



# Windermere Primary School

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## Newsletter 12

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to our Year 6 pupils who worked so hard before half term in their statutory assessment tests (SATs). The test papers were sealed immediately after completion and collected by courier, so we must now patiently await the results in July. Year 2 have been completing their own assessments this term and Year 1 will soon be participating in the phonics screening check. Amidst all this testing the children are now beginning to learn songs and dances in preparation for our end of term extravaganza, Aladdin Trouble. Whilst Year 6 take the main acting roles, the rest of the school provide the musical accompaniment. Details of costumes and information about tickets for the three performances will be sent out shortly. This summer there will be only three performances, with pre-school children welcome to attend the afternoon performance.

### VE Day Celebrations – 15th May 2015

Before half term we had a lovely 'street' party style lunch to celebrate VE Day. It was a pleasure to see so many parents sharing in the celebrations.

### Parent Consultation Evenings – 25<sup>th</sup> June and 1<sup>st</sup> July

Having sent home annual reports and targets at the end of the spring term, we will be holding parent consultation evenings later this term. We will repeat the style of the autumn meetings with both evenings offering the much sought after 'after school' slots. Unfortunately some staff (Reception, Year 2 and Year 5) will be out on training or at school sports events, so their 'early evening' meetings will be held on a different day. Please check the dates carefully as the letters are different for these classes.

Please note: there will be no after school clubs on the Thursday and Wednesday evenings.

### Sports Day Tuesday 30th June

Our Learning Together Week is sports themed with a specific focus on the Rugby World Cup. I do hope that many of you will be able to join us for the afternoon's events. The children will be doing a number of other sporting fixtures over the coming weeks so they must have their PE kit in school every day from now on.

**CHANGE of DATE: the KS2 duathlon will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June, not the 24<sup>th</sup> June as previously advised.**

### Dentists' and Doctors' Appointments

Whilst I know that it is difficult to arrange ill-health solely for school holidays, please try to arrange non-urgent medical appointments for after school or if it must be during school time, afternoon appointments are less disruptive.

### Afternoon Teas

Our delightful afternoon teas will be starting soon. Donations of cakes and biscuits are always very welcome. We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible each time.

### PTA Cake Sales

The PTA ran a series of cake sales before half term; these were hugely successful and raised approximately £90 for each class to spend on wet play games and activities or, as in the case of Year 1, on their school trip.



### **Governors' Visit Day**

We are very fortunate to have extremely dedicated governors. As part of their role as a critical friend they visit the school regularly. On the Friday before half term they came into school to observe P4C (Philosophy for Children) taking place in every class. They were very impressed by the deep thinking of our children!

### **Parents' forum**

If you would like your own taste of P4C, come and join us at the upcoming Parents' Forum on 19<sup>th</sup> June at 9am.

### **Staff 2015/2016**

Exciting news!! It turns out that Mrs Alger's thickening girth is not down to an excess of cakes in the staff room, but she is expecting her own little one in the autumn. I know that you will all wish her well. Consequently Mrs Alger will be taking maternity leave for the academic year 2015/16. Despite the county-wide difficulties in recruitment we are very fortunate to have employed a new teacher; Mrs Alger's position as Year 1 class teacher will be taken over by Miss Rios. Pupils and parents in Reception will have an opportunity to meet Miss Rios later this term.

I am sure that many of the children are eager to know who will be their teacher next year.

Reception: Mrs Martindale

Year 1: Miss Rios

Year 2: Miss Clark

Year 3: Miss Scott

Year 4: Mrs Thomas

Year 5: Mr Harries

Year 6: Miss Willmer

PPA cover will continue to be provided by Mrs A Baskerville, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Wiggins.

### **Breakfast Club**

I know that our Breakfast Club is very popular with many parents, but unfortunately we need to increase the cost from September 2015. The cost for each session will go up to £3 with a discounted rate of £1.50 for pupils who qualify for pupil premium. I am sure that you will feel this still represents good value for money.

### **Clubs – before and after school**

Breakfast club starts at 8 am and although staff are here setting up before that time, they can not be responsible for children who are dropped off early. I am concerned that a very small number of parents think that it is acceptable to 'drop and run' before 8 am. Similarly school finishes at 3:15 pm and after school clubs finish at 4.30 pm (with the exception of Cook club which finishes at 5pm). An increasing number of parents are collecting their children late and too often without a word of apology. This is not acceptable and if it continues we will have to look at charging parents for the inconvenience as for safeguarding reasons we have to pay *two* members of staff to wait until the last child is collected.

### **Last, but by no means least – the Summer Fair!**

After some clearing up showers today we are looking forward to a lovely day for our summer fair tomorrow. Thank you if you have volunteered to help out on the day or beforehand setting up. If you aren't able to do either of those please make sure that you bring friends and family along to share in the fun. The choir will be performing some of their O2 songs outside Year 1 just after 12 noon and there will be lots of games and activities to enjoy from 11 am until 1 pm.

I look forward to seeing you there.

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