual Tai Chi demonstration during the picnic, so if you would like to see the whole school showing off their skills then we will start at 3.00pm. The picnic is the same as usual, bring your food, chairs, blankets etc and prepare for a lovely evening in the school grounds.

Congratulations!

A massive congratulations must go to Year 6 and Year 2 who have just completed their various levels of 'quizzes'. All the children have worked incredibly hard this term and should be very pleased with the effort and commitment they have shown towards their work. Well done everyone.

6 A-Side Football

Traditionally, as a special post-SAT treat, the Hope Valley primary schools get together and have a competitive football tournament.

This is the second year that we have hosted the event down at the Pavilion and yet again it was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. A big thank you must go to Mr Barker who refereed all the matches for us to keep it all above board. Our team did very well and achieved a brilliant third place—well done!

Orienteering

A massive thank you to the members of Class 3 who put themselves forward to compete in the recent Orienteering Competition. This is a new Hope Valley Cluster event and was held at the Hollowford Centre in Castleton. The children have had a quick dabble in the basics of orienteering, but not very much.

The event was a timed speed one, where the children were given a map and a differentiated score card. The markers that were furthest away were worth more points than those close by. In teams of 4/5 they then had to take it in turns to run out and find two markers before passing the score sheet over to the rest of the team, almost like a relay. They only had 30 minutes to find 30 markers. As usual, the weather was very inclement and wet!

We took three teams made up of 13 children. They were all incredibly well behaved, polite and in excellent spirits regardless of the weather. Fantastic! It was also brilliant to receive the results sheet back to find that we had come 2nd, 3rd and 16th out of 23 teams competing—Well done!

We have inter-school rounders coming up which we won last time, so no pressure at all there!



Summer Term 2 – *Continued*



Term Dates: - Continued!

- **Friday 19th June**—Class 3 Swimming
- **Wednesday 24th June**—New Reception Starters Parent Meeting
- **Thursday 25th June**—Class 3 Tag Rugby Training
- **Thursday 25th June**—Fire Safety Talks
- **Friday 26th June**—INSET
- **Tuesday 30th June**— Lady Manners Y6 Language Session
- **Tuesday 30th June**—New Starters morning
- **Wednesday 1st July**—Lady Manners Y6 Numeracy Session
- **Wednesday 1st July**—PTA Meeting, 7.30pm, Sir William
- **Thursday 2nd July**—Class 3 Tag Rugby Training
- **Friday 3rd July**—Lady Manners Y6 Science Session
- **Friday 3rd July**—Class 3 Swimming
- **Friday 3rd July**—New Starters for Lunch and Afternoon
- **Monday 6th July**—Lady Manners Transition Day
- **Tuesday 7th July**—KS2 Sports Day at EIS
- **Thursday 9th July**—PTA Picnic and Tai Chi Demonstration
- **Friday 10th July**—Class 3 Swimming
- **Friday 10th July**—Class 1 Sports Day at HVC
- **Tuesday 14th July**—Class 3 Tag Rugby Tournament at Hope Cement Works

Parent/Governor Election

After half term you will receive various letters and forms about whether you wish to become a Parent Governor. Lots of people have already shown an interest, which is fabulous. If you would like to know more then please see Nicky Luscombe and have a chat. The role involves 6 Full Governor meetings throughout the year and membership of two sub-committee meetings which also meet 6 times per year. On the application form you will need to state your strengths and skills which could be useful to the Governing Body. These could be financial, policy related, safeguarding, educational, welfare and the list goes on. Please don't be put off if you think you haven't got any of the skills as 'fresh eyes' and questions are brilliant to have.

Please keep an eye on book bags and text messages will be sent out to remind you of deadlines for applications etc.

What Sports Do We Like?

As some of you may know, one of our projects this year has been to try out lots of different sports to see if we would like to learn them and continue with them within school. We have had taster sessions of Indoor Bowling, Dancing, Fencing, Orienteering and Tag Rugby. These taster sessions have led to many different afterschool clubs being started, which is great to see.

