



Tuesday 23rd May, 2017

Summer Half Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a very busy, hardworking first half of the Summer Term we have all had! As we now come towards the end (on Friday) of our final week before a well-deserved half term holiday, here are some news items and information points to share with everyone:

Students in school

A warm welcome back this term to **Miss Alice Clare and Mr Peter McKane**, 1st year students from the University of Cumbria, who are working with us again alongside Mrs Hopkins in Class 2.

Pupil News

A very special welcome to new pupils **Matthew (Y6)** and **Charlotte (Y1)** and their family, who joined us at the beginning of this half term. Our school roll is now 82.

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 assessments. **Well done to everyone for their outstanding efforts and perseverance!**

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 better weather and get out and about! Highlights have included: lots of **fun lessons** going on daily in our beautiful school grounds and Forest School; **planting** trees, flowers, herbs and vegetables (the greenhouse is filling up!); some brilliant bluebell-watching and pond-dipping **visits to Strickley Farm for Reception, Y1 and Y2** – thank you to Michelle and James, Mrs Hopkins and our parent helpers; and **Class 3's wonderful 2-day residential visit to Rydal and Grasmere**, which included walking and exploring this beautiful part of The Lakes in some amazing weather, visiting Dove Cottage museum, writing poetry in Wordsworth's garden, costume drama, art and lots more fun learning about our Wordsworth/Lakes/Environment topic while staying away from home with our friends (see the display going up in the school entrance to find out more!). Many thanks to Mrs Hadwin, Miss Fisher, Mrs Birch and Lucy Ramsbottom for their help with running the Class 3 trip. This week also sees **Class 4** away on their **exciting 4-day Ennerdale residential** – hill-climbing, cooking and camping out, ghyll scrambling, canoeing... and many more amazing adventures with their friends from Beetham School! A huge thank you to Mr Cooper for organising this visit and also to Mrs Birch and Claire Mansfield for helping out. Check out **our Facebook page** (also accessible via **our website at www.oldhuttonschool.org.uk**) for regular Ennerdale updates, some fantastic photos, videos, reports and pupils' comments too on all our exciting activities!

Another visit with a more musical theme was enjoyed by **Class 1 and 2** to the **Bowness Theatre** last week, where they took part in songs and actions as part of a fun concert performance of 'The Chimpanzees of Happytown'. Thank you to the Class 1 and 2 staff and all parents who accompanied the group.

More sporty activities

Well done to our **Y5 pupils** who enjoyed a week of daily biking in the school grounds and on local roads as they completed their **Bikeability** course, all passing with flying colours! Many thanks to Graham who ran the course and to Amy Donnini for helping out. **Class 3** have taken part in some fun '**Wednesday Miles**' during their PE lessons with Mrs Hadwin, supporting her 'Mile a Day through April and May' challenge in memory of Eva May Hadwin – thank you Class 3! **Class 4** participated well in the **Y5/6 Tag**

Rugby tournament at Kirbie Kendal. 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 Mr Cooper, Mrs Birch and all our eager parent supporters for cheering them on!

There are plenty more special events to look forward to next half term too, including our whole school sports evening, special rugby and sign language weekly workshops for Class 3, Class 1 and 2's visit to Bendrigg, a special Experience Pentecost event run by our Collective Worship Committee, the annual Scholastic Book Fair and lots more – see the diary dates at the end of this letter for more information!

PTA News

A very successful Film Night was held for the children last week in school – many thanks to the PTA for organising this. Thanks also to everyone who has bought their new 100 Club number – there are still more to buy, so get in touch with Sharon White to be in it to win!

The next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 14th June in School at 3.30pm - new members are always welcome!

