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**NEWSLETTER 16 - 24th May 2018**

The next Newsletter will be issued on 14th June

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|  | **Certificates - General Achievement and Writer of the Week** | **KiM** |
| **Class 1** | Edward, Connie | Harriet |
| **Class 2** | Frank, Emily, James, Finlay, Dylan, Joshua | Hance |

I can’t believe how quickly the term has flown and we find ourselves now at the end of another and looking at the final half term of the school year. This time of year is crammed full of sporting activities and trips out so please keep checking emails and school bags for letters. When we return there will be scaffold up across the front of school as the fascia boards are being painted/replaced, this will still allow us to enter and exit school as normal. We are also having the outside of the windows of Class 2 painted during half term and the patio doors from the library have already been done.

I recently gave all the children a sheet called ‘Persuade Me’ this is asking the children to write a review of a recent book they’ve read but to persuade me to read it. There will be prizes for the best persuasive writing and all the entries will go on display on our library. They will need to hand them in on the first day back after half term (4th).

As part of our ongoing PSHCE and in light of recent local events I have discussed in length with your children recently about ‘Stranger Danger’. They may talk to you about it.

There is lots of excitement at school as I will be giving the children the scripts for our play at Victoria Theatre Settle. If they could read through the script over half term then they are as familiar as they can be, then we can start practising. They will need to bring the script to school every day. Thanks.

**Whole School Tennis Coaching** – Tennis coaching is going very well with Adam Cox from Skipton Tennis Centre and will continue until May half term. Like last year we are going to watch professional tennis players play at Ilkley Tennis Club in June. Details to follow. The last session is tomorrow morning (Friday).

**Tag Rugby with Hedley Verity from Wharfedale RUFC** – Class 2 are having weekly tag rugby training on a Monday afternoon in preparation for tournaments for Y3/4 and Y5/6 later in the term. Please remember to send warm PE clothing as they will be outside unless it’s raining heavily.

**PE with Sam Pickard** – Sam from SELFA continues to deliver PE for the whole school on a Wednesday afternoon – the same applies with warm joggers and hoodies if it’s cold.

**Cricket Coaching** – Cricket will start for the whole school with Anthony Bradley for 6 session starting Tuesday 5th June.

This will take place outside so please send appropriate PE kit for the weather.

**Junk Modelling**  - Thank you for donations of cardboard boxes for Class 1 junk modelling. More would be appreciated (though not dishwasher or soap powder please)

**ParentPay**  **- Please can everyone check their ParentPay accounts for lunches, ASC and Group 8.** Please remember that everything on ParentPay is via a daily register (apart from Group of 8) so parents must keep checking/paying regularly please.

**Y6/Y2 Lunch** – Finlay writes ‘on the 17th May the Y6’s and Y2’s went to the Old Barn Café to ‘celebrate’ the finish of the SATS. When we got there we sat down and had delicious sandwiches with crisps, with the sandwiches in a circle and some salad in the middle. We got to choose our drinks from a huge fridge. Afterwards we even got to choose our own ice cream ( I think cherry whim-wham was the most popular) and we ate them by the river since the sun was shining. A big thank you should go to Mrs Allen for organising it. We had an excellent time and hope the future Year 6’s and 2’s will have the opportunity to do it too’.

WELL DONE TO ALL THE Y2 AND Y6 CHILDREN WHO WORKED HARD TO DO THEIR BEST IN THE RECENT TESTS.

**Y1 Playground Games at Sandylands** – Year 1 wrote ‘we went to Sandylands. There were lots of other schools there. We learnt how to play different games. We had to throw bean bags into hoops, we scored points for every bean bag we managed to get in the hoop. We also played a game with a big parachute and lots of balls. It was boiling hot but we all had lots of fun’.

**KS1 Dance Festival at The Academy**  - Edward writes ‘We went to Skipton. We did a warm up to start with then got a partner that we hadn’t met before. We had to follow Howard and hold hands with our partner. There were lots of other schools so there were lots of children. After we had a practise we were split into two halves. I went second and the other half watched. It was really fun’!

**Y3/4 Tennis Finals at Skipton Tennis Centre** – Alice writes ‘although we had got into the semi-finals does not mean we had got into the finals. We came second by one point! Ninety four and ninety five. Adam (the tennis coach) said that it was the closest first and second places ever. The first match we all won. However in the second the boys won and girls lost. Good for us, the girls won, sadly the boys lost so we aren’t going to York for the finals’. Well done to Beamsley Boyle and Petyt though who are going.

**KS2 Dance Festival at Sandylands** – Lisa writes ‘The day of the dance festival shone all afternoon. Our enthusiastic dance teacher, Howard, went to great lengths to get every school to enjoy every moment. It was all very fun and everyone took part. It was an amazing afternoon’

**Bags2School** – Please note that we will be collecting again for Bags2school on Tuesday 12th June. Your child/children will be bringing some bags home tonight with instructions for collection. You can leave bags in the school office on Monday 11th June or bring to school by 9.00 am on the 12th.