Cycling—Bikeability and Early Rider

Bikeability—Year 6 have already had their initial session of Bikeability, where they learnt about how to check whether their bikes were safe and started moving around using different hand symbols. The next two sessions will be on the roads around Grindleford, usually around Mount Pleasant. These sessions will be on the afternoons of Tuesday 16th June and Wednesday 17th June.

Early Rider—For the first time this year we have also signed up to the Early Rider Scheme. This is aimed at children in Class 1 who CANNOT yet ride a bike. There is no point any child taking part who can already ride a bike. This is an opportunity for anyone who cannot ride to have almost individual sessions on a balance bike and hopefully be able to ride by the end of the sessions.

Scooter Rack

The PTA have kindly agreed to fund a scooter rack in the school grounds. This will mean that any scooters being brought to school can be placed safely and securely for the day. We have also discussed a bike rack, but this is on a back burner at the moment. The Sir William has plans to develop a bunk house which will include a lockable cycle shed and have said that the older children may use this facility. This will be a brilliant opportunity.

Summer Uniform

With, hopefully, the better weather soon to arrive, may I take this opportunity to remind parents of the summer uniform rules. These are on the school website. The main confusion usually surrounds footwear. School footwear must be robust and protective. Walking sandals are excellent to allow the children's feet to breathe whilst providing support and safety. We cannot accept flip-flops, flimsy strappy sandals or crocks etc. The children will be playing in the garden, on the scooter boards etc and their feet really do need to be protected. Sun cream should be applied at home whenever possible with sunhats and water bottles brought into school.

**Dates: - Continued!**

- **Wednesday 15th July**—HVC Transition Day
- **Wednesday 15th July**—Whole School Transition Day
- **Wednesday 15th July**—New Starters in all day
- **Friday 17th July**—Class 3 Swimming
- **Friday 17th July**—Leaver's Meal
- **Monday 20th July**—KS2 Production Evening
- **Tuesday 21st July**—KS2 Production Evening
- **Wednesday 22nd July**—North American Indians
- **Thursday 23rd July**—Whole School trip out
- **Friday 24th July**—Leavers Assembly
- **Friday 24th July**—Sport's Day
- **Monday 7th September**—INSET
- **Tuesday 8th September**—INSET

After-School Clubs**Monday:**

- *Rounders Club* - For KS2 only. From 3.20 to 4.15pm. Pick up from the Pavillion. Please see Mrs Callis to sign up or confirm your place again. To begin 8th June and run until 13th July.

Tuesday:

- *Art/Craft Club* - More places are available if interested. Current members please confirm if you want to carry on. From 3.20 to 4.15pm. There is a cost of £5 per session, paid to Anita Dalley, the instructor. Please see Mrs Callis to sign up or secure your place again. To begin Tuesday 2nd June and will run until 14th July.

Wednesday:

- *Gym/Dance Club* - More places are available if interested. Current members please confirm if you want to carry on. From 3.20 to 4.15pm. There is a cost of £4 per session, paid to the instructor. Please see Mrs Callis to sign up or secure your place again. To begin Wednesday 3rd June and will run until 15th July.

Thursday:

- *Tag Rugby Club* - More places are available if interested. From 3.20 to 4.15pm. There is a cost of £5 per session, paid to RuggedEds the instructors. Pick up from the Pavilion. Please see Mrs Callis to sign up. To begin Thursday 4th June and will run until 16th July.
- *Gardening Club*—All welcome. Current members please confirm if you want to carry on, in order to free up more places for others. From 3.20 to 4.15pm. Please see Mrs Callis to sign up or secure your place again. To begin Thursday 4th June and will run until 16th July.

Any changes to the above information will be sent out either through text alerts or a letter. As always a big thank you must go to the staff who run these clubs in their own free time. Thank you.