Head lice reminder and advice

Unfortunately, we are still continuing to have outbreaks of head lice in school, so here is a repeat of the advice issued in our previous newsletter... This is a very annoying problem for all of us and one that needs vigilance by our whole school community to improve. A key rule is to **ensure that all longer-length hair is worn neatly tied back**. Another is that **everyone MUST check their child's hair carefully and regularly, please, at least once a week**. If you do find lice or eggs on your child's hair, please do let us know in school, so we can keep issuing reminders and advice. You should visit the chemist or ask the nurse at your local surgery for the currently recommended treatment (these change from time to time) and **ensure that the whole family is treated**. Herbal alternatives can also be helpful: tea tree is a good one that also smells quite nice! Alternatively, **'wet combing' is an easy and excellent method to check for, remove and keep the creatures away**. Simply wash hair, apply plenty conditioner and then comb through with a very fine comb (available at chemists), wiping the comb after each use and ideally working over a white surface, so anything dropping out can be easily seen! Once hair has been treated, the wet combing needs to be repeated every few days to ensure that all eggs and any new lice are removed. It is also a good idea to continue with this weekly for a while and then every fortnight or so, to facilitate checking of hair and to ensure they do not return! Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter. If you have any questions, please ask in school, at your chemist or surgery.

Class photos reminder

Don't forget – it's our annual class photo day this Friday!

With best wishes from,



Andrea Walker
Head teacher

Diary Dates June/July 2017

Monday 5 th June:	Class 4 Tri-Golf sessions. Class 3 Rugby & Signing weekly workshop starts (for 6 weeks).
Tuesday 6 th June:	Class 4 Kendal police visit.
Thursday 8 th June:	Pupil Parliament Experience Pentecost event run by CWC- Displays of work in Church after school – ALL WELCOME!
Saturday 10 th June:	Bendrigg 10k race 2pm – PTA BBQ & refreshments – ALL WELCOME!
Monday 12 th June:	Staff meeting P4C training in school – 3:30 – 5pm
Tuesday 13 th June:	Sports Evening 6pm – ALL WELCOME!
Wednesday 14 th June:	Open the Book in Church – 2.50pm – ALL WELCOME! PTA Meeting – 3:30pm in school – ALL WELCOME! YR6 QES Welcome evening for new pupils & parents.
Thursday 15 th June:	Claire Griffel visiting school with news from Senegal – pm New Reception pupils visiting school 2 – 3pm Staff RE Training – Kirkby Lonsdale 4-5pm. YR6 KKS Welcome evening for new pupils & parents.
Friday 16 th June:	KS2 first aid training through British Heart Foundation (Steve Wilson).
Monday 19 th June:	QKS Yr6 Transition day. KKS Yr6 Transition day.
Tuesday 20 th June:	Class 3 – Kerry Howarth Artist Visit. Full Governors Meeting – In School – 7pm.
Thursday 22 nd June:	Yr5 – QKS Musical Matinee performance. Open the Book in School.
Friday 23 rd June:	Scholastic Book Fair Opens in School.
Tuesday 27 th June:	Moving Up Day. Yr6 – QES Induction morning. Leeds Little London Primary School Visit - TBC
Wednesday 28 th June:	Class 3 – Holly Carr Poet visit (Re: Wordsworth climate change project) Open the Book in Church – 2.50pm – ALL WELCOME!
Thursday 29 th June:	Yr6 – Donna Moore (School Nurse) talk. End of Student placement.
Friday 30 th June:	Class 3 – Commonwealth Games event – KKS – All Day.
Monday 3 rd July:	YR6 QKS Welcome evening for new pupils & parents.
Tuesday 4 th July:	Class 4 – Stone Age Day. Yr4, 5 & 6 – Dick Viney Athletics – QKS - TBC
Wednesday 5 th July:	Open the Book in Church – 2.50pm – ALL WELCOME!
Friday 7 th July:	Yr 5 – KKS Make It Session – TBC Class 3 Rounders Tournament – Castle Park. Tri Golf at Carrus Green
Monday 10 th July:	KS1 – Bendrigg Activity Day.
Tuesday 11 th July:	Go Ride Bike Club - KKS.
Friday 14 th July:	Class 4 Rounders Tournament – Castle Park.
Monday 17 th July:	Open Afternoon from 1.30pm including Music concert- 2.45pm – ALL WELCOME!
Wednesday 19 th July:	Leavers service in Church – 1.30pm – ALL WELCOME. Followed by Leavers' Tea for invited guests in the Village Hall.
Thursday 20 th July:	TERM ENDS -2pm