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Grindleford Primary School Newsletter

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Summer Term 2

Special Events and Dates:

INSET

- **Friday 24th June 2016**

Term Dates—2015/2016

Half Term—

Mon 30.05.16 to Fri 03.06.16

Summer 6—

Mon 06.06.16 to Tues 26.07.16

(Fri 24.06.16—INSET)

Dates: -

Wed 25th May—Fri 27th May—

- Whitehall Residential Trip for Class 3

Friday 27th May—

- Junior Fell race Practice, Classes 1 and 2, pm

Sunday 5th June—

- Grindleford Carnival Opening Ceremony

Monday 6th June—

- Grindleford Junior Fell race

Tuesday 7th June—

- Class 3 Cricket 1-3pm

Wednesday 8th June—

- Class 2 and 3 Climbing at HVC, pm

Friday 10th June—

- Carnival Disco

Saturday 11th June—

- Grindleford Carnival



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 children thoroughly enjoyed cutting up the vegetables for the soup and making tray bakes. Without everyone pulling together, events like this couldn't happen—thank you!

At the PTA meeting on the 18th May the ideas that were generated by yourselves and your children were discussed. The lists of ideas produced a lot of discussion and some really good ideas were put forward. Watch out for the next PTA newsletter for more information.

Well done!

A big well done must go to all the children from Y2 upwards who have just completed their various levels of 'quizzes'. All the children have worked incredibly hard this year and should be very pleased with the effort and commitment they have shown towards their work.

As we all know the Government has been busy creating a new testing regime which is much, much harder than in previous years. It goes without saying that these tests don't measure how lovely your children are, how well behaved they are and so on. We are all in the dark as to what is going to be deemed 'acceptable', so

watch this space. Once the Government have 'tweaked' the goal posts to suit their agenda, we will be given the results and these will come home on the end of year reports.

The Government have also come up with a different language of reporting your child's progress to you, whichever year they are in. This year we will have to say whether your child is reaching, not reaching or exceeding the expectations for their chronological age group. This type of language and testing does not take into account if your child is struggling with spelling or maths, but excelling in other areas. Please rest assured that WE still look at the whole child and will always use the language of personal progress and achievement.

Parent Governor Election

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Mr Paul Hayes put forward his nomination to become a Parent Governor during the recent election process. He was unopposed and therefore a vote will not take place. A massive thank you must go to Paul for his commitment towards moving the school forward. For those of you who maybe don't know Paul, he is Finlay's (Reception) dad.

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. Please check the diary dates.



Summer Term 2– *Continued*



Term Dates: - Continued!

Tuesday 14th June—

- Class 3 Cricket 1-3pm

Wednesday 15th June—

- Y5 at HVC Science and Technology Day

Thursday 16th June—

- Y6 Bikeability pm

Friday 17th June—

- KS1 Sports Day at HVC—pm—TBC

Monday 20th June—

- Class 3 out at Derby Open Centre

Tues 21st June—Wed 22nd June

- Class 2 at Castleton Youth Hostel residential visit

Tuesday 21st June—

- Class 3 out at HVC Design and Technology session am
- Class 3 Cricket 1-3pm

Thursday 23rd June—

- Y6 Bikeability pm

Friday 24th June—

- INSET day

Monday 27th June—

- New Reception Starters 8.55-11.55am
- Y6 Lady Manners Numeracy
- New Starter Parent's Meeting 3.20-4.20pm

Tuesday 28th June—

- Y6 Lady Manners Science

Thursday 30th June—

- New Reception Starters 11.55—3.15pm

After-School Clubs

Monday:

- *Monday Club* - For KS1 only. From 3.20 to 4.15pm. Please see Mrs Callis to sign up or confirm your place again. The club will run until Monday 18th July.
- *Running Club*—For anyone who is willing to RUN! No walkers please. See Mrs Callis to sign up or confirm your place again for next term. The club will hopefully run until Monday 18th July.

Tuesday:

- *Cricket/Rugby Club* - More places are available if interested. From 3.20 to 4.15pm. Cricket will carry on until half term, then it will change to Tag Rugby again until July. Please see Mrs Callis to sign up or secure your place again. The club will hopefully run until Tuesday 19th July.

Wednesday:

- *Gardening Club* - From 3.20 to 4.15pm. Please see Mrs Callis to sign up or secure your place again for after half term. The club will hopefully run until Wednesday 20th July.

Thursday:

- *Rounders Club* - KS2 children only. From 3.20 to 4.15pm. Pick up from the Pavilion. Please see Mrs Callis to sign up. To begin Thursday 9th June and will hopefully run until Thursday 21st July.

- *Art and Craft Club*—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. The club will hopefully run until Thursday 21st 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.*

- ***PLEASE NOTE:*** *Due to the Class 3 White Hall trip, there will be no Gardening or Reading Clubs on Wednesday 25th May.*

Wheelie Wednesdays

Wheelie Wednesdays are becoming lots of fun. We now have people on scooters, skateboards, Heelys and roller skates! Plus the school wheelie boards come out as well. The only restriction is that ALL people taking part must have a helmet on which fits their head. Check out the website for some fab shots and videos.

