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Grindleford Primary School Newsletter

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Summer Term 5

Special Events and Dates:

INSET

- **Friday 23rd June 2017**

Term Dates—Remaining:

Half Term—

Mon 29th May to Fri 2nd June

Summer 6—

Mon 5th June to Fri 21st July.

Dairy Dates:

Friday 26th May—

- Rounders Tournament, 1.30-3.30pm at HVC

Sunday 4th June—

- Carnival Opening Ceremony and Grindleford Football Fund-raiser

Monday 5th June—

- Carnival Junior Fell Race—Evening

Tuesday 6th June—

- Class and Group Photographs—9am

- RNLI in for all classes to talk water safety—all day

- New Starter Parent Meeting—3.30pm

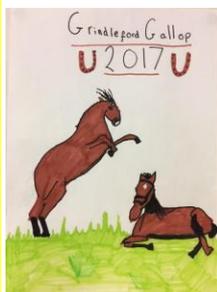
Wednesday 7th June—

- Visiting speaker—Lizzy Hawker—pm—very exciting!
- Carnival Family Games—Evening



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 17th May the ideas that were generated last year by yourselves and your children were discussed again. Many of the ideas we have already been able to tick off and we will be working on the next projects during the 5th July meeting. We will also be looking at choosing next year's charity, so if you have any close to your hearts feel free to bring them to PTA's notice at this meeting.

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. Personally, I think it is very important to focus on the whole child, not just the testing we are forced into completing, however, the results 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. We now 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.

Massive Congratulations!



Woo hoo! We have reached, and passed, the Thomas Theyer Challenge of trying to raise £1000! The total currently stands at a massively brilliant **£1269.00!**

This amount has been raised not only through your own generosity, but also through friends and family donations e.g. recently Lucy, Katie, Alana, Grace, Alice, Alfie and Finley all donated a huge

**Dates: - Continued!****Thursday 8th June—**

- Class 2 to Eyam—all day

Friday 9th June—

- Y5 out to HVC Technology Day
- Carnival Disco—Evening

Saturday 10th June—

- Grindleford Carnival

Tuesday 13th June—

- RuggerEds Class 3 2-3pm

Wed 14-Fri 16th June—

- White Hall Trip—Class 3

Friday 16th June—

- Infant Sport's at HVC 10-11.30am—TBC

Tuesday 20th June—

- RuggerEds with Class 3—2-3pm

Wednesday 21st June—

- New Starters—8.55-12pm

Thursday 22nd June—

- Talent Show

Friday 23rd June—

- INSET DAY

Monday 26th June—

- Lady Manners Numeracy Day—Y6

Tuesday 27th June—

- RuggerEds Class 3—2-3pm

Wednesday 28th June—

- Portrait Drawing Workshop—Class 2+3

Thursday 29th June—

- Lady Manners Language Day—Y6
- New Starters 11.55-3.15pm
- Auction of Promises—Evening

Friday 30th June—

- Lady Manners Science Day
- Sponsored Swim—The ARC—1-3pm

The Thomas Theyer Challenge - Continued:

£127.00 from running the Chatsworth 3K!

The Gallop catering had a donations bucket on the counter top into which runners and supporters placed £241.22! Heidi's immense Jelly Day raised a huge £235.73 and Logan's Pink Hair raised £111.30, with most of this money coming from friends, family and acquaintances outside of school!

Our usual popcorn and ice-cream sales have generated £428.95, whilst extra little food treats like pancakes and hot chocolate sales for 10p have raised £48.75. The children were really keen on thinking up ideas to raise money as well and their efforts with football, art and writing competitions have raised £54.00! The remaining £22.15 have come from donations from visitors into school who were so impressed with what the children were doing that they donated!

What a massive, multi community effort!

The children had come up with some more fundraising ideas which we haven't got to in the diary yet, so we will honour their ideas, but finish fundraising at the end of July instead of going through to next January. These are:

Thursday 22nd June—Talent Show (pupil idea)

Thursday 29 June—Auction of Promises (School Council and Goves idea)

Friday 30th June—Sponsored Swim at the ARC (parent/pupil idea)

As always, your children do not have to take part, only if, as a family, you want to.

Then after all these have been completed, we will count the spare change pot and have a grand total for the last day of school in July.

If you would like to put forward an idea for the school charity for next year, please bring it to the PTA's attention (by 5th July) - Mountain Rescue and Air Ambulance have already been mentioned, but no decision has yet been

Summer Uniform

With some better weather arriving, please can I 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.

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 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.



Summer Term 2– *Continued*



Term Dates: - Continued!

