



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for the summer term!

Family Fridays

This half-term we will open our doors again for Family Fridays. These will be held from 9-9.30am on:

- Classes 1 & 3 – Friday 10 May
- Classes 2 & 4 – Friday 3 May

We look forward to seeing you in school where you can look at books and speak to staff.

Events – Summer 1st half

Tu 16 & M 29 Apr	Children's first aid sessions
M 22 Apr	C4 visit to Nissan
W 8 May	C1 visit to Tweddle Farm
w/c 13 May	Y6 SATs week
W 22 May	Hoopstarz – whole school
Th 23 May	Y6 transition workshops (Piece of Mind team)

Any changes to the above, or any other events will be shared with you as soon as details become available.

Reception intake – September

Parents of children due to start Reception in September should receive an offer of a place to your allocated school on 16th April. If you are happy with the offer, you don't need to do anything. If you are not happy with the offer, you can contact schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk.

School meal arrangements

Just a quick request to you, to let Mrs Medcalf know if your child(ren) change their meal pattern at any time. We can accommodate a school meal/packed lunch pattern, so if you need to know more, please give Mrs Medcalf a call. School meals for children in KS2 are now £2.81 per day.

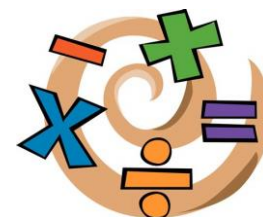
Maths Cafes

As part of our maths project work with Goldsmiths, Ms Patterson has been able to organise some family 'Maths cafes'. These will be facilitated by workers from 'Multiply', an organisation in County Durham, set up to support maths skills. We will be hosting a maths café for each class and we would love to see family members joining in. Cafes will run on Tuesdays from 9-11am.

For participating in the Café, you will receive a **£20 Love to Shop/Asda voucher**. Once you have attended one of our cafes, you can send another adult from the family to claim another voucher at another cafe. There will also be a free raffle with a Kindle Fire tablet to win and time to speak with the Maths Champions from Multiply.

Separate letters will follow for each class, but the dates for your diary are:

Tue 30 Apr	Class 4 (Y5 & Y6)
Tue 7 May	Class 3 (Y3 & Y4)
Tue 21 May	Class 2 (Y1 & Y2)
Tue 4 June	Hazel Dene (2yos) & Nursery 3yos
Tue 18 June	Reception & Nursery 4yos



End of Year Assessments

Statutory testing for many cohorts takes place across the summer term and the dates/test periods are:

- End of KS2 (Y6) – 13-16 May
- Phonics Check (Y1) – w/c 10th June
- Multiplication tables check (Y4) – w/c 3rd June
- Foundation Stage profile (Rec) – to be completed by mid-June

Year 6 – the schedule of testing is set by the DfE:

Tuesday – Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling – 2 papers: questions; spelling
Wednesday – Reading
Thursday – Maths – 2 papers: arithmetic; reasoning
Friday – Maths – 1 paper: reasoning

The expected standards, as set by the DfE, have not changed. We will support the children to do their best, and we will keep the test period as informal as we can. Year 6 papers are sent away for marking, and the results will be released on Tuesday 9th July; Mr Smith will make a judgement on the standard of writing.

Mrs Garside will be organising a Y6 breakfast club for 13-16 May – details will follow.

Attendance is especially crucial for children in these years groups this term. By being in school, we can ensure there is every opportunity to provide support and intervention where we feel it is most needed. Different children will need different types of support but will need to be in school when it takes place.

Length of the school day

As a reminder, in preparation for school's required opening of 32.5 hours from September, next half-term (from Monday 3 June) our hours will be:

4 Longer days & 1 Shorter day

Monday – Thursday: 8:55-15:30
Friday: 8:55-15:05

Doors will open at 8.40am.

This will also mean a change of times to after school clubs in the second half term, but we will write to you to confirm this nearer the time.

2023-2024 Holidays

Holiday	Closing Date	Re-open for Teaching Purposes
May Day 2024	Friday 3 May 2024	Tuesday 7 May 2024
Summer half-term 2024	Thursday 23 May 2024	Monday 3 June 2024
Summer 2024	Tuesday 23 July 2024	Thursday 5 September 2024
School will be closed for the following staff training day: Fri 24 May 2024		

Mrs Dunn

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