Summer Uniform

With some better weather showing it's face, 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

**Dates: - Continued!****Friday 1st July—**

- Y6 Lady Manners Language

Monday 4th July—

- Y6 Lady Manners All Day

Tuesday 5th July—

- New Reception Starters all day

Thursday 7th July—

- Y6 HVC New Starters Day

Friday 8th July—

- Y3,4,5 out for Book and Story Telling Day

Wednesday 13th July—

- Grindleford Transition Day
- Y6 HVC Transition Day

Monday 18th July—

- KS2 Summer Production

Tuesday 19th July—

- KS2 Sports Day at EIS, Sheffield
- KS2 Summer Production

Friday 22nd July—

- Whole School Trip Out

Monday 25th July—

- Leaver's Meal

Tuesday 26th July—

- Leaver's Assembly 9.15am
- Sports Day pm—TBC

- **Monday 5h September—INSET**

- **Tuesday 6th September—INSET**

Term begins on***Wednesday 7th September 2016***

crocks etc. The children will be playing in the garden, on the scooter boards etc and their feet really do need to be protected.

A high factor sun cream should be applied at home whenever possible with sunhats and water bottles brought into school. Whilst children are very welcome to bring a named bottle of sun cream into school with them, staff are unable to apply it for safeguarding reasons. The children usually ask their peers to reapply it for them, so please be aware that this is what will be happening.

We will be outside as often as we can be, so all children will need their PE kits in all the time. There is nothing better than an impromptu game of rounders or cricket on a sunny afternoon. It is what being at Primary school is all about.

CARNIVAL TIME!

Yes, it is that time of year again! The children in Class 3 have been busily designing the front cover for the Carnival programme and we have all been designing our own special piece of bunting. This has been really enjoyable and is such a good community idea.

Many congratulations to Abi Somerset for coming up with the winning design for the Carnival Programme.

School will be having our usual tombola stall. This raises money directly for the school. **All donations will be greatly received**—especially chocolate and alcohol! - if you see anything on offer as you are out and about.

School will also be hosting the Grindleford Carnival Disco on Friday 10th June. The first disco is from 6.00pm till 7.00pm and is for Class 1 and pre-schoolers. Parents of school age children do not need to stay, but pre-school children will need to be accompanied.

The second disco will begin at 7.15pm and go until 8.15pm. This is open to Class 2 and Class 3 and anyone else from the village who is school age or older. Parent's do not need to stay for this disco.

The cost of admittance will be £1.00, with sweets and drinks available from 20p.

School will also be doing a Junior Fell race practice on Friday 27th May at 1.15pm. If any parents would like to help out with this practice run, please see Liz/Andy Marshall who are organising the run. Class 3 will be at White Hall so will miss this practice.

BUSY TIMES

As you can see from the Diary Dates, school will be an incredibly busy time this next term. There are lots of visits happening and exciting times ahead. Please keep checking the website for updates and we will try to send text messages out for reminders as well. It doesn't seem like two minutes since we were welcoming our current Reception class as new starters—where does the time go?



2016/2017 Academic Year Dates

INSET DAYS

- Monday 6th September 2016
- Tuesday 7th September 2016
- Tuesday 3rd January 2017
- Monday 24th April 2017—TBC
- Friday 23rd June 2017—TBC

Autumn 1

- 5 September 2016—21 October 2016

Autumn 2

- 31 October 2016—20 December 2016

Spring 3

- 3 January 2017—10 February 2017

Spring 4

- 20 February 2017—7 April 2017

Summer 5

- 24 April 2017—26 May 2017

Summer 6

- 5 June 2017—21 July 2017

Bank Holidays

- 26 and 27 December 2016
- 2 January 2017
- 14 April 2017 (Good Friday)
- 17 April 2017 (Easter Monday)
- 1 May 2017
- 29 May 2017 (Spring Bank Holiday)
- 28 August 2017 (Summer Bank Holiday)

YEAR 6 CHANGES

All Year 6 parents please note the change of date for the Leaver's Meal. Traditionally it has been held on the last Friday evening of term, but this year it is going to be on the evening of **Monday 25th July**. This is due to the availability of the venue, and educational workshops, for our whole school trip out. However, please note that after a late night, the Leaver's Assembly is on the following morning at 9.15am!

The Year 6's will be working on planning and preparing the Leaver's Meal after half term, so watch this space for more information regarding themes etc.

Can you help?

Have you got any spare pants (male or female), socks, school trousers or skirts that your child/ren have grown out of? We are looking to replace our spare kit draw. As this kit is used for anyone who gets their lower body wet/muddy then we need sizes to fit all ages! You wouldn't believe how many strapping KS2 children manage to find massive puddles to sit in!

Toddler Group

As some of you may know we used to have a happy little Toddler group that used to be run in school for an afternoon per week. This came to a halt when work commitments took over. Is there anyone out there (or someone who you may know) who would want to set up and run this lovely group again? The 'leader' would just need to turn up each week and make teas/coffees for people. If you cannot commit to every week, could a couple of you do it as a voluntary job share? I would really like to hear from anyone who is interested.

Sad Farewells

As some of you may know we have had a School's Direct Teaching Student with us all year in Class 1. Miss Fielder has been working primarily with Year 1, but also doing a lot of whole class teaching as well. The idea behind School's Direct is that teacher's learn to teach and what the job entails whilst being in school instead of following a PGCE course in University. Miss Fielder has been an excellent addition to our staff and it is with great pleasure that I announce she has already been appointed to her first teaching job! Unfortunately, that means that we will be losing her during June.

I am sure you will all join with me in wishing her all the best for the future.