Monday 3rd July—

- Rugby Tournament at Hope—1-3pm—TBC

Tuesday 4th July—

- RuggerEds Class 3—2-3pm

Wednesday 5th July—

- KS2 Sports Day at EIS, 10.30-2.30pm

- PTA at The Sir William Hotel, 7.30pm. All very welcome

Thursday 6th July—

- Transition Day
- New Starters—8.55-3.15pm
- Y6 to HVC all day

Friday 7th July—

- Tag Rugby at St.Andrews—9.30-1pm
- PTA Summer Event—2-3.15pm
Cakes and Tea

Thursday 13th July—

- Whole School Sports Afternoon

Friday 14th July—

- Y6 Leaver's Meal

Monday 17th July—

- KS2 Performance—afternoon and evening shows

Tuesday 18th July—

- KS2 Performance—evening show

Thursday 20th July—

- Whole School summer trip out

Friday 21st July—

- Leaver's Assembly
- Sports Afternoon

After-School Clubs

Having just been through the diary to write up all the exciting events we are doing next term for the children, I realised that there were not many evenings that staff actually had free to run after school clubs—wow! Due to this, we can only offer the following clubs next term. Hopefully, as the diary calms down again in September, we can offer a full compliment of clubs again.

Tuesday:

- *RuggerEds Club* - Unlimited places are available if interested. From 3.20 to 4.15pm. Please see Mrs Ibbotson to sign up or secure your place again. The club will hopefully run until Tuesday 11th July.

Wednesday:

- *Running Club* - For people who are prepared to work on **long distance running** only. If your child **does not** want to do sustained running or is **not capable of** sustained running, this club is **not** for them. Please respect these restrictions as this club has been building up from November 2014 and it is not fair on the other children who have worked so hard.

From 3.20 to 4.15pm. To begin Wednesday 7th June and run until Wednesday 12th July. Water bottles are a must in the summer heat.

- *Gardening Club* - Maximum of 10 - strictly first come first served! From 3.20 to 4.15pm. To begin Wednesday 7th June and run until Wednesday 12th July.

As you know staff run clubs out of the goodness of their hearts and in their own 'free' time when they could be marking or planning lessons. This work still has to be completed, so it then eats into their family time, which they don't mind so long as clubs are not being misused or treated disrespectfully.

I am very sorry to be writing that some of our clubs are now blatantly being used as free child care by some parents. The children should be coming to the clubs because **they want to**, not because **'they have to and hate it'** (in their own words). If a club happens to be running which your child wants to attend, then child care is a bonus. (If you are stuck Peak Time can be contacted on 01433 650004). Please be respectful of school staff and all the effort that they put in to organising clubs and making this school an exciting and interesting environment for the children to be in. (In other schools, every after school club comes with a cost!)

- **PLEASE NOTE:** *Due to the Class 3 White Hall trip, there will be no Gardening or Running Clubs on Wednesday 14th June.*

BUSY TIMES AHEAD

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 diary 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?



Dates: - Continued!

Term Dates—2017/2018

- 4th Sept to 20th Oct
- 30th Oct to 19th Dec
- 2nd Jan to 16th Feb
- 26th Feb to 23rd March
- 9th April to 25th May
- 4th June to 20th July
- 4th and 5th Sept—INSET days
- 2nd January 2018—INSET day

CARNIVAL TIME!



Yes, it is that time of year again! The children in Class 3 have started us off by designing the front cover for the Carnival programme and our reception and new children have busily created their bunting triangle to add to the school bunting from last year.

Many congratulations to Ruby Richardson for coming up with the winning design for the Carnival Programme—it is ace!

Class 2 and Class 3 have been making giant willow structured fish, that they have then covered in paper mache and decorated. They look amazing and hopefully will be hung from the lamp posts around the village. Class 2 also made some smaller fish 'wind' kites which will decorate our school garden.



School will be having our usual tombola stall on actual Carnival Day. 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 during half term. Please bring donations in during the first week back at school.

School will also be hosting the Grindleford Carnival Disco on Friday 9th 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.

SUMMER PTA EVENT

Our Summer PTA event this year will take place on **Friday 7th July** from 2pm onwards. All families and family members, Grandparents, village dignitaries etc are welcome to join us for tea and cake, hopefully sitting in the grounds of the school in the sunshine. (Last year we were very British and ate scones in the rain!).



KITCHEN REFURBISHMENT



If all goes to plan, during our Summer PTA event we can show off our newly refurbished kitchen! The work will start on Tuesday of next week and will hopefully only last for a couple of weeks into next term.

We are having all the wooden shelving etc taken out, new flooring, new paint-work, new extraction hoods and new stainless steel shelving and work surface! Emma is very excited!

Whilst the work is being carried out, Emma will continue to cook our school dinners but using Hathersage School's kitchen. The dinners will then be transported over to school for serving.



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)

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!

Fond Farewells and New Welcomes



As some of you may have already guessed, Mrs Slack is expecting a new bundle of delight to add to her family! Her baby is due in October, so she will be with us until the end of September next year and coming back to us in late July 2018—if all goes to plan. I'm sure that you will all join with me to wish her all the best with her pregnancy and maternity leave. Very exciting times ahead for the Slack family household!

Throughout this year, we have had a School's Direct Teaching Student with us in Class 1. Mrs Clifton 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 a teacher learns to teach and what the job entails whilst being in school instead of following a PGCE course in University. Mrs Clifton has been an excellent addition to our staff and will hopefully be appointed to cover Mrs Slack's maternity leave next year. Watch this space!



Finally!

I hope that you all have a lovely half term and that the weather stays as nice as it is at the moment.

Next term is going to be busy, busy, busy, but hopefully a lot of fun as well.