



Summer Term Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It has been a very busy half term with lots of great events, trips and projects. The children have been working really hard and they have made us all proud. The rest of the term will be an extremely busy one so please check your child's bag for any letters, reminders etc. Also, make sure you look out for messages on the jotter on any updates.

Today we celebrated the Platinum Jubilee with our very own Jubilee Tea Party at school. It was lovely that so many parents could join us in celebrating this joyful occasion. Thank you to the Friends for organising this event and to the parents for supplying such lovely treats. Thanks also to all the members of staff who helped ensure everything ran smoothly. It was a lovely way to end our penultimate half term. The children really enjoyed themselves and loved being able to celebrate with loved ones also.

On Thursday, Year 6 children went to up to the church to celebrate the feast of The Ascension. The rest of the school joined in to watch the mass on livestream in their classrooms.

Our Year 5 children enjoyed a trip to The Natural History Museum on Thursday. They completed a workshop on Coding and had an amazing time. Their behaviour was excellent and they were great ambassadors for the school.

On Tuesday 17th May, our Year 5 children went litter picking as part of their work as Caritas ambassadors. They worked really hard and collected lots of rubbish. It was sad to see so much rubbish that was collected from the area around our school. The children in Year 5 led an assembly on Monday highlighting the importance of everyone playing their part to ensure that rubbish is put in a bin and not thrown around.

We had a fabulous display of the Easter Gardens that the children had made. They were absolutely amazing and every single one was unique in the style. So much effort had been put on this project and we are very grateful to the parents and carers for supporting your children into delivering such high-quality work.

Have a lovely half-term and thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Heath
Headteacher

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Attendance

With regards to attendance, I cannot stress to you how important this issue is and the high profile it has with Ofsted. I have noticed a number of children who are still arriving late to school. May I remind you the importance of punctuality and the effect it has on your child's learning. If the matter persists, we will have no alternative but to report this to the Education Welfare Officer.

Absence during term time:-

Please do not book holidays during term time. Not only are you disadvantaging your child due to missed learning time, but you also risk a fine from the Local Authority. Schools cannot authorise absences for holidays during term time. If you are requesting leave for special circumstances or emergencies, proof must be provided. Referrals to the Education Welfare Officer will be made who will be issuing fines. As well as that, you will also risk of losing your child's place if you take them out of school without permission.

If your child has reached 10% of authorized absences, we will not be authorizing any more absences without medical proof. These absences will be passed to the EWO and a referral will be made.

The government expects the children to have attendance of 96% or above as these figures help your children have consistent learning and support so they can achieve their full potential. Please see the table below highlighting the impact that the absence has on your child's education.

Pupil Attendance Levels

100%	95%	90%	85%	80%
<u>190 school days</u> in each year - your child has attended every day and had the opportunity to reach their full potential.	<u>10</u> days absence means over 60 hours of learning opportunities have been missed. This will have a moderate impact on your child's learning.	<u>19</u> days absence is equivalent to missing a month of school. This will have a significant impact on your child's learning	<u>28</u> days absence equates to being absent for a whole half-term. It will now be much harder for your child to make learning progress. This is a serious child welfare concern.	<u>38</u> days absence is a very serious concern. Your child will have large gaps in learning and may have difficulty maintaining friendships owing to their frequent absence.

Please help us to help your children achieve.



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ATTENDANCE WEEK COMMENCING 16th to 20th May 2022

Year 4	97.7%
Year 6	95.6%
Year 2	95.3%
Year 1	95.2%
Year 5	93.8%
Year 3	93.6%
Whole school overall	95.2%

Uniform

Summer Uniform is to be worn by all children this term but I would like you to use your discretion on the days when our weather can be windy, especially the girls and the summer dresses. They can wear their warm tights and should they need to, vests under their dresses. This will help them to stay warm. It is checked yellow dresses for the girls and these are widely available in the local supermarkets and shops now but often disappear quickly from the shops as the weather improves!

PE

On the subject of uniform can I please remind parents to ensure your child wears full PE uniform on PE days. PE is a compulsory part of the curriculum so I would also like to remind parents that all children are expected to take part in sessions. The only exception is with the express instructions of a doctor.

Footwear

Please use the half-term holiday to ensure that your child has the correct footwear for school. Any child returning to school after half-term wearing trainers on a non-PE day will be given an automatic detention. Please support us with this.

Equipment

If your child is in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 please ensure that they have the correct writing equipment. There are a lot of children who regularly lack having a pencil to write with despite the large pencil cases. A lot of time is often wasted as a result of children not having the right stationery. Please do support us in this matter.

FORTHCOMING DATES

7 June	Floating Classroom Trip Y5
16 June	All Saints' Trust Leavers' Mass (CHILDREN ONLY)
17 June	Mass English Martyrs Y3
27 June	Nursery & Reception 2022/2023 NEW parents meeting
1 July	Y6 Prom
11 July	Open Evening
14 July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly & Mass (PARENTS INVITED)
15 July	Last day of term finish at 1.30pm

Please check out the calendar on the jotter for dates and times of events.

School Trips

There will be many trips taking place in the coming weeks so please ensure you check your child's bag for information and payment regarding this. Look out for updates on the Jotter. All payments should be made on Parent Pay.

Parking

The beginning and end of the school day are very busy times and the roads around St Margaret Clitherow School become very congested. Please help us to keep children safe by walking to school if you are able to, or parking a safe distance away in order to reduce the congestion. If you need to drive to school, please be considerate of our neighbours and do not obstruct driveways.

Please be reminded that there is no stopping on the zig-zag lines before or after school. This is illegal and unsafe. Sadly, many parents are parking in front of the school gate obstructing the entrance and endangering the lives of the children. Should this happen, we will have no alternative but to record the number plate and pass it to the police. We need to keep our children safe so please support us in this matter. Thank you.



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Children who have been awarded certificates w/e 13th May 2022

1 Maja, Tiana

2 Aleks, Andrei

3 Edward B, Zuzanna, Antonia

4 Aerah, Laura

5 Filip

6 Ryan, All of Year 6

Breakfast Club

We run a **paid** breakfast club from 7:30am to 8:15am. Bagel club, which is free, then runs from 8:15am. We have noticed that some parents are dropping children before 8:15am and sending the children in to school to breakfast club without payment. If you do this before 8:15am you will be charged for breakfast club.

Healthy Eating week 13th to 17th June

Why not use this as an opportunity to look at what your children eat and plan a healthier diet. The focus is on fibre (13th), 5-a-day fruit (14th), varying protein (15th), staying hydrated by drinking more water (16th) and reducing food waste (17th). Please put this in your diary and give it a go.

KIDZONE

We have experienced a very high demand for Kidzone recently so it is essential that you book in advance to ensure a place is available. Please ensure that bookings are made as early as possible and no booking will be taken after midday.

Internet Safety and Access to Apps

Please remember to observe your child's use of online gaming and social media. They should not have a YouTube, Instagram, Tik Tok or Whats App account as this is illegal and the games they play should be age appropriate. We need you to enforce this at home otherwise it will have a great effect (possibly negative) on your children as they enter their teens. Please help us with this!