

Early Years Summer 2 Newsletter



Welcome to the final half term of the year. We can hardly believe we have 7 weeks remaining of this school year. There are a few things we feel you need to know, but as ever, if you have any questions about anything, do speak to a member of the Early Years team.

As we begin to think about the end of this year and the changes in September, there are a few things happening this half term.

From now on, the door to the classroom will be open between 8.40am and 8.50am. This is in line with the rest of the school. If the classroom door is closed when you arrive, please take your child to the school office. If your child arrives after the register has been completed, they will receive a late mark.



We are also continuing to encourage independence. All the children are expected to organise their own belongings at home time and put on and take off clothes and footwear, including coats, throughout the day – we are on hand to help but the children are usually able to do this unaided. In light of this, we would expect all children to organise their belongings at the start of the school day too. Where possible, children should be entering school by themselves, taking off their own coats and hanging them up themselves (a member of staff is always at the door to help if needed), putting away their book bags and water bottles and moving their name on the registration board. We appreciate your help in ensuring the children do this themselves and know they will be fully prepared for the growing independence they will have in Year 1.

In the next few weeks, we will be welcoming our new starters for 2018 into the class for their visits. During these times the children will spend the session in the Year 1 classroom. This is a really good opportunity to get used to different staff and classroom in a non-threatening way. There will also be two transition days in the last week of the term, when the children will spend a large amount of these days in their next classes – more details of this will be sent nearer the time. There will be a meeting for parents towards the end of term. At this meeting we will talk about transition into Year 1, the things that will stay the same and the things that will change. You will have an opportunity to ask any questions and to meet the Year 1 team.



This half term, we will be having two PE sessions – Monday afternoon and Tuesday mornings. We may also have additional sessions as we

prepare the children for sports days. It is vital that children have a **FULL PE kit** in school **AT ALL TIMES**. Your child will need long jogging trousers, a jacket or sweatshirt, shorts, a t-shirt and a pair of trainers. Please make sure everything is **clearly named**. Please ensure that girls have socks in their PE kits if they regularly come to school in tights.

Forest schools will be on Thursdays as before. Your child should continue to come dressed appropriately for the weather. Now it is warmer, they will need thinner waterproof trousers and coat and may need a sun hat (we can hope!). On very dry days, waterproofs may be replaced with long trousers and long sleeves so that arms and legs are still protected from scratches. These can be taken off after forest schools. If you do not have thin waterproof trousers, they may borrow the ones we have at school.

We will continue to visit the library each Friday. Please make sure your child brings their library book on a Friday so they can choose a new one.

Please continue to read regularly with your child. They are getting very confident with their reading, talking about the stories, showing great understanding and using their phonic skills. Your commitment to reading at home regularly is evident in how well they are doing. When you read with your child, please write in their planner the title of the book, a brief comment about their understanding, enjoyment and confidence and whether they are ready to change. Please send reading books and planners to school every day.



This half term we will be learning keeping healthy – particularly brushing our teeth and personal hygiene. We will also think about changes in preparation for the transition into Year 1. We will talk about how we have changed over the year and what the children have learnt.

There will be a new homework menu this half term. We hope you and your children are enjoying the activities on the homework menu. We would love to hear some of the things you have been doing together – please add information to Tapestry to share what you and your child have done at home. We enjoy seeing those activities linked to homework and other things your child has been doing out of school. Please remember to read the weekly note that goes out on Parent Pay each week – this will give you some more information about what we are doing in school. In the next two weeks, we will be finalising the end of year assessments for the children. Please send in any evidence of what they do at home e.g. writing, number work, photographs of achievements as this can all be used to help us make judgements. The assessments will be included in the reports at the end of the year. Please come and speak to us if you have any questions about the assessments.

Remember to check the weather forecast and send children dressed appropriately. They should always have a sun hat available and a waterproof coat with a hood. Please apply sun cream **before** they come to school if the weather is sunny or is forecast to be sunny later - please **do not send sun cream in with your child** as we have other children with allergies.



It is important that children have enough to drink and in the warm weather it is vital that they have a freshly filled water bottle each day.

We will continue our 3rd round of observations with 3 focus children each week. We spend more time observing and interacting with them. These children will have a couple of areas that we are particularly focussing on, linked to their individual needs. There will still be the opportunity to meet with staff the following week to discuss what we observed and how you can help your child. Please note, these meetings are 5-10 minutes long. Staff have a lot of planning, preparation and assessments to do after school and running late on these meetings can eat significantly into time needed to prepare for the next day. Please be aware of this during your meeting – thank you for your cooperation.

As always, if you have any questions or comments about your child, please come and speak to us.

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Some dates for your diary:

5 th June	Start of Summer Term 2
18 th June	Children will visit Y1 – 9.30-10.30
22 nd June	EY class assembly – 2.45 School Hall
25 th -29 th June	Science and Outdoor week – the whole school will be based outdoors for the week. More details to follow.
25 th June	Children will visit Y1 – 9.30-10.30
28 th June	PTA disco (more details to follow)
3 rd July	Meeting about transition into Year 1 2.45pm in the Y1 classroom
4 th July	Children will visit Year 1 - 9.30-11.30
6 th July	Sports afternoon at the university (more details to follow)
10 th July	Sports morning at school
13 th July	Visit to Bridlington with Year 6 (letters to follow shortly)
16 th July	End of year reports sent home
18 th /19 th July	Transition days – children will spend time in their new class
19 th July	3-4pm Tea and cake in the school hall (any donations of cake to the office by 2pm please)
20 th July	Break up for summer holiday (Monday 23 rd July is a staff training day)

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