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Newsletter – June/July 2018



Our Value of the Month for June is **RESPECT** and for July it is **TRUST**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Do you have any spare items for our Reception/Nursery Children?



The Early Years team aim to provide the most engaging, stimulating and challenging learning opportunities for children. In order to create these opportunities, they are kindly asking for your help to develop our outdoor area. If you have any of the following items at home that you are willing to donate, they would be incredibly grateful! They are looking for items e.g. kitchen items such as pots, pans and various utensils, mops and brushes (both large and small hand brushes), wheelbarrow, dolls and dolls clothing, prams for dolls, large paint decorator brushes, roller brushes, toy figures e.g. superheroes, pirates, farm and dinosaurs, adults shirts, variety of hats (including childrens and adults), blankets, pop up tent, fabric e.g. old curtains, bedding, veil, telephones, computer keyboards, children's raincoats / ponchos, umbrellas and large storage boxes with lids. Your on-going support is very much appreciated.

Floral Displays at St Barnabas Church



If you are a keen gardener and enjoy getting some inspiration then you might like to see the floral arrangements in St Barnabas Church. They are currently on display to the public this Sunday from 2.30pm until 6pm (17/6/18) and next Monday 12 noon until 6 pm (18/6/18). Entrance is free and the local community have been invited along to go and see the floral arrangements.

Non-Uniform Day - Summer Fair Donations



It will be our annual Summer Fair on Saturday 7th July between 12pm and 3pm. Everyone is welcome! Donations of good quality used or new items that can be sold at the Fair would be greatly appreciated. In order to promote this we will have a non-uniform day on Friday 6th July. Children can come dressed in non-uniform. Donations for this would be appreciated including tins (e.g. hotdogs), bottles, toys, books, etc.

New Starter Visits



On Wednesday 6th June our new Reception children, and their parents, were invited in to meet the staff and enjoyed visiting the Early Years classroom. This is followed by other visits where the children can get to know the staff and get used to their new environment. Also we will be welcoming our new nursery starters with their parents on Thursday 12th July in the morning and a letter will be sent out in due course to invite them. The staff are really looking forward to getting to know all our new pupils.

On Thursday 12th July each current year group in school will meet their new teacher for their transition morning. A letter regarding class organisation for September is due out this month.

Parents' Evenings for the Summer Term



Monday 2nd July and Tuesday 3rd July are the dates for Parents' Evenings this term for Nursery to Year 5. Year 6 Parents' Evening is on Tuesday 17th July to ensure that children have received their Year 6 SAT results prior to this. If you would like to arrange an appointment please send the reply slip back to school in the letter which was sent out today (11/6/18).

Robinwood Activity Centre for Year 5 and 6



We hope this warm weather continues for our Year 5 and 6 pupils who are going to Robinwood Activity Centre, Barhaugh Hall in Cumbria from Wednesday 17th to 19th September when we return in the Autumn term. Mr Seaton held an information meeting last week for parents/carers of children who are going and showed a DVD of the activities children do, talked about the accommodation the children will be staying in and also gave an information leaflet. If you missed the meeting, and your child is going, then please see the Robinwood website www.robinwood.co.uk/activity_centers/barhaugh-hall/ or speak to Mr Seaton .

We are looking forward to hearing about their adventurous outdoor activities and seeing the photos!

National Drowning Prevention Week



During August when the children are on their school holidays our value of the month is 'Safety'. As part of the work we do on this can I draw your attention to the annual Drowning Prevention Week campaign which will run between 15 – 25 June 2018. The campaign, created by the Royal Life Saving Society UK (RLSS UK) and this year run in partnership with the RNLI and Swim England, aims to reduce the number of drowning and near-drowning incidences that occur in the UK every year, by showing people how to be safe and have fun near water. The campaign encourages schools, clubs, leisure centres and communities, to promote water safety education through events, lessons, games and activities, in a bid to make people more aware of the dangers of water. If you would like more information to share with your child (in addition to that given in assemblies in school) then please see the following website <https://rlss.org.uk/about-us/campaigns/drowning-prevention-week/>.

Attendance Trip Winners



At the end of the term we will announce who has won the attendance trip to Adventure Valley. This trip is for the highest attending year group and, new for this year, also includes children who have achieved 100% attendance since September. This follows on from Parent Questionnaire feedback which suggested the trip could be a reward for those children who achieve this fantastic level of attendance and it seemed like a fitting prize to include our 100% attenders. The provisional date we have for this is Monday 16th July and we wish each year group well. On Friday 8th June our attendance figures, which were shared in assembly, were as follows (please note our aim is to have *at least* 96% attendance for all children):

Year group	Attendance
Reception	94.86%
Year 1	96.53%
Year 2	96.52%
Year 3	96.30%
Year 4	96.55%
Year 5	95.76%
Year 6	96.22%

Just a polite reminder that if you child is absent please telephone the school office on 01913854291 to report it before 9.15am.

Goodbye to and Good luck



This year has gone by very quickly and we are heading towards the summer when we will have to say 'goodbye' to our Year 6 pupils. The Year 6 children will be a huge miss to us as they have such warm personalities, a 'give-it-a-go attitude' and contribute so much to school. We wish them the very best of luck in their secondary schools. Parents and family members of Year 6 are invited to school on Tuesday 17th July, at 9am to enjoy their leavers' assembly and celebrate with us.

Dates for your diary:

Year 1 Phonics tests	From Monday 11 th June
Year 6 weekly swimming sessions	From Monday 11 th June
Sports Day	Monday 25 th June in the morning (gates open to parents from 9am) and Nursery children will be joining in with our races and events this year too
Parents' Evening	Monday 2 nd July and Tuesday 3 rd July for Reception to Year 5
Parents' Evening	Tuesday 17 th July for Year 6
Non uniform day to raise donations for our summer fair	Friday 6 th July
Summer Fair	Saturday 7 th July 12pm – 3pm (donations welcomed)
Free disco for all pupils	Wednesday 18 th July (infants in the afternoon and juniors 3.15-4.45pm)

School closes at 3.15pm on Friday 20th July for the summer holidays and re-opens on Tuesday 4th September 2018. We wish you all a very happy and safe summer!

Yours sincerely Mrs L A Snowdon (Headteacher)