



Newsletter

May 2019



Enrichment Week

Harmony Day and STEAM Day – 20th and 21st May

We're looking forward to our Enrichment week this month. As in previous years, parents and carers have the opportunity to 'drop in' during the day to see some of the exciting activities we'll be taking part in on Harmony Day and STEAM Day.

Harmony Day – Monday 20th May (Range of art activities throughout the day)

STEAM Day – Tuesday 21st May (Range of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths activities)

We look forward to welcoming parents/carers into school on those days, but so that it doesn't become too busy, we have allocated 30 minute time slots to pop in. We also need to limit this to one adult per child on one of the days only. We regret that the Enrichment days are **NOT** suitable for younger children.

If you're able to come along, please choose a time slot on one of the days and return the attached form to school. Please understand that these are 30 minute 'drop ins' so that we can keep numbers manageable. Parents should come along to the office entrance where entry will be at specified times.

Please note, we will have a planetarium dome in the hall for science sessions on 21st May. As a result, ALL children will have a packed lunch that day. If your child usually has a school lunch, this will be provided. Hopefully, we can have a picnic outside if the weather is kind!

OPAL Wednesday 22nd May

We're celebrating Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) on Wednesday 23rd May. Children will spend an extended time outdoors making the most of play!

We'd like to share our philosophy around play during a short presentation for parents in the hall, after which children will go out to play, and parents and carers are welcome to join them! It's a good chance to find out how your child likes to spend their lunchtimes. Times are as follows:

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 – **9.10am** Short presentation followed by outdoor play

Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 – **1.15pm** Short presentation followed by outdoor play

Sports Day Thursday 23rd May

Sports Day is planned for Thursday 23rd May. Children will take part in non-competitive activities in the morning and parents are invited from 1.30pm for our competitive sports afternoon.

Children must remain in the care of teaching staff during the afternoon, so we ask that parents stay within the designated parent area and do not cross the sports section to see their children. Bottles of water will be provided for the children half way through the afternoon, so parents do not need to bring extra drinks.

At the end of the afternoon, children will return to the classrooms to be collected at 3.15pm from the yard areas as normal. We'll announce the winning house team in assembly the following day.

We're hoping for lovely weather for Sports Day. However, if it is cancelled due to the weather, we'll plan to go ahead with 'Option 2' on Friday 25th May.



Staffing

We are sad to let you know that Mrs Shevills has decided to retire at the end of the summer term. She is an extremely valued member of staff who will be missed – although we do hope she'll come back to see us!

We're currently in the process of recruiting a new teacher and will let you know once we have appointed.

Items for Outdoor Play and Learning



We are trying to replenish our resources for OPAL and would be very grateful if you could send in any of the following items:



strong cardboard/ cardboard boxes
dressing up outfits
pushchairs
buckets and spades/sand play items
brushes to sweep up
kitchen utensils eg pots, pans, wooden spoons, baking trays, sieves, colanders
watering cans, wheelbarrows, guttering
large pieces of fabric
toy trucks, cars, diggers
small world creatures eg dinosaurs, farm animals



Or indeed anything else you find with play value! It's amazing what children's imaginations will create!

Good luck Year 6!

Year 6 will take their SATs tests next week. They have been incredibly motivated and committed to their learning throughout the year, which has been a joy to see. We are very proud of their efforts and achievements.

So have a relaxing weekend, Year 6, and be proud of the many successes you've had all year.

Keep the Date...

We are very excited about a family 'Pop Up Restaurant' event that is being planned for the evening of **28th June**. More details about the event and how to obtain tickets, will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

Parent Governor Nominations

The Governing body of the school will soon have two Parent Governor vacancies, if you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor and joining the Governing Body please contact the school office.



Success for the School Football Team

The school football team ended the season with one of the most successful trophy hauls in the school's history. After successfully winning the Cestria Cup earlier in the season, the boys and girls chosen from Year 5 and 6 to represent the school, won the Chester-le-Street Schools FA B League trophy, which is for medium sized schools in the local area. Massive congratulations to team captain, Lewis Renwick, and Spencer Binks, Joe Poole, Noah Cranston, Felix Scott, Freddie-Jay Sheraton, Isabelle Stafford, Charlie Lowerson, Shay Bladen, Joseph Turner and Leon Renwick.

Dates for your diary

May	Year 2 SATs take place throughout the month
Week beginning 13 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Week beginning 20 th May	Enrichment Week Harmony Day – Mon 20 th STEAM Day – Tues 21 st OPAL Day – Wednesday 22 nd Sports Day Option 1 – Thurs 23 rd May (Weather dependent) Sports Day Option 2 – Friday 24 th May (Weather dependent)
Friday 24 th May	Last day of half term
27th May – 4th June 2019	HALF TERM
Friday 7 th June	Non-uniform day
Week beginning 10 th June	Year 1 Phonics Check
Thursday 27 th June 2.30pm	Celebration Assembly – Reception parents invited
Wednesday 3 rd July	Whole school 'moving up' day
Wednesday 3 rd July	Framwellgate School Transition Day
Friday 5 th July	Non-Uniform Day
Thursday 11 th July 2.00pm and 5.30pm Friday 12 th July 10.00am	KS2 Performance
Thursday 18 th July – Time to be confirmed	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly for Parents
Friday 19 th July	Last day of term
19th July – 4th September	SUMMER HOLIDAYS

School holidays 2018-2020

Holiday	Closing date	Date re-open for teaching purposes
Summer half term	Friday 24 th May 2019	Tuesday 4 th June 2019
Summer holidays	Friday 19 th July 2019	Wednesday 4 th September 2019
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Summer holidays	Friday 19 th July 2019	Wednesday 4 th September 2019
Autumn half term	Friday 25 th October 2019	Monday 4 th November 2019
Staff Training Day (Friday 22 nd Nov)	Thursday 21 st November 2019	Monday 25 th November 2019
Christmas holidays	Friday 20 th December 2019	Monday 6 th January 2020
Spring half term	Friday 14 th February 2020	Monday 24 th February 2020
Easter holidays	Friday 3 rd April 2020	Monday 20 th April 2020
May Day	Friday 1 st May 2020	Tuesday 5 th May 2020
Summer half term	Friday 22 nd May 2020	Tuesday 2 nd June 2020
Summer holidays	Friday 17 th July	To be confirmed

Enrichment Week

Please complete and return

Please select one time slot on one of the days only

Monday 20th May – Harmony Day

Children will be involved in a range of art and music activities throughout the day.

	Name of Adult	Name of child/ren
9.15am		
9.45am		
10.15am		
10.45am		
1.15pm		
1.45pm		
2.15pm		
We respectfully ask visitors to leave classrooms by 2.45pm and children will be collected as normal at 3.15pm.		

Tuesday 21st May – STEAM Day

Children will be involved in a range of activities linked to Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.

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9.15am		
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