

## Newsletter May 2017



We have started the summer term with our Key Stage 2 visit to Kielder, and what a fantastic time our children had. They did all sorts of amazing activities, such as the zip wire, the King Swing and even going out on a sailing boat. The centre was fantastic with our needs being met so well. Our children enjoyed fabulous meals and returned to school on the Friday so excited by all they had done. So a big well done to both children and staff who took part in the visit! A resounding success!

### May in school

May is a very busy month in school! We have special tasks for our Year 2 and Year 6 pupils to be completed at specific times, and as that happens we also use the time to make sure everyone else does some special tasks too!

Our teachers will be taking part in 'moderation' meetings both in and out of school, working with other schools in the partnership and also having moderators visit school. All making sure that the assessments we carry out and the judgements we make are comparable with other schools locally and nationally.

Attendance is important all year, but particularly over the coming weeks to make sure your child is in school and is able to do any special tasks with their year group, rather than having to catch up on their own. We greatly appreciate the support from parents in helping our children achieve fantastic attendance this busy time!



### Charity Shop and Air Ambulance Bags to school

Our hardworking PTA have a couple of events this month. First there is the Charity Shop in Wooler, setting up on Thursday 11th May with the shop being open on Friday 12th and Saturday 13th May, see the PTA Flyer for times and directions! All donations for the shop can be given directly to our PTA or sent into school from Monday 8th May.



Following the Charity Shop there will be an Air Ambulance Bags to school Collection on Tuesday 16th May. Again if you have any bags of items for the Air Ambulance, please contact the PTA or send into school on Monday 15th or Tuesday 16th May ready for collection. If you haven't received a bag, let our PTA know and we can arrange for one or use standard black bin liners.



### Mr Hall's visit

Mr Maurice Hall, Headteacher of the Duchess's High School in Alnwick paid us a visit and met some of our children. He came to talk about how we can all work together in the future to ensure both additional activities and experiences for our children and smooth transition to the High School at Year 7. Our older children were thrilled to meet him!



## Thank You!

A huge thank you to those parents who have adhered to our new charging policy and made payments for **lunch money** (£2.20 per day) and **swimming** (£3.50 per week -voluntary contribution) at the beginning of the term/week. It is greatly appreciated and it reduces the amount of administration time for Mrs McCann significantly. \* A gentle reminder that packed lunches will need to be provided after 2 school weeks if lunch money remains outstanding. \*

THANK  
YOU!

## New Treatment Works

Due to the delay in the supply of the tank for our new treatment works the work will now be carried out during the summer holidays, hopefully beginning on Monday 24th July. Further updates will be given closer to the time.



### Heatherslaw Mill and Ford and Etal Railway

As part of our whole school topics this term, we will be visiting Heatherslaw Mill on Tuesday 23rd May. We will also be taking a trip on the Ford to Etal railway, so a lovely visit to look forward to at the end of a busy half term! The visit will be for Reception to Year 6, with our nursery children staying in school on that day due to the activities that our children will be taking part in.

Could you please sign and return the consent for to school by Friday 12th May. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £6.00 per child to cover the cost of the train journey and contribute towards the transport .

## Film Club



The final two Film Clubs of the year will run on Thursday 11th May and Thursday 25th May. **Ratatouille** Cert U, pick up time 5pm on Thursday 11th May. **The Tale of Despereaux** Cert U, pick up time 4.45pm on Thursday 25th May. Please return the reply slip to book.

## Dates for your diary -

Monday 8th to Friday 12th May - Year 6 SATs

Friday 12th and Saturday 13th May - PTA Charity Shop

Tuesday 16th May - Air Ambulance Bags to School collection.

Tuesday 23rd May - Visit to Heatherslaw Mill and Ford and Etal Railway (Rec to Year 6)

Friday 26th May - school closes for May half term, reopens Monday 5th June at 9am

Tuesday 13th June - Class 2 Roots and Shoots at Alnwick Gardens

Thursday 29th June - Musical Roots event at Alnwick Gardens

Saturday 8th July - Summer Fayre

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### Heatherslaw Mill and Ford and Etal Railway

I give / do not give permission for my child / children

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to take part in the visit to Heatherslaw Mill and Ford and Etal Railway on  
Tuesday 23rd May.

I am enclosing a voluntary contribution of £6.00 per child. ☐

Name ..... Signed .....

Date .....

### Film Club



I would like my child / children .....  
to attend the film club on

Thursday 11th May - Ratatouille - 5pm pick up ☐

Thursday 25th May - The Tail of Despereaux - 4.45pm pick up ☐

Name ..... Signed .....

Date .....