



## Allendale Primary School June 2019 Newsletter

The new parking restriction signs outside school went up before half term. Parking is not allowed on the single yellow lines from 8.30am to 9.30am and 3.00pm to 4.00pm.

Parking is not allowed in the bus park during these times or the bus park used for turning around whilst the children and families are entering or leaving school.

The school car park must not be used for parents to park in at the start and end of the school day.

A 20mph zone is also in force along the stretch of road outside school.

Hopefully observing all these safety measures will minimise the risk of any accidents occurring.



Allstars breakfast and after school is a very well used facility at school. Opening times are 8.00am for breakfast, (7.30am by prior agreement), and 5.30pm Mon to Thurs for after school, (again this can run until 6pm by prior agreement), 4.30pm on Fridays. Please book through the school office and let staff know if you would like the extended hours.

### Parents Meetings:

We held a Y5 going into Y6 parents meeting on Monday. Thank you to the parents who attended this. There will be a short meeting, (date to be confirmed), for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents where you can find out about how mixed aged classes work, what is different about the next year group and ask any questions you may have and one for Year 3 and Year 4 parents, again date and time to be confirmed.

### Playtimes:

Our new style playtimes seem to be going very well - much better when the rain stays away! So far we have opened up different areas to the side of school and the grass banking. The garden is now available for playtimes, Mr Vincent has now built 3 tyre swings and there is a digging area for which we have bought some trowels, spades and brushes. We have some donated items such as dolls and giant jenga which the children can play with as well as the football pitches and basketball court.

Our next phase is to introduce scooters. The children will not be required to wear a helmet when using the scooters in school as it is a flat surface, no roads involved and they are close to the ground. If a child wears an ill-fitting helmet it would not protect them and if they ran off, still wearing a helmet, it could snag on something and cause them an injury. Plus if we provided helmets to share, we could have a head lice issue.



Everything we introduce is risk assessed and discussed in assembly but if you have an objection to your child using a scooter on the playground without wearing a helmet, please let us know.

Weather permitting, we are also going to trial allowing the children to ride their bikes at playtime in the playground; helmets will be required for this. Again in assembly, we have discussed how to do this safely.

In the planning stage is a mud kitchen and beach area!

Marble Night which was scheduled for Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June has now been postponed as we have an exciting celebration afternoon coming up on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June which Y5 and Y6 are actively planning and have lots of ideas for. Further information will follow.

We are also planning a village art exhibition to be held at the Forge over the weekend from 5<sup>th</sup> July. This will showcase the children's art work across school and enable the children to share their talents with the wider community.

This is a very busy half term; below are some dates for your diary.

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 & Y6 - Centre for Life, Gears and Levers workshop, (at school)
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Pre-School sponsored scoot in the playground
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Curlew Class, Water Vole day at Kielder
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Y4 residential at Wastwater for 3 days
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	New starters for Pipit Class 11.15am through lunchtime
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 athletics, Wentworth
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 American Football training, Prudhoe High School
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Skylark Class Friends and Relationships workshop
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 residential, Lockerbie Manor for 3 days
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	New starters for Pipit Class 9.00am - 10.30am
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Bags to School collection
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 & Y6 creative writing workshop
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	New starters for Pipit Class 9.30am - 10.30am
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 & Y6 creative writing workshop
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Library Challenge assembly 9.00am
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5 & Y6 creative writing workshop
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Celebration afternoon
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6 transition day at Haydon Bridge High School
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Afternoon in new classes
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Y5 & Y6 creative writing workshop
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole school art exhibition at the Forge
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Piano and violin assembly
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	New starters for Pipit Class parents meeting 6pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports day, KS2 am, KS1 pm
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Curlew Class book celebration day
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Reports will go out
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Back up Sports Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 & Y5 Bowlees activity day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 leavers' assembly 9.15am

Please keep a look out for emails with further dates and/or more information about events.