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Start of Summer Half Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a very busy, hardworking first half of the Summer Term we had... so busy that we could not quite squeeze in the regular newsletter at the end of the half term, so here is one to start the second half off instead! After a well-deserved half term holiday, we have all made a good start back to school again this week. Here are some news items and information points to share with everyone:

Students in school

A warm welcome back this term to **Miss Lucy Taylor**, 1st year student from the University of Cumbria, who is working with us again, teaching alongside Mrs Hopkins in Class 2, with some visits into Class 1 too, and running a special 4-week after school Spanish Club this half term for Y2-6. We also welcome back **Miss Joanna Young**, who is volunteering as a Teaching Assistant on Mondays this term in Classes 2, 3 and 4, to gain experience before starting her teacher-training course in September.

Annual assessments

This first half term of the Summer has, as usual, been a particularly important time of the year for the more formal **assessment** of our pupils' progress, including the national SATs tests for Y6 pupils and the Y2 and EYFS assessments. All the tests have gone well so far, with our pupils and staff just taking them all in their stride. **Well done to everyone for their outstanding efforts and perseverance!**

Shakespeare comes to Old Hutton!

A huge well done to Y5 for an amazing performance of 'Macbeth', produced as part of their study of Playscripts and Drama with Mrs Angus and to celebrate the end of SATs week for their Y6 friends. We were so impressed by their wonderful acting, costumes and expressive reading of the original Shakespearian text! **Class 3** has also been enjoying some cross-curricular work this term in English and Music linked to Shakespeare.

Outdoor/adventurous/environmental activities

As is usual for us at this time of the year, the whole school has been inspired by many **outdoor experiential learning opportunities, visits and adventures** during the last few weeks, taking every chance we can to make the most of the beautiful early summer weather and get out and about! On an environmental awareness theme, this week has been **Fairtrade-focussed** for many lessons, with pupils learning about how goods can be fairly traded around the world to help support sustainability; we would like to encourage everyone to try to buy more Fairtrade products when you can and will be developing the theme as an ongoing eco-project this term and into next year too. Other highlights from the term so far have included: lots of **fun lessons** going on daily in our beautiful school grounds and Forest School; **planting** ferns, flowers, herbs and vegetables (the greenhouse is filling up!) with a special thank you to Mr and Mrs Nelson and their pupil helpers for their hard work with this and keeping the school grounds looking really smart; **weekly visits to help on the farm at Growing Well** for some of our pupils in Y2-4; Class 1 also enjoyed a **Growing Well visit**; there were 2 exciting **visits from Jamie Normington of the Wildlife Trust** who taught Classes 1 and 2 lots about this term's whole-school **Plants topic**; and **Class 3's wonderful 2-day residential visit to York**, which included exploring this beautiful northern city in some amazing weather, visiting the Jorvik museum and Dig, building Viking boats, walking the walls, touring the Minster and lots more fun learning about the Y3/4 Vikings topic while staying away from home with their friends (there will be a display going up in school soon or take a look at our Facebook page to find out

more!). Many thanks to Mrs Hadwin, Miss Fisher, Mrs Birch and Miss Harrison for their help with running the Class 3 trip. Next week also sees **Class 4** away on their **exciting 4-day Edinburgh residential** – travelling by train, visiting many buildings to inform their DT Megastructures topic, all the top museums and galleries, the castle, Scottish Parliament, shopping in the Royal Mile, eating out every night, hill-walking, bowling, a musical world-premiere, ... and many more amazing adventures with their friends from Beetham School! A huge thank you to Miss Harrison for organising this visit together with the Beetham staff and also to Mrs Birch and Mrs Hopkins for going along to help look after everyone. Check out **our Facebook page** (also accessible via **our website at www.oldhuttonschool.org.uk**) for regular Edinburgh updates next week – have a wonderful time Class 4!

More sporty activities

As well as our many regular weekly sports lessons, plus our **ongoing weekly mile running club** with Miss Harrison on Tuesdays at 8:30am (everyone welcome!), we have had several more special events taking place this term. Well done **Class 4, who chose to run a special 3.7 miles** in memory of Matthew who died tragically in the London Marathon. Congratulations also to our KS2 Ski teams, who took part with great enthusiasm and won lots of races in the **Ski Race Night** at Kendal Snowsports Club – thanks to Miss Harrison and all our eager parent supporters for cheering them on! Excellent effort was put in by our **Y5 pupils** who enjoyed several days of daily biking in the school grounds and on local roads as they completed their **Cyclewise** course, all passing with flying colours! Many thanks to Graham who ran the course and to Dave and Yolande Nelson, Mary Decent and Jo Dunstan for helping out. **Y4** have been continuing with their **weekly dance work towards the Explore Arts Award** with expert Jess Smith of Motion Dance, a brand new venture for school which will give them a nationally-recognised accreditation of which they can be very proud, normally only offered at secondary school level – **please come along to see the amazing results of this very special project in the show which they are performing for all parents/carers and the whole school on Wednesday 20th June at 2:45-3:15pm in the Village Hall.**

Jess Smith's **KS1 Dance Club** on Wednesdays after school this half term only had 3 pupils attending this week; she would love some more –so please come along to join in for some fun dancing exercise if you can, Y1 and Y2 pupils! Also, don't forget the **new KS2 Biking Club** run by our expert bike instructor, Jill Eccleston, after school on Fridays – there are still places for a few more Y3-6 pupils to join.

