

### Additional Interventions

School continues to deliver its usual additional academic interventions: Read, Write Inc; Additional Literacy Support and Reciprocal Reading. 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 for SEND and FFT Lightning Squad Reading Tuition Catch-Up.

### 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 9<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May, 2022

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2021-22

School Holidays 2021-22	School closes at end of	Re-opens
Summer half-term 2022	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May, 2022	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June, 2022
Summer 2022	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July, 2022	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September, 2022

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES 2022-23

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

# The Gossip

May  
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.

#### Dates for parents

**Parents' Evening:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 3:15-5:30pm, an opportunity to see your child's school work they are most proud of and speak to the class teacher if required.

**Annual Singing Picnic (Iconic Top of the Pops):** performances from all children in the infant and junior school, Y4 ukuleles, Y5 brass, Y6 drumming. To be held this year at Annfield Plain Junior School on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 11:30am.

**Year 6 parents/carers:** Year 6 Leaver's play at 1:30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July.

## Activities in school this term for pupils

### **MAY**

**4<sup>th</sup> May:** Mrs Marley's Year 5 pupils to work with poet Katharine Goda. This is the first day of the start of an artist led project, "I Come From A Place", funded by Durham County Council and Stanley Area Action Partnership. Working with poet Katharine Goda and with the film-maker and animator Sheryl Jenkins, the artists will help the children explore what they mean by place and will help them create celebratory film poems, combining the children's poetry and their animations. The project will take place this term and will involve a further two days of animation workshops. We will share the completed film animation later in the term.

**9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 6 SATs Week.

**16<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May:** Life Skills Health & Fitness fortnight, with a focus on house team games, yard sports day and how to stay fit and healthy with your body and mind. (Please make sure your child has their PE kit in each day).

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May:** Illustrator Liz Million workshops for the whole school.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May:** School's day for celebrating the Queen's jubilee. Children are encouraged to come to school in red, white and blue. They will take part in activities to celebrate the jubilee in their house teams and classes. (This is the last day of school, before the half-term holiday.)

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May:** Year 5/6 cricket team at Annfield Plain cricket club.

### **JUNE**

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June:** First day at school following the half-term holiday.

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June:** Class 4/5 Educational Visit to St James's Park and the Quayside.

**13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> June:** Enjoy & Achieve Week: World of Work.

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June:** Workshops for all pupils with Medical Mavericks around careers in medicine/health.

**27<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July:** Science week with a focus on growth.

### **JULY**

**4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> July:** Geography week with a focus on mapping and fieldwork.

**4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> July:** Year 6 transition days for NDA and Tanfield.

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July:** Annual Singing Picnic at the junior school.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July:** End of term treat for all children not in detention this term.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July, 1:30 pm:** Year 6 Leaver's Play.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** Celebration assembly for end of year awards.

## School's Curriculum

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

## After School Clubs

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

**Monday until half-term:** art club, Just Dance club, NUFC tennis.

**Monday after half-term until Easter:** art club, Just Dance club, NUFC athletics.

**Wednesday:** Shikkari Karate

**Thursday until half-term:** clay art club, basketball club, coding computing 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](http://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.