



7th May 2021

Dear Families,

I hope that you all enjoyed the bank holiday weekend, although we could do with some better weather. Let's hope it improves soon.

The children are all back in the swing of completing their work within 'normal' lessons. We are providing the children with catch up lessons and additional interventions; they probably haven't realised that they are being given targeted support as the support is being delivered by adults that they are familiar with.

After school clubs

We have trialed the return of after school curricular clubs this half term and they have been very successful.

The children will remain in bubbles for their clubs, so unfortunately we are unable to offer the whole range of clubs to all children. Due to social distancing, we are continuing to run sporting clubs only, as they can be outside (depending on the weather). The days and classes for next half term will be provided soon.

All children can bring in a snack and a drink to have before the club starts. PE kits can be worn on the day of the club, even if it is not a scheduled PE day.

Water Saving Week



This month, we are gaining a deeper understanding of how to save water and protect the planet. On Wednesday 19th May, we are having an inventor day- the children will get the opportunity to invent products to help save water. Children are invited to dress up as an inventor or wear accessories with their school uniform. An old white shirt could act as a lab coat- we do not expect elaborate outfits.

On Thursday 20th May, we are having our rescheduled movie night. Some people have already paid for this event in the autumn term- the money will be carried over. All classes will be having separate movies within the classes and we will give the children a snack. The children can also bring a snack in if they wish. The movies will end at 5pm and we will stagger the release of the classes- please collect from our child's normal exit. The cost is £2.00 per child and the money is used to support CAFOD and their water saving activities. To book, please go on parent pay and search for Cafod Film Night, it may be you have already paid for it. The closing date for booking this will be Tuesday, 18th May 2021.

As Reception class normally have their club on a Thursday, it will be rearranged for this week. Mrs Riley will share the new date with you.

Swimming

We are able to take the children swimming again after the May half term. Year 4 will go swimming weekly on a Friday from June 11th. They need to bring a towel, swimming costume/trunks (no long shorts) and a swimming cap into school each Friday. We often have a lot of worries over swimming lessons, please come and see us if your child has any worries.

Summer term activities

Life is slowly feeling like it is returning to normal, however, we still need to refrain from gatherings where possible. There will be no summer fayre this year again and the sport's day event will be held without parents attending, but we will share photographs with you.





Trips

We are trying to plan many activities for the children to extend their enjoyment of the curriculum. Most activities will happen in school, however, year five have been invited to Jarrow Hall: Anglo-Saxon Farm, Village, and Bede Museum as part of their study on the Anglo Saxon settlements on June 9th 2021. This trip is free and the photos will be used as a promotion for the museum. The school mini bus will take the children in two trips so there is no charge at all. The office will send a separate letter with further information on.

Transition

Nursery

Any nursery pupils who are starting reception class with us in September will receive information soon and will get the chance to meet key staff and look around the classroom. We are hoping that the transition will be seamless as the reception class is going to continue to stay in the EYFS building.

Reception class

The children from reception will be brought across the main school more frequently in the run up to the end of year. This will help them with the transition of moving to year one.

Year six

Year six are beginning to prepare a musical performance. We do not know yet how this will be shared with you all, but we will follow guidelines and risk assessments to ensure that you see it somehow.

We are ordering year six hoodies. The office will share more information regarding this soon.

As you may know, there is usually a specific transition package to make sure that the children are settled and comfortable with the move. We are working with the secondary schools to ensure that this is smooth and we will let you know more when we know more.

Congratulations

Mrs Waite and her husband are expecting a baby in the autumn. Congratulations to them both.



Have a lovely weekend.

Thanking you,

Mrs. Tumelty.
Acting Head of School.

