



# Our Newsletter



June/July 2018

## Welcome back!

We hope you have had a great half term break and we are looking forward to another very busy half term. Hopefully this will include lots of sunny days and outdoor activities. With this in mind please make sure your child is protected and has a hat available in school and sunscreen applied so they can enjoy being outside safely. Please be mindful that we are not allowed to apply sunscreen to your child but they can bring in a labelled bottle and apply themselves if they are able.

Children are welcome to wear our summer uniform which gives the option for red and white checked summer dresses and plain tailored shorts (black or grey). No other styles or colours are permitted.

### New Learning Themes:

**FS1/Nursery:** The topic is **All Aboard** and the children will be looking at pirates and what happens under the sea.

**FS2/Reception:** The children are going to be looking at **Journeys** and this will include their important 'journey' transitioning into KS1 and Year 1.

**Year 1:** The children will have a science based topic called **Enchanted Woodland** and they will learn about plant life.

**Year 2:** The children are continuing to explore **Scented Gardens** as they did last half term.

**Year 3/4 :** The children will be starting new topic entitled **Road Trip USA** where the children will be looking at the geography of North America, the history of Native Americans and planning a road trip for the Smith family.

**Year 5/6:** The children will be starting a new topic entitled **Scream Machine** where the children will be making persuasive posters for a theme park and doing a lot of science linked to the rides.

## Brackensdale's 6Rs:



This half term we will be focussing on being a RISK-TAKER and having a go. We will remind the children that this means taking calculated risks and that this is a positive attitude to adopt but not doing anything reckless or dangerous.

This is the last of the 6Rs for this academic year and we continue to embed them next year across the primary school to encourage all children to be well rounded people and members of their local community.

## General Information & Reminders:

### Year 6 & Year 2 SATs

A huge 'well done' to all the Year 2 and Year 6 children that sat their SATs before half term. They have worked incredibly hard all year (as have the teachers and teaching assistants), and displayed many of the strategies linked to our 6Rs, such as resilience, respect, resourcefulness and perseverance. We are sure that all their hard work will result in some pleasing results across the school. We were very proud of the children and will share the results later in the term.



### Attendance

This issue remains an extremely important one and we continue to celebrate with the children when they achieve excellent levels of attendance. We will however continue to send letters home and encourage parents to meet with us if attendance levels drop off and we are unsure why. The Education Welfare Officer, Rozina Latif is working very closely with us to support our efforts to ensure all children come to school on time, every day unless they are too poorly to do so.

Rest assured if you send your child to school and we feel they are unwell we will send them home.

We are starting to see an improvement in this area and we thank you for your support.

**It really does make a difference to your child's all round achievements.**

### PE Kit reminder

A reminder for all children to have PE kit in school that is named and fits adequately, especially pumps. We do have some spares in school but if you can check your child's PE kit that would really help for PE lessons and sports day.

*Children must be able to remove their earrings themselves or better still not wear them on the days they have PE. We are NOT allowed to remove them and they can't take part with them in for health & safety reason.*

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## Playgrounds

Several parents have brought it to our attention that children are riding bikes in the playground at home time and this is proving to be extremely dangerous with one small child almost being knocked over. Please do not allow children to ride bikes in either playground at the start or end of the day or we will have to ban them completely from these areas.

Can we also encourage all adults and children to put any litter in the bins provided as one of the teaching assistants filled a bin bag with rubbish from both playgrounds before half term. This is not the environment we want our children to be playing in and if we all put our own litter in the bins or take it home this can be easily avoided.

Thankyou

## End of day procedures

Just a quick reminder that if you are running late and you are not able to collect your child from the infant site before 3.20pm you will need to come through the front entrance as the doors will be closed. If you wish another adult to collect your child PLEASE make sure their name is on the 'End of Day' procedure forms and then the staff know you have given permission for them to do so and don't need to contact you. If their contact details are NOT on the form then we will contact you to check for obvious safeguarding reasons.

*You can add or remove names at any time by popping into the office.*



## Morning Run

There has been a lot of information in the media about the benefits of schools doing a Morning Run or Morning Mile. The evidence shows it creates a good start to the day and makes children's brains ready to learn. As a trial from **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June**, we are going to start having a Morning Run every day from **8:40 for 15 minutes** on the school field. The aim isn't for children to run a mile (4 circuits of the field), but to try to do their best each day. Children can run or walk or a bit of both. There will be staff joining in and any parents are more than welcome, too. We hope to see some benefits in fitness and learning.

**Book Week Dressing Up Day:** There will be a Book Week dressing up day this Friday (8<sup>th</sup> June) so we look forward to an interesting day to end our book week across the school. We are asking for a £1 donation, all of which will be spent on new books from our Book Fair. If you would like to donate a book, we have a special Donation Sticker to record who made the donation. Look out for some interesting characters...

## Key Diary dates

### These dates now take us up to the Summer break



#### Mon 4<sup>th</sup> June

Tues 5<sup>th</sup> June

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> June

Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> June

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> July

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> July

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> July

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> July

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> July

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> July

Wed 18<sup>th</sup> July

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> July

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Tues 24<sup>th</sup> July

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> July

**Back to school (7 weeks 3 days) – INSET (Report writing & TA training)**

**Book week** – to link with Derby Book Festival (1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018) Book Fair

Y5/6 Residential at Pine Lakes (2 days)

Friends of Brackensdale (FOB) meeting - £5 voucher for turning up.

Dressing up Day

Y1 Phonics check **End of year assessment week (inc Y6 writing)**

Transition day (Welcome Assembly for Y2s 9:15 & New parents mtg 3:30pm)

KS1 athletics morning at Moorways + Summer Fair afternoon

Sports morning am

Marathon am

Reports to parents

Awards assembly – Swimming + Star of the term

Open evening/exhibition

Family Bike ride

Y6 Leavers Performance 1:30pm followed by Y6 leavers party

Final awards assemblies - 100%ers for term & year, Star of the year – Children break up

**INSET + Break for Summer**

## Suggestions:

Thank you for taking time to read this newsletter. Please continue to use the Suggestion Box in the Main reception if you have any further ideas/comments.



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