



# SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Week two of the Summer Term with busy times ahead, which we hope the weather will cooperate with! We look forward to seeing you here at school for many of our summer events! Some dates for diaries are at the end of this newsletter but more will be added soon. As well as a wide variety of activities during the term, children will also have lots of *Article 28 the Right to a good quality education.*



## Family Learning Opportunity -

### Year 2 - Year 5 pupils - Maths!

It's been quite a while since we have been able to offer a family learning opportunity here at school but I am delighted to say I have managed to secure an exciting opportunity to start on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May working in partnership with The Foundation of Light. You have the chance to work with your child here at school and at the same time, you might just enjoy learning a few new mathematical skills yourself! The Foundation of Light are hosting a 7 week course that involves an hour looking at how your child learns mathematical skills here at school and then an hour taking part in practical activities alongside your child - inside and outdoors.

There is more information in the leaflet that accompanies this newsletter and, if you are interested in finding out more, please come along to our tea/coffee afternoon and information session at 1.15pm on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Please register your interest on the app consent form so that we can accommodate numbers. Thank you.

## Teacher Training Day - June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Thank you to parents who have responded positively to express an interest in child-care provision on the training day of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. I can confirm that we will offer this as a Scamps childcare session from 8.00am until 5.00pm at a cost of £15.00. I will arrange for the booking and payment option to appear on Schoolcomms next week.





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## **SATs week - 13<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May**

A key week in the life of our Y6 pupils and important right through school as assessments are being completed in other year groups too. Please ensure the fullest possible attendance during this week especially. Year 2 teacher assessments continue throughout May.

## **Playtime on the field - anytime!**

Children really do enjoy the opportunity to play on our school field and it really is a shame that we only get lots of use out of it during the summer term. We have been lucky to have had a new 'mud kitchen' and 'wellie rack' made for us and we want to ensure the children can get lots of use from them.

When the field is dry, then all children will have the opportunity to use it - and the equipment available. When it is too wet for access with normal shoes, we will be able to allow children to change into wellies and still access the activities on the field. Children can bring their own wellies and keep them on their pegs or on our new wellie rack. Please ensure that wellies are clearly named and if they are stored on the wellie rack, please be aware that they will remain outside each evening.

**WANTED!** Pots and pans, spoons mixing bowls etc. to use in our new 'kitchen'.





**Father's Day lunch - Friday June 14<sup>th</sup>**

Following the success of last year's Father's Day lunch, we would again like we to offer Dads (or Grandads) the opportunity to come to school and have lunch with their child/children. We will aim to hold it on one day - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June. If we do have a huge uptake, then we will look to put on a second day option. There will be a cost of £2.50 per lunch which will be collected on the day. If you would like to book a place, please complete the form on the app by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**. If you do want to come, please ensure you do complete the app consent form as food does need to be ordered and additions close to the day do cause problems for the kitchen.

**May Half-term holiday activities**

Unfortunately, the Sedgefield Sports Partnership are unable to provide staff to run the Sports Camp during this coming half-term, but we do have **Scouted Bushcraft activities available Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May**. This is free of charge and should be requested through the app consent form. Numbers are limited to 30 so please register as soon as possible.

**Open Afternoon - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 1.30pm**

It's only 3 weeks to go to this year's Open Afternoon and we are all looking forward to welcoming parents and friends - old and new - to school for the afternoon. We are combining this year's Open Afternoon with our Rights Respecting Day and children will be working on a variety of activities in their classes all themed around the Right to relax and play and enjoy a wide range of activities - Rights Respecting Article. The children do love to see parents and friends dropping in, so please do try to come by and join in where you can. Hall displays will include the wider aspects of school life including school uniform, school lunch sampling, Rights Respecting information, our Eco-Team, Scamps Child Care, Educate and Celebrate information and details about Friends of Cleves Cross. Please come along and visit us if you can. Refreshments will also be available for when you need a rest!

**Non-Uniform Day - ready for Summer Fair**

It'll soon be here! June 27<sup>th</sup> is the date for this year and we are already well on the way with plans. We are going to kick-off our collecting with a non-uniform day on Friday May 17<sup>th</sup>. Children are able to come to school in non-uniform - as long as they 'pay' by bringing in a bottle. The bottle can be anything at all - pop, alcoholic, toiletries, perfume etc. It must however be full and un-opened! Thank you!



**Diary Dates**

Reception Museum visit	9 <sup>th</sup> May
Y1 Hardwick Park	10 <sup>th</sup> May
Bikeability-Reception Class	13 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> May
French Trip parent meet 6pm	13 <sup>th</sup> May
Y3 Oriental Museum	16 <sup>th</sup> May
SATs week	13 <sup>th</sup> - 17 <sup>th</sup> May
Group/Class photographs	20 <sup>th</sup> May
Open afternoon	23 <sup>rd</sup> May 1.30pm
Scouted Bushcraft Day	31 <sup>st</sup> May
Teacher training day	3 <sup>rd</sup> June (School closed)
Father's Day lunch	13 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> June
France trip	17 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup> June
Summer Fair	27 <sup>th</sup> June
'Move - up morning'	2 <sup>nd</sup> July
End of year Performances	9 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> July
Leaver's Disco	19 <sup>th</sup> July

**A message from our Ambassadors for Community Change**

Over the last month, you might have seen we have been putting up temporary 'Dog Poo Bag Dispensers' around Ferryhill and Chilton. We have been monitoring these and will be writing a report about how successful they have been. This will be shared with adults who can help us make changes to our area. We would like to ask our community their thoughts about the dispensers and whether you think they have made a difference. Can you support us? All of your comments are welcome. Please send to [glenys@approachtoo.uk](mailto:glenys@approachtoo.uk) or message Approach Too Facebook Page. Thank you, Brooke, Henry, Hannah, Lucy, Curtis and Elizabeth