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Dear Parents and Carers,

June Newsletter

Summer Fair

First of all, a big thank you for supporting the Summer Fair last Saturday. The atmosphere was fantastic and the weather was perfect for being outdoors. Over £3000 was taken on the day and the profit is likely to be in the region of £2300. My thanks to everyone who came and supported the day and a particular thanks to those parents who helped to organise, set up, run stalls and clear away afterwards – your help was very much appreciated. These events do not just happen; your tireless work, much of which is unseen, ensures that the day works so seamlessly.

Also a special thank you to Mrs Walker, Mrs Rawes and Mrs Stephenson for preparing the children to perform their singing, recorder playing and dancing. The children performed with such confidence and it was great to see willing volunteers dancing as well!

Sports and Maths Competitions

Congratulations to our sports teams who have been competing over the last month in various inter school competitions. The Year 4 cricket team took part in the Drax Cricket Cup competition, coming second in their mini group, and the Year 5 and 6 Girls' Football teams who took part in a festival at Selby Leisure Centre playing against other schools, again really enjoying the competition.

For the first time this year, our Teaching School Alliance (www.northstaralliance.org.uk), held a maths competition for Years 5 and 6. It was a team competition based around the theme of Murderous Maths and our team of five (Lydia, Chloe, Mia, Harriet and Gabriella) performed brilliantly scoring 30, just behind the winners on 35. Well done to them.

Also four of our Year 6 mathematicians have taken part in the National Maths Competition, joining pupils at Selby High School in Years 7 and 8 earlier in the term. Congratulations to Jonathan Settle who was our top scorer, coming second out of the Year 6s who took part and who achieved the National Bronze Standard.



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Sports Themed Week 27th June – 1st July

Sports Day

As previously advertised in the dates for the school year at the beginning of the year, Sports Day takes place on the afternoon of Wednesday 29th June starting at 1.15pm and finishing at 3.30pm. All the children will be involved by taking part in sports challenges for their team for the first part of the afternoon. This is then followed by an opportunity to race against each other to gain further points.

If you are able to help by walking around the challenges with your child, that would be most helpful particularly when scoring each of the activities. Two water and rest stations are provided as part of the activities but the children are also encouraged to bring in a water bottle of their own that they can carry around to keep themselves well hydrated.

Children will be allocated to a colour team. If your child wishes, he or she can wear a coloured T shirt for their team colour. If they do not have a T shirt, please do not go out and buy one as normal PE kit is fine and we will provide a coloured sticker.



If I have to postpone due to the weather, I will try to give you as much notice as possible by text.

Sponsored Skipping

A group of children have been involved with a skipping workshop over this year on a lunchtime with Mrs Bailey, one of our Foundation Governors. As a part of this, the group will be leading a Sponsored 'Jump Rope for Heart' session for each of the classes next Tuesday in our sports week.

Each class will do a Jump Off with lots of skipping skills taught by the group of 'experts' from the lunchtime club. We are using the opportunity to do this as a sponsored event in order to raise money for the British Heart Foundation (BHF) and support them in their work supporting families. We have been using materials provided by BHF in our lunchtime club and this will help to give a bit back.

All the children have received a sponsor form. If they wish to get sponsors, please fill in the form accordingly and keep it until we have done the Jump Off event. Money can then be collected and returned to school with the sponsor form at any point after Tuesday.

Olympic Themed Day

Premier Sports will be running an Olympic themed day on Friday 1st July. Each class will have a session during the day focusing on a different Olympic sport which will feature in the games in Rio. In addition, we will be having a special assembly first thing in the morning on Friday when Helen Butters will be coming into school to share a presentation on her transatlantic rowing success with the children.



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Sun Protection and Water Bottles

In the summer months, please do encourage your child to bring a wide brimmed hat to school that gives shade to their face and neck for playtimes and PE. In addition children may bring sunglasses to wear outside, preferably with UV protection (look for BS EN 1836:1997 on the label), and high protection sun cream can also be applied, preferably no lower than SPF 25, before school.



Please also remember that the children are welcome to bring in a water bottle to drink from during the school and they always have water provided for them at lunch.

Summer Music Concert

A reminder that it is our Summer Music Concert tonight (Thursday 23rd June) at 6.30pm in the school hall. There will be a variety of groups and individuals playing of all abilities. It is a celebration of music making in school and will be hosted by Mrs Walker and Mrs Stephenson.

Open Day

I do hope you will be able to join us for our yearly School Open Day. The school will be open for you to visit on Wednesday 6th July during the school day from 9.30 – 11.30am in the morning and 1.30 – 3.30pm in the afternoon. This is an opportunity for you to meet your child in class, see what they are doing and for them to take you on a tour of the school, visiting other classes and seeing some of the work that is displayed around the school.

If you are working or unavailable during the school day, the school will also be open from 3.30 – 6.00pm so the children can show you their room and give you a tour of the school as well.

There is also an invitation to join us for lunch and to have lunch with your child on Open Day this year. If this is something you would like to do, please complete the slip at the end of the newsletter. It must be returned by next Monday 27th June in order for the ordering of food to take place. No orders will be accepted after this date.

Midday Supervisor Assistants (MSA)

We will have vacancies for two, full time Midday Supervisors in September. MSAs play a vital part in ensuring the safe and happy lunchtimes we enjoy in school and work between 12.00 and 1.00pm. They promote play opportunities and get involved in the children's games as well as setting out the hall for lunch and helping children with their dinners and packed lunches. If this is something that you or someone you know in the village would be able to take on, please do come in to talk with me. Training and induction is provided and application forms are available at school.

Parking - A reminder about parking

Can I ask parents to park with consideration at the beginning and end of the school day, particularly if you are parking in Wolsey Grange. There have been occasions over the last week or so when cars have been parked on the pavements, blocked access to houses and drives have been used to turn cars around when leaving. Please park with care and in a way that does not impact on the local residents. Thank you.



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Yours sincerely,
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Headteacher

If you would like this information in another language or format such as Braille, large print or audio, please ask us.



Open Day Lunch – Wednesday 6th July

Number of adult lunches required _____ Name of parent _____

I have enclosed the correct money (£2.76 per meal) Signed _____

