

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the Summer Term. We welcome Mrs Armstrong back to school; she will be in the office on Thursdays and Fridays.

Attendance and Punctuality:

Just a reminder that parents must complete a holiday form if they intend to take their child out of school on holiday. Holidays in term time are unauthorised, resulting in missed learning and may be subject to a fine by the Local Authority.

School starts at 8.55am. There have been quite a few children arriving late this week which is disrupting the start of the day in some classes and delaying the start of lessons.

Jewellery:

We do not allow the wearing of any jewellery other than a watch, (not a smartwatch that has internet connection) or small stud earrings. Any children who have their ears pierced must be able to independently remove them for all PE lessons, including swimming.

The Safe Practice in PE National guidance states "*that no jewellery should be worn in PE and that includes swimming. It is also not safe to cover ear-rings / studs / sleepers with tape. The reason is both because of the potential tearing of the ear lobe, but also the very slim chance that the post of the ear-ring could damage the neck which is where the brachial nerve is running directly to the brain. There are anecdotal cases of children wearing ear-rings / studs with plasters over being hit by a ball or coming off worse in a collision and having nasty injuries as a consequence.*"

Events:

Swimming starts on **Monday 22nd April** but on that day only **Year 4** pupils are going. Those going swimming in Years 5 & 6 will join swimming lessons on **Monday 29th April**. Our pool session is 10.00am to 10.30am; please could children come into school with their swimming costumes / trunks under their uniform and bring their underwear and towel in a bag?

On **Monday 22nd April** Years 5 and 6 are going to Hexham Racecourse for a Maths Day run by Racing to School. Children will need to bring a packed lunch if they haven't ordered one from school.

Throughout the day on **Tuesday 23rd April**, Skylark, Lapwing and Curlew classes will all be having puppetry workshops with Georgia Hill who is freelance designer / maker of puppets, props and costumes for theatre and TV.

On the afternoon of **Monday 29th April**, we are hosting a Quad Kids athletics tournament for Years 3 & 4. Our Year 5 & 6 will be helping out at the event.

On **Tuesday 30th April** Kestrel Class has a music composition workshop with Calum Howard who is a musician, composer and sound designer.

On **Saturday 4th May**, volunteers from Y4, Y5 and Y6 will be singing at the Allendale May Fair. Mr Reed, our music teacher, has kindly offered to accompany the children on guitar.

Week beginning Monday 13th May is Y6 SATs week.

On **Monday 20th May**, Kestrel Class has a puppetry workshop.

On **Tuesday 21st May** Kestrel Class has their second music composition workshop with Calum Howard.

Thursday 23rd May and **Friday 24th May**, school photos will be taking place.

On **Thursday 23rd May**, we are holding a film night after school.

School finishes for half term on **Friday 24th May** for 1 week. The first day back after half term, on **Monday 3rd June**, Years 4 and 5 will be going on their Wastwater residential.

Allendale Cricket Club is running the All Stars (5-8 year olds) & Dynamos (8-11 year olds) programmes once again this year.

The link for the All Stars programme is:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/BookCourse/5b71b8fa-4c94-49aa-85b8-cb7ce3e8b876>

The link for the Dynamos programme is:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Dynamos/BookCourse/9cf0e1a8-c27e-4cdd-91e6-0ea2c75f76a1>

It's quite a busy half term. Please check Facebook Class pages for more information or reminders about class events and trips.

Regards
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Headteacher