Car parking safety

We would like to thank everyone for your ongoing patience and assistance in our drive to improve the difficult car parking situation and traffic outside school at the busy drop-off and pick-up times of the day. The School Governors reviewed progress made so far in our termly meeting this week and agreed that some improvements have been noticed this term. These are due to the impact of our 2 initiatives: **'blocked' staff car parking at the far end of the car park** and **our new daily 8:30am early morning drop off** (including the Tuesday weekly mile running club) – as well as some good take-up of our regular daily Breakfast Club from 8am. Please keep supporting these initiatives in order to make even more of a difference! Please do **check the car park first before parking on the road**, as there is often space now available. We also continue to encourage everyone to use the school bus if you live within its catchment, **car-share where possible** and, ideally, **try to walk, cycle or scoot to school** (or even part of the way or occasionally) if/when you can. As ever, if you drive, please do continue to take great care of yourselves and children when walking between school and your vehicle and be courteous to other road users and residents by driving slowly through the village and not parking on or opposite either the yellow zigzag lines or properties opposite school. Many thanks.

Uniform orders information

Please note the following uniform deadline dates for the end of term/beginning of next term:

Deadline date to order: Thurs 21st June 2018

Guaranteed delivery date: Thurs 19th July 2018

Deadline date to order: Tues 7th August 2018

Guaranteed delivery date: Tues 4th Sept 2018

To order please visit the school website at www.oldhuttonschool.org.uk (prospective parents page) for the link or go directly to https://www.conistonshop.com/Old-Hutton-CE-Primary-School_118/school/index.php All orders will be delivered to the school office and Angela will contact you when it is ready to collect.

Annual Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be arriving in school soon with lots of new children's books to browse and buy. **For every book that is purchased, the school gets one for FREE!**

The Book Fair will be running **after school from Thurs 21st June until Weds 27th June** and is open to preschool parents as well. This year we are running a raffle for one lucky person to win a £25 voucher to spend on books at the fair. Tickets will be on sale (£1 each) every morning from this Monday until Wednesday 20th June.

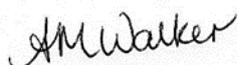
Scholastic are offering gift vouchers at 20% off for you to spend at the fair. A great saving and also useful if you cannot attend yourself but don't want to give your child the responsibility of cash. These can be purchased using the link below.

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/search/search?log=t&search%5Bquery%5D=gift+voucher>

Any questions or for further information, please see Angela in the office.

There are plenty more special events to look forward to in the rest of term too – see the latest edition of our diary dates and events attached below...

With best wishes from,



Andrea Walker
Head teacher

Monday 11th June	Chess and draughts club continues Class 4 weekly lunchtime
Monday 11th – Friday 15th June	Y1 Assessment Phonics week
Monday 11th – Thursday 14th June	Class 4 Edinburgh Residential
	Football Club continues weekly 3.30-4.30pm
Tuesday 12th June	Weekly Mile continues 8.30-8.50am
	Warhammer club continues weekly KS2 3.30-4.30pm
Wednesday 13th June	Open the Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
	Dance club continues weekly KS1 3.30– 4.30pm
	Cricket/Rounders starts weekly KS2 3.30-4.30pm
	QES Y6 & parents moving up evening at QES
Thursday 14th June	Mindfulness colouring continues weekly Y1-Y6 lunchtime
	New Reception pupils and parents visit 1.30-2.30pm, Class 1
	Spanish club continues weekly for 3 more weeks 3.20-4.15pm
	KKS Y6 & parents moving up evening at KKS
Friday 15th June	Y2 morning visit to Strickley Farm
	Choir continues weekly Y1-Y6 - lunchtime
	PTA Father's Day stall
	Bike Club KS2 continues weekly 3.20-4.15pm
Monday 18th June	KKS Y6 Induction, moving up day at KKS
Tuesday 19th June	Y1 afternoon visit to Strickley Farm
	Settlebeck Y6 Induction, moving up day at Settlebeck
	Settlebeck Y6 & parents moving up evening at Settlebeck
Wednesday 20th June	Arts Award Dance Show by Y4, 2.45pm village hall – ALL WELCOME!
Thursday 21st June	Pupil Parliament meeting at the Netherwood, Grange
	First day of Scholastic Book Fair, in School
Monday 25th June	Y5 Activity Day at QKS
Tuesday 26th June	QES Y6 Induction, moving up day at QES
	Moving up morning for new Reception & all pupils in school
	Y1 afternoon visit to Strickley Farm
Wednesday 27th June	School of Rock, KKS Musical for Class 4 at KKS
	Last day of Book Fair
	NO DANCE CLUB KS1

Thursday 28th June	Y5 Make it! Session at KKS
	QKS Y6 Induction, moving up day at QKS
	QKS Y6 & parents moving up evening at QKS
Monday 2nd July	NO FOOTBALL CLUB
Tuesday 3rd July	Sports evening 5.00-7.00pm – more details later
Wednesday 4th July	Y5 Rockets & Hot Air Balloons session at KKS
Thursday 5th July	PTA Movie Night
Friday 6th July	Reception morning visit to Strickley Farm
Tuesday 10th July	Claire Griffel visiting with Senegal news – Afternoon
	Sports evening reserve date
Wednesday 11th July	Open the Book in Church 2.45pm - ALL WELCOME!
Friday 13th July	Class 1 & 2, Bendrigg Adventure Day
	PTA Cake stall after school
Monday 16th July	Open afternoon & Music Concert – more details later
Tuesday 17th July	Music Concert – more details later
	Sports evening final reserve date
Thursday 19th July	Leavers' Service in Church – ALL WELCOME! Followed by leavers' tea
Friday 20th July	TERM ENDS at 2pm