



June/July Newsletter

Summer Fair

Thursday 6th July 2016

Please could you start collecting together 'raffle jam jars', good condition unwanted toys and books and bring them into school. Thanks!

Dear Parent/Carers,

We hope you have had a good half term break. We are looking forward to some sunny days this term and lots of outdoor activities.

The Year 6 have now completed their SATs and we are now awaiting the results which usually arrive in early July.

Consultation on the proposed merger of the infant and junior schools to form a new primary school.

Due to the retirement of Diane Reddish (the Infant Headteacher) at the end of this term, the Local Authority is proposing a merger of the infant and junior schools to form a new primary school from January 2018. There are many benefits for the children and their families to this proposal and it is broadly supported by our Governing Body and staff. There will be a 6-week period of consultation starting on 13th June until 25th July. All parents will receive a letter next week highlighting the benefits of a merger and the effects on all involved. We have planned a meeting for all parents and carers at **9:15am on 22nd June** in the Junior hall. We will take you through all the information and will answer any questions or queries that you may have.

It is an important decision towards what could be an exciting future. We welcome as many views as possible.

New learning themes:

This term **Y3/4** will be following the 'Urban Pioneers' theme where the children will be looking at signs and slogans; the street furniture and skyline of Derby and visiting the Stone Centre. We also have a local artist coming in to do some 'urban art' with the children and to help put an urban mural on one of our storage boxes in the playground.



This term the **Y5/6** theme is 'Ancient Egypt'. The children will be travelling back in time 5000 years to the dusty realms of ancient Egypt, entering a world of mysteries and curses, mummies and kings.

There is more information on our website (www.brackensdalejuniorschool.co.uk) and some topic webs and homework choices will be coming out soon. Let's Keep Loving

Learning!

Exciting events this half term

This week the children returned from the holiday to **Book Week**. Each class has focused their work on a particular book or author. We are linking our book week with the Derby Book Festival. As part of this we are taking some Y5/6 children to meet author Marcia Williams and some Y3/4 children to meet the authors Sarah McIntyre & Phillip Reeve. All children have the **option** of dressing as a book character on Friday 9th June.



We have a book fair, with books on sale from reception until end of school on Monday 12th June.



Friends of Brackensdale will be re-launched after the result of the merger. Until that time, the Monday coffee morning will continue until the summer break and we will continue to welcome help from parents for events such as the Summer Fair and Sports day.

Sports day: We will be holding our Sports day on the morning of **Tuesday 11th July** (approx 9:15 start). It will follow our usual format of mixed ages teams (including Infant children) entering 8 events, all competing for points that build in to an overall score and a winning team. There will be some refreshments and the opportunity for parents to watch their children in all the events.



Community Links:

We continue to forge links with the local community. At the end of last term 30 Y6 pupils were involved in a link event with Derby County FC and Rolls-Royce. This term all the Y5 children will visit Derby Quad as part of the 'Just imagine working here' project. Also the Y5/6 classes have continued our link with the Arboretum area of Derby with the Faith Walks to promote an understanding of everyone who lives in our city.

Music:

On Wednesday 21st June our musical link with **Keystings Educational** continue when they come into school to show a range of musical instruments and styles. This compliments the brass instruments Y4 have been playing and the drumming tuition in Y5&6.

Sun protection

When we have hot, sunny days it is important that the children are protected. Please ensure the children have hats and sunscreen so they can enjoy the sun safely. We are not permitted to apply sunscreen to children, but we do have sunscreen dispensers provide by the Colin Bloomfield charity Sun Safe. Also remember our summer uniform gives the option for red & white checked summer dresses and plain tailored shorts (Black, grey or blue). No 'Bermuda' style or sports shorts.



PE kit: To allow us to make the most of the good weather, it is useful if the children have their PE kit in school every day. (Ensure that they have names in).

Themed lunch

Our school lunches continue to do well with more children taking up the choices on offer. As part of a celebration of this we will be having a 'Trip to the Seaside' themed lunch on Friday 21st July. The children will be to order a lunch in a 'chip shop' box and an ice cream. If the weather is fine, we will be eating on the field. The price for children is the normal £2.15, but we are offering for parents to join us at a price of £3.15. This must be booked beforehand to reduce any wastage. A form will be sent out w/c 3rd July.

Key dates for the year:



INSET days:

The last two INSET days, when the school is closed for training, are **Monday 19th June** and **Wednesday 26th July** – this means the last day of term for the children is **Tuesday 25th July**.

Both of these days are the same as the Infant school.



If we have to make any changes, we will try to give you as much notice as possible.
Stick it on your fridge etc.

Key Diary dates for 2017

Mon 5th June	Back to school (7 weeks 3 days) – INSET (Assessment & TA training)
Tues 6th June	Book week – to link with Derby Book Festival
Mon 12 th June	End of year assessment week
Thurs 15 th June	'Meet the author' day
Mon 19th June	INSET day – school closed for training
Fri 23 rd June	Y6 Alton Towers trip
Thurs 29 th June	Y3/4 Stone Centre visit
Fri 30 th June	Y5/6 Farmer's market – parents invited 2:00pm start
Tues 4 th July	Common transfer day – Y6s have a day at their new school. Y2 children spend the morning in their new junior classes. New parents meeting at 3:30pm
Thurs 6 th July	Summer Fair
Fri 7 th July	Y5/6 Egyptian day
Mon 10 th July	Reports to parents
Tues 11 th July	Sports morning am
Wed 12 th July	Marathon am
Mon 17 th July	Awards assembly – Swimming awards + Star of the term
Wed 19 th July	Open evening/exhibition
Thurs 20 th July	Family Bike ride
Fri 21 st July	Themed lunch day – 'A trip to the seaside'.
Fri 21 st July	Final awards assembly - 100%ers for term & year, Star of the year
Mon 24 th July	Leavers Performance 1:30pm followed by Y6 leavers party
Tues 25 th July	End of Year Assembly. Break for summer children returning on Thurs 7th Sept
Wed 26th July	INSET – school closed for training

If you lose the newsletter, this and previous newsletters are on the school website.