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Dear parent/carers,

We are hurtling towards the summer holidays in what seems to be the busiest half term ever! There are so many lovely things going on – I thought it would be useful to include a breakdown of everything that is happening over the next two weeks to help you to keep on top of it all.

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| Friday 3 rd July | <p>Summer Fair 3:15 – 5:00 Please do join us after school to take part in all the lovely activities that have been organised by our wonderful PTA.</p> |
| Wednesday 8 th July | <p>Sports Day – KS2 am, KS1 pm You are welcome to come and watch your child compete.</p> <p>KS2 parents should come in via the car park gate after dropping off children at the start of the day.</p> <p>KS1 parents can come in via the car park gate at 1pm.</p> <p>All children should come in in PE clothes. They will be competing in houses and are welcome to wear their house colours during sports day. However, please do not go out and buy anything. We have lots of stickers that can be used to decorate PE tops with the appropriate colours.</p> |
| Thursday 9 th July | <p>Transition morning. Children will spend a morning in their new classes. They will be learning about the individual their class is named after and will be designing their new class door display.</p> <p>These are the class names for next year:</p> <p>Earhart Class – Reception Goodall Class – Year 1 Hockney Class – Year 2 Rashford Class – Year 3/4 Parks Class – Year 4/5 Johnson Class – Year 6</p> |

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| Thursday 9 th July | <p>EYFS and KS1 Bake Sale Raising Money for Oscars @ 3:15 in the KS1 playground.</p> <p>If parents and carers are able to donate bakes, we would be really grateful. No nuts please.</p> <p>Don't forget your 50ps.</p> <p>This has been organised by our Junior Leadership Team. If any members of the JLT would like to stay to help, please do let us know.</p> |
| Friday 10 th July | <p>Break the Rules Day</p> <p>PTA arranged – more information to follow</p> |
| Friday 10 th July | <p>KS2 production dress rehearsal</p> <p>Year 3/4 am Year 5/6 pm</p> |
| Friday 10 th July | <p>Choir performance after school</p> |
| Friday 10 th July | <p>Reports out to parents</p> |
| Monday 13 th July | <p>Year 6 trip to York Maze</p> |
| Monday 13 th July | <p>KS2 production – Years 3 and 4 @ 1:30pm & 6pm</p> |
| Tuesday 14 th July | <p>KS2 production – Years 5 and 6 @ 1:30pm & 6pm</p> |
| Wednesday 15 th July | <p>Rainbow Run raising money for Candlelighters - pm</p> <p>Children participating in the run should come in in clothes they don't mind getting covered in colour and that are suitable for running.</p> <p>For everyone participating, we have ordered a white t-shirt and sunglasses to run in.</p> <p>Children who have not signed up to participate should wear school uniform and will be given the opportunity to cheer on their friends.</p> <p>A little bit of information about the paint: <i>Does the colour powder stain clothing?</i> Like any other colour powder, ours can stain clothing.</p> <p><i>Can I wash colour powder out of my hair?</i> Yes you can! Rinse your hair with cold water first to remove as much as possible, then wash using a good quality shampoo. You can also use a conditioner/oil before the event - apply liberally to your hair and leave in for the event. This helps create a barrier between the colour powder and your hair. Alternatively, wear a hat or fun wig!</p> |

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| | <p>How is the colour powder made? Our colour powder is made the traditional way, just corn starch and natural vegetable or food-grade dyes. We have however gone that extra step to ensure our colour powder is non-flammable and nontoxic.</p> <p>Is colour powder safe for children to use? Our colour powder is safe for everyone to use. It is very important that all participants wear glasses to stop the powder from irritating eyes.</p> |
| Wednesday 15 th July | <p>School Disco EYFS and KS1 – 5pm – 6pm KS2 6:15pm – 7:15pm</p> |
| Thursday 16 th July | <p>Year 6 Leavers Assembly and Tea @ 1:30 Year 6s will need to bring something small to share with parents/carers at the event, e.g. a small cake, scones or cupcakes.</p> <p>Refreshments will be available in school – tea, coffee, juice and water.</p> <p>Just to remind you, we are a nut free school so please ensure that food items do not contain any nuts.</p> <p>The children can bring a change of ‘non-uniform’ clothes for the afternoon.</p> |
| Friday 17 th July | Leavers’ Service in St Nicholas Church (no parents) – 10am |
| Friday 17 th July | Last day of the summer term |
| Monday 20 th July | Disaggregated Inset Day – no children in school |

Anning Class Pirate Day

What a fantastic day Reception had last week as pirates. The children all looked amazing and we were all really impressed with their outfits and their pirate spirit, especially given the hot weather! The children enjoyed lots of pirate crafts and activities and have definitely strengthened their knowledge of the phonics sound 'ar'!



