

North Park Primary School

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June 2021 Newsletter

Children have settled well after their return from half term; like you we still await information from the Government in relation to the change to any restrictions in school. Therefore, all plans we make continue to be in line with DFE advice. This is particularly important given the rise in cases as a result of recent variants. Please continue to remain vigilant to the symptoms of coronavirus, continue to maintain social distancing when dropping off and collecting children, and where necessary book a test:

- If there is any incident of a child (or adult) displaying the following symptoms, you must not to send children in and should book a test; Mrs Harris can advise on this.
 - **a new, continuous cough**
 - **a high temperature**
 - **a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)**
- **If a child develops symptoms in school we will:**
 - Contact parents immediately and ask that you take your child for a test; if the result is positive other children and adults in that class bubble will be advised to isolate for 10 days.
 - Seek advice from HPA if we have more than 2 incidences of infection in 14 days and advise parents accordingly.

Testing at home for families and pupils – for those families who would like access to lateral flow tests:

- Residents can book an rapid Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test online at www.bookwhen.com/dcc_testing or contact County Durham Together Community Hub on 03000 260 260 if you have no internet access.
- You can check the location of all County Durham LFD sites, opening times and get directions at <https://countydurham.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>
- You can also collect LFD testing kits at a community collect sites and pharmacies across County Durham. Find your nearest collection point <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk>
- Lastly you can order a home LFD test kit online to be delivered to your home at Gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

Other news

- We have all been enjoying the super weather – please ensure your child has sun cream and ideally a hat on hot days; for our younger children the teachers will send a permission slip in relation to sun cream for you to return – this is particularly important as children in EYFS spend a lot of time outdoors as part of their provision.
- We welcome back Mrs Willcock from her maternity leave; Mrs Hemmingway continues to work in school in a part time capacity too. We are sad to say Mr Maxwell will be leaving us at the end of term to take up a new post in another school – we wish him well for the future and thank him for all his hard work over the last year. We have successfully appointed Mr Atkinson as a new teacher to start in September.
- We will be arranging 'move up' mornings later in the term so children can spend some time in their new classes with their teachers. On current planning teachers next year will be as follows:

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| Nursery – Mrs Willcock | Reception – Mrs Summerill |
| Year 1 – Mrs Alderson and Mrs Hemmingway | Year 1/ 2 - Mrs Kalus |
| Year 2 – Mr Logan | Year 3 – Miss Walton |
| Year 4 – Miss Leckenby | Year 5 - Mr Atkinson |
| Year 6 – Mrs Logan | Mrs Wood – Nurture group teaching |

Mr Summerill will be providing specialist music and science teaching and additional teaching in Year 4 and 5. Mrs Natrass and Mrs Atkinson will be also be providing additional teaching in school.



SCHOOL MEMBER



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- The children have had a super week undertaking Me and My World projects (linked to PSHCE curriculum work), and we have enjoyed having visitors in school to enhance this work; the chef in Year 2 managed to get the children to try out lots of amazing foods and they are all super fit from trying the smoothie bike; the wonderful tooth magician visited Year 1 and Mrs Wood's class; Year 3 have been learning about all things first aid and enjoyed their visit from the Fire Engine – Reception also managed a sneaky visit to the engine, finding out about people who help us; Year 4 and 5 enjoyed their visits from the PCSO; and Year 6 have learnt all about Democracy and enjoyed their visit from the Town Mayor.
- School photographs were taken this week – please return these by 23rd June if you wish to purchase these.
- Last month children in Key Stage 2 really loved the Escape Rooms activities organised by Mrs Logan – luckily no-one was permanently locked in, and the problem solving was tremendous!
- Thanks to the staff for providing some great activities for the children; gardening club is underway – Mrs Kalus and Miss Diaz and creating some great growing areas in our new planting beds; Year 2 have been enjoying Mathletics club with Mr Logan each week; Guitar club is well underway with Mr Summerill; we have also been lucky enough to continue access to lunchtime and after school sporting activities. The children really enjoy these activities and we hope that we will be able to expand the things we are doing as restrictions begin to ease. We are also grateful to the Youth Centre for the access we have to the sports hall – without that some of these things couldn't take place!

Reminders:

- Could any parents of Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 children who may have not applied for **Free School Meals**, and think they are entitled please let Mrs. Harris know. This helps us access funds to support your child in school across all areas and is especially important as the children move to their new classes; from Year 3 onwards children who are not entitled to free meals must pay as universal free school meals are only given to KS1 and Reception pupils. If in doubt give Mrs Harris a ring – she can undertake a quick confidential check for you.
- It is vital children attend and are on time for school; Local Authority continue to monitor **attendance** and will intervene if your child accrues seven days or more of unauthorised absence in a term (this includes ALL unauthorised absence – holidays and any other unauthorised sessions, including late after registration).
- Please can parents of Reception children or Mrs Wood's group waiting to enter each morning ensure children are not chasing between cars in the car park. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs P Monk



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Dairy Dates

June

14-18 Sedgefield Dash activity (in school)
18 Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight Check
21 Make Music Day
23 Year 6 Athletics and Games morning
25 Reception Farm Visits

July

1 Chef – Year 6
2 Year 6 visit to Weardale House
8 FBEC transition day
Week beg. 12 July Day to be notified – Whitworth Transition
16 School closes for pupils for the end of year
19-20 PD days (staff training)

North Park Primary School HOLIDAYS 2021/2022

(other schools may be different!)

| Holiday | Closing Date Last day in school for children | Date Re-open for Teaching Purposes |
|-----------------------|---|--|
| Summer 2021 | Friday 16 th July 2021 | Thursday 2 nd September 2021* |
| Autumn half-term 2021 | Friday 22 October 2021 | Tuesday 2 nd November 2021* |
| Christmas 2021 | Friday 17 December 2021 | Wednesday 5 th January 2022* |
| Spring half-term 2022 | Friday 18 February 2022 | Tuesday 1 March 2022* |
| Easter 2022 | Friday 8 April 2022 | Monday 25 April 2022 |
| May Day 2022 | Friday 29 April 2022 | Wednesday 4 May 2022* |
| Summer half-term 2022 | Friday 27 May 2022 | Monday 6 June 2022 |
| Summer 2022 | Thursday 21 July 2022 | Monday 5 September 2022 |

* on current planning we will be closed for the following Professional Development Days in the 2021-2022 school year - 1.9.21 1.11.21 4.1.22 28.2.22 3.5.22