***Safari Café Rota*** *– Please see attached the rota organised by Victoria Forrow for helping on Sunday 27th May in Malham Village Hall – any problems, can you contact Victoria*

*The Malham Safari starts on Saturday and as you know we are running the cafe on the Sunday. For those of you who aren't available to help at the cafe if you have time to bake and donate a cake / biscuits for us to sell that would be fantastic. The current volunteer schedule looks as follows*

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| **Time slot** |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 9am-11am |  | Victoria Forrow | cedric broady | Heather Mitchell | Sarah Hargreaves | Kathy Pringle |
| 11am-1pm |  | Kate Rollason | Lizzy Kimberley | Cedric Broadey | paul forrow |  |
| 1pm-3pm |  | Rachael Caton | Victoria Forrow | gill petrucci | simon kimberley |  |
| 3pm-5pm |  | Rachael Caton | paul forrow | gill petrucci | Victoria Forrow |  |

As you can see we are still a bit light on the ground for the afternoon sessions. I was hoping not to spend the entire day there, so a couple more volunteers would be fantastic and greatly appreciated by my feet!

Thanks all in advance!

Kind regards

Victoria

UPDATE FROM THE GOVERNING BODY

As promised in a recent newsletter, I will be providing you with a half termly update on the work of the Governing Body.

One of the main priorities for the Governing Body at the moment is obviously to secure long- term leadership for our school. In a previous update I informed you that the Governing Body were considering four possible options. From these, one preferred option was unanimously selected by the GB at a meeting just before Easter and since then we have, with the support of the Local Authority, been working on this option, with a view to an Executive Headteacher being in post from September. I appreciate that this is a process which has taken time and I thank you for your patience and support of the school during this period. I will of course provide further details as soon as I am able to after half term.

The Governing Body are also focussed on making sure that we are prepared for our next Ofsted inspection. Having been last inspected in October 2016, we will be due inspection within 30 months of this date, i.e. by early 2019 at the latest. To support this preparation Mrs Allen and our Vice Chair Rachael Caton, have recently attended a useful training event which was focussed on making sure that your school is ‘Ofsted ready’. In early July the Local Authority will also be undertaking some work with the Governing Body, to assess how ready they feel we are for an Ofsted inspection. You may be aware that a small group of parents met with our School Improvement Advisor, Simon Ashby this week. Simon requested the session as part of his ongoing assessment of the school, to gauge the views of a sample of parents. Parent feedback is always welcome and I would encourage you to complete the Parent View survey at any time, which can be found at https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/

Routine Governor monitoring visits to the school have continued this half term. One governor was also present for each of the Y6 SATS tests. In addition Sophie Eddleston, who is the link Governor for reading, accompanied Mrs Allen and a group of children to the Madeline Lindley book store, where I know they had a very enjoyable day choosing books for the new library.

Finally, a picture gallery of our Governors and their areas of responsibility will shortly be available on the school website, I hope you will take time to familiarise yourself with who is on your Board.

Wishing you all an enjoyable half term break.

Andrew Booth

Chair of Governors

**Sports Day** – Sports Day will be on Thursday 21st June in the afternoon – 1.45pm Reserve Sports Day if bad weather will be on Friday 22nd June.

**Diary Dates**

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| Friday 25th May | 9.30 – 11.30 am Final Tennis session for whole school  3.30 pm Summer Half Term |
| Monday 4th June | 9.00 am School opens |
| Tuesday 5th June | Whole school Cricket (6 weekly sessions) with Anthony Bradley, Settle Cricket Club |
| Thurs June 7th | 1.00 pm Y4 Boys Cricket at Skipton Cricket Club – details to follow |
| Monday 11th June | 1.00 pm Y3 and 4 Quad Athletics (details to follow) |
| Wed 20th June | 11.30 – Whole school to Ilkley Tennis Club for workshop and watching professionals |
| Thurs 21st June | 1.45 pm Sports Day |
| Friday 22nd June | 11.00 am Tempest Photographers to take whole school photo  Reserve Sports Day (in case of bad weather on 21st) |
| Wed 27th June | 1.00 pm Tag Rugby Tournament at Skipton – details to follow |
| Thurs 28th June | 1.00 pm New Entrants transition afternoon (1) |
| Thurs 5th July | 12.00 noon New Entrants transition afternoon plus lunch (2) |
| Thurs 12th July | 9.00 am New Entrants transition day (3) |
| Wed 18th July | 6.30 pm School Play at Victoria Hall, Settle |
| Friday 20th July | 9.30 – 11.30 am Adam Cox for whole school tennis  Leavers Assembly (time to be confirmed)  3.30 pm End of term |

**PE** – please can you ensure that all children are fully equipped for **outdoor** PE. Joggers, warm top and trainers and that they are labelled correctly too. Thank you.

**School Uniform** – We have been informed by our suppliers MC Sports that uniform is available to order online at <http://www.mcsports.org.uk/kirkby-malham-primary-school/>

You can also ring Mike on 01756 791688 or email him at [mcsportsonline@gmail.com](mailto:mcsportsonline@gmail.com)

**GDPR – Privacy Notice for Parents and Pupils**

**The latest Privacy Notice for Parents and Pupils can be seen on our school’s website under Statutory Information**

***Safeguarding Notice***

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