KS2 Cinderella Rockerfella Ticket Information

Tickets can be ordered by the following link: <https://forms.gle/su9NhJB8JouS7cky9>

Please tick the days in which you would like to come and how many tickets you would like.

Remember: it is Y3/4 on Monday 13th July and Y5/6 on Tuesday 14th July.

All KS2 tickets can be ordered on the same form to make it easier for staff to organise – it is different to usual. If you are unsure, please contact your child's class teacher to discuss.

The performances will last approximately 1hr 30 min (maximum). Once we have practised a run all the way through, we will have more of an accurate running time. We are predicting that the afternoon performance will finish by 15:00 and the evening by 19:30.

If your child attends the after-school club at 'Over The Rainbow', please inform the staff there that they are taking part in the performance. They will supervise the children across to the school in the same way as they do for morning activities. Please also speak with the team at 'Over The Rainbow' regarding food provisions, as they will be best placed to advise whether your child should have food before the performance.

Children should arrive back at school by 17:45 on the evening performances – they should come via the office door for Y3/4 or KS2 door for 5/6.

If you are unable to collect your child at the end the evening performance, please let your child's class teacher know who will be collecting them.

If possible, costumes should be brought into school on Wednesday 8th July in preparation for the dress rehearsals on Friday 10th July.

Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding the performances. The children are working hard in their rehearsals – we are proud of the effort they are making in learning their lines or lyrics for the songs.

School books

Please can any school reading/ sharing books be returned to school by Friday 10th July? Thank you

Year 6 Residential to Low Mill

Last week, the children had a fabulous time at Low Mill Outdoor Centre in the Yorkshire Dales. From the moment they arrived, there was a wonderful sense of excitement and adventure, and it was clear that everyone was ready to make the most of the experience.

The children took part in a fantastic range of outdoor activities in the local area. They went caving near the impressive Ribbleshead Viaduct, showed great bravery while abseiling down Appersett Viaduct, and enjoyed canoeing on the beautiful waters of Semerwater. Each activity gave them the chance to challenge themselves, work together and build confidence in a safe and supportive environment.

We were extremely lucky with the weather, which was amazing throughout the week. It was so lovely to spend time outdoors and enjoy the stunning surroundings of the Yorkshire Dales. One of the highlights was a local walk led by Nick, one of the instructors, who helped everyone appreciate just how special the area is. We were so lucky to be able to stay in such a beautiful setting.

The food was another real highlight of the trip. Each day, the children enjoyed both a hot and cold breakfast option, or sometimes both, followed by lunch and a scrumptious dinner. The desserts were especially popular, with sticky toffee pudding and Eton mess proving to be firm favourites.

Although we were sad to leave, we all had the best time and came home with brilliant memories of a truly memorable residential.



Thank you so much to all of the children for being such superstars and to Miss Dickenson, Mrs Lockwood and Mr Thompson for giving up their time to accompany the children. What a wonderful trip you have!

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Yorkshire Cricket finals Year 5/6



Our amazing cricketers finished as the 5th best team in Yorkshire! On the day we had a couple of close games that we lost by 3 and 5 runs that could have seen us competing for first place. A particular highlight was beating our close neighbours, Stamford Bridge! To think that 100s of schools took part in various competitions across Yorkshire it was a truly magnificent achievement to reach the final and then compete so well! We hit 484 runs during the course of the day which made us the third highest scoring team! Well, done to all the children that took part!

Mr Gargiulo

Communication Reminder

Please can parent email communication be directed to the school office in the first instance. This helps to ensure that nothing is missed and that the relevant staff are informed at an appropriate time. It also supports the wellbeing of our staff, as it protects them from receiving emails late into the evening. We greatly appreciate your support and understanding with this.

We won't do a newsletter next week as reports will be coming home to you on Friday. We will share news from next week and the last week of term in our final newsletter of the year!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Clare Thompson

Attachments:

- Top tips for making digital boundaries for children under 5

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Kidslingo FUN French Club at Carr Infant School for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2



Booking is open for September!

Our multi-Award-Winning French club is an action-packed adventure of FUN songs, game play, storytelling & let's pretend!

CLUB DETAILS:

- ✓ Our fun club runs on Thursday (from 10th September) at 12.25-12.55pm and is open to all children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2.

*All club members receive a **FREE SUBSCRIPTION** to our Kidslingo games website.*

HOW TO BOOK: Go to the website - www.clubenrolment.com/kidslingohelenw

- ✓ Enter the Club Location Carr Infant School, select the club & enrol.
- ✓ The club costs £5.00 per week. Payment is made termly by bank transfer and should be made when booking.



Learning a new language at a young age helps children develop their cognitive skills, such as problem-solving, critical thinking, and attention to detail. These skills lead to better academic performance and have a positive impact on pupils' overall mental health and well-being.

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Tombola

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'Read to the Beat'

Book Sale

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