



Newsletter Friday 17th June 2022

Dear Parents & Carers,

It has been lovely to have such great weather in our **final** half-term of the year. No, we can't believe it either!

Soon, all children will be meeting their new teacher and we will be welcoming our new reception children into school. Although many of them have attended nursery, it is a big step to be 'starting school' and they are already telling us about their school jumpers and book bags.

There has been a lot going on this week – here is a flavour of it:

Year 4 spent 3 exciting and tiring days at Carlton Lodge:



Year 5 and 6 spent a morning at The Forbidden Corner:



Next week, year 6 will be going on the residential to Boggle Hole near Robin Hood's bay so keep looking at our facebook page for updates!

THE GREAT GET TOGETHER
INSPIRED BY JO COX

We look forward to seeing you at lunchtime on the **24th June for the Great Get Together Picnic**. We will be combining this with OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning) and so **will be asking you to bring something from the following:**

- Suitcases
- Large pieces of material for den building
- Chalk
- Small toy vehicles
- Marbles
- Buckets and spades
- Pallets
- Pegs
- Crates
- Hats, scarves, bags, shawls, large skirts (for dressing up)
- Wool
- Ribbon
- Buttons
- Drawing equipment and coloured paper
- Paint brushes (all sizes)
- Sweeping brushes and dustpan and brushes
- Cardboard boxes (the bigger the better)
- Shopping baskets
- Plastic food

It is surprising what we can all find when we have a look in our sheds and garages!

Attendance.

As a result of the pandemic, children have missed significant amounts of learning and all schools are working extremely hard to ensure that this does not impact upon them too much. At Leyburn, we 'block plan' a number of school subjects, such as RE, history, geography and art so, if you child is absent, they will have missed a significant amount of the teaching and learning for that subject.

Whilst we appreciate that families are also managing a range of issues, we have had a lot of requests for holidays during term-time which we are not authorising and which could incur a penalty notice.

We expect whole school and individual attendance to be **at least 95%**.

Attendance of 90% means that a month of school has been missed.

When a child has attendance of below 90%, this is considered to be 'persistent absenteeism' and we will contact you to let you know and to see if there is anything we can do to help.

Contact details

Please make sure that we have up to date contact details, and an alternative contact if you are unavailable. We have had instances of being unable to get in touch if a child is hurt or becomes unwell and this can be upsetting when all they want to see is you!

Dates for the summer term:

- 20th June – 23rd June – Year 6 go to Boggle Hole
- 21st June – parents and carers of new reception children visit
- 24th June – The Great Get Together Picnic
- 13th July – Sports Day KS2 AM KS1 PM
- 14th July – Open evening in school 4pm-5.30pm
- 8th July – End of year reports out.
- 18th July – Superteams
- 19th July – Foundation Stage Sports Day – AM
- 22nd July – Leavers' assembly

Here are some photos of the children outside this week. We post regular updates on our facebook page but appreciate that not everyone uses it. The children have a great time and we are all looking forward to sharing the time with you next week.



Have a lovely weekend!