

Additional Interventions

School continues to deliver its usual additional academic interventions. In addition to this, with some additional funding from the government and subsidised programmes, we are also supporting pupils with catch-up for after school maths groups, in-school reading groups and FFT Lightning Squad Reading Tuition. If your child is receiving any of these additional interventions, you will be informed at the next parents evening.

SATs for Year 6 2022

All year 6 pupils are required to sit SATs in Reading, GPS and Maths. They will take place from Monday 9th May to Friday 13th May, 2022

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2021-22

| School Holidays 2021-22 | School closes at end of | Re-opens |
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| Autumn half-term 2021 | Thursday 21 st October, 2021 | Tuesday 2 nd November, 2021 |
| Christmas 2021 | Friday 17 th December, 2021 | Tuesday 4 th January, 2022 |
| Spring half-term 2022 | Friday 18 th February, 2022 | Tuesday 1st March, 2022 |
| Easter 2022 | Friday 8 th April, 2022 | Monday 25 th April, 2022 |
| May day 2022 | Friday 29 th April, 2022 | Tuesday 3 rd May, 2022 |
| Summer half-term 2022 | Thursday 26 th May, 2022 | Tuesday 7 th June, 2022 |
| Summer 2022 | Thursday 21 st July, 2022 | Tuesday 6 th September, 2022 |

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2022-23 - provisional

| 2022-23 | School closes at end of day on: | Re-opens for pupils: |
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| Summer 2022 | Thursday 21 st July, 2022 | Tuesday 6 th September, 2022 |
| SLP training day | Thursday 29 th September, 2022 | Monday 3 rd October, 2022 |
| Autumn half-term 2022 | Friday 21 st October, 2022 | Monday 31 st October, 2022 |
| Christmas 2022 | Tuesday 20 th December, 2022 | Wednesday 4 th January, 2023 |
| Spring half-term 2023 | Friday 17 th February, 2023 | Tuesday 28 th February, 2023 |
| Easter 2023 | Friday 31 st March, 2023 | Monday 17 th April, 2023 |
| May day 2023 | Friday 28 th April, 2023 | Tuesday 2 nd May, 2023 |
| Summer half-term 2023 | Thursday 25 th May, 2023 | Monday 5 th June, 2023 |
| Summer 2023 | Friday 21 st July, 2023 | To be confirmed. |

The Gossip

January

2022

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PARENTS' INFORMATION

Some important reminders:

- Please ensure the school office is updated with phone numbers, forms, school dinners, ping and parent pay. Please let us know of any changes to this information or if you need help, phone the school office on 01207 234531.
- If any parent/carer has had a change of circumstances and think they may now be entitled to Free School Meals contact school with the claimant's date of birth and their national insurance number. School can then undertake a quick check.
- Please put your child's name in all of your child's school clothes and P.E. kits on the labels (writing it in pen helps us to find missing items).
- All children need a filled water bottle each day, with their name on.
- Packed lunches should have names on.
- Children are allowed a bag in school to carry their P.E. kit, water bottle, packed lunches, reading book and reading record etc.
- P.E. kits will be transported in bags to and from school every day to allow you to wash kit and school to clean porches. Please ensure your child has their kit every day, as we are no longer allowed to lend pupils spare kit.
- Children are allowed to enter school from 8:30 a.m. until 8:45 a.m. in the morning. School starts at 8:45 a.m. and finishes at 3 p.m.
- Unless phones are absolutely necessary e.g. for walking home alone, they should not be brought to school. If they are brought into school, they are switched off and handed in, to be stored in the school office.
- Fruit and milk money (20p each, per day) are handed to class teacher on entry. Sending a week's money is helpful. Pupils on FSM are entitled to free milk.
- If your child has school dinner, a meal choice form should have been completed and returned to school.
- Junior pupils are allowed to access wrap around care at the Infant School (breakfast club & after school club 8am to 5pm). Please contact the infant school on 01207 234691 to book.

Parents' Evenings can either be face to face in school or by phone at the booked time. You will receive a ping, soon, inviting you to book your slot for Monday 7th March, 14th March or 21st March. If you are unable to attend on one of these evenings, due to work commitments, you may prefer an alternative time and date. If this is needed, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange this, at a time that suits you and the teacher.

Activities in school this term

Kalma Yoga 7 wonders of wellness programme

This term, all pupils in school will take part in a 12 week programme with their class, which brings together yoga and mindfulness in a fun, engaging course. Pupils will learn about their feelings, what happens when they feel overwhelmed & how to develop strategies to help, friendship building, the importance of sleep and activities to maintain positive mental health and wellbeing. School have funded the course for all pupils, to support positive mental wellbeing and it is delivered by Kalma Life.

JANUARY

14th January: Stanley Learning Partnership's launch of SLP showcase event, inviting pupils to prepare for auditions.

24th to 28th January: Life Skills Week: respect & diversity.

Thursday 27th January: Dodgeball team events at the Louisa Centre.

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 2nd February: School Photographer.

Friday 4th February: Tree-planting in local area with Stanley Town Council.

7th-11th February: Year 5/6 Howtown Outward Bound Residential.

Tuesday 15th February: Year 6 Nissan Visit.

Friday 18th February: SLP Showcase Event Auditions in school.

MARCH

Thursday 3rd March: Year 5 Horizons Outdoor Project visit to Harehope Quarry.

Thursday 10th March: Year 5 class Horizons Outdoor Project visit to the Derwent Reservoir.

Monday 14th – Friday 18th March, Enjoy & Achieve Week: Magic.

Thursday 24th March: Year 5 class Horizons Outdoor Project visit to Blanchland.

APRIL

Monday 4th April: SLP Sports Award Launch.

Thursday 7th April: Year 5 class Horizons Outdoor Project visit to Weardale Adventure Centre.

Year 5 Horizons Outdoor Project

Mrs Marley has applied for all year 5 pupils to take part in an expanding horizons outdoor project. The project includes four outdoor visits and is fully funded.

School's Curriculum

Our curriculum continues to be taught fully – please see your child's curriculum leaflet for more information. Year 5 in Mrs Marley's class are swimming this term until Easter. Year 4 are taught the ukulele, Year 5 brass and Year 6 in the summer term will receive drumming tuition. These are all funded by school.

After School Clubs

After school clubs 3:10-4:10pm:

Monday until half-term: Art club, Bingo club

Monday after half-term until Easter: NUFC Tag Rugby, Art club, Bingo club

Tuesday: Maths group tuition (invited pupils). Last session for the year is now Tuesday 5th April.

Wednesday: Shikkari Karate

Thursday until half-term: NUFC Family Learning, Games & Puzzles club, Benchball club, Singing club, Lego club

Thursday after half-term until Easter: Rugby club, Baking club, Easter crafts club.

Reading Homework.

It is important that children read as often as possible (daily, if possible). When you hear your child read sign the reading record, to allow your child to receive their house points. Please try to discuss the text too – there are questions in the reading planners to help.

Support around reading, phonics, age milestones for speaking and listening can be found on the national literacy trust's parent's website: wordsforlife.org.uk (This includes support for early years, primary and secondary). There are some great games and ideas to help your child meet their age-related milestones.