



Summer Term 1 – Furness Vale Primary School

Newsletter



Dates for next term...

June:

- 5th – Inset Day
- 6th – return to school
- 8th – New Reception parents’ meeting
- 10th – New Mills Carnival
- 14th – school council trip to London
- 16th – Class C games & afternoon tea
- 19th – minibus training
- 20th – Classes B & C visit Chatsworth
- 21st – Area Sports
- 22nd – Sports Day
- 23rd – Class D assembly
- 25th – Duck Race
- 30th – Summer Fair

July:

- 1st – Paper Caper
- 4th, 5th and 6th – Y6 Induction NM
- 4th – Y6 Induction at Chapel High
- 12th – Y5 day at NMHS
- 12th – EYFS and KS1 show 5:30
- 13th – KS2 end of year show 6:30
- 14th – HPKC Summer Fair
- 18th – Year 6 Leaver’s trip
- 19th – school discos
- 20th – Leaver’s Assembly 2pm
- 21st – last day of term

Friends Proudly Working Together to Achieve Our Best
What a busy term that was!

Even though this has been a short term, I can’t begin to tell you how productive it’s been. The website is almost up and running, year 2 and 6 children have finished their SATs, two school council members met Andrew Bingham and are now busy preparing fund raising events, the school garden committee have met, the Governing Board had 3 meetings, the PTFA have had meetings to discuss upcoming events, we’ve had Take One Picture and we’re now busy preparing for the summer term. That’s without mentioning any of the sports events we’ve been to. Have a look at how much we’ve done this term...

Governing Board

Full Governing Board meeting:

Tuesday 11th July

Governing Board sub committees:

- Curriculum and Policies: 12th June
- Finance and Personnel: wb 12th June
- Safeguarding: 12th June



New Mills Carnival – Saturday 10th June

This year we will be participating in the New Mills Carnival on Saturday June 10th. An adult must accompany children who take part. Last year there was a walking float. This year we are having an actual float.

Preparing the float (making background scenery and props) has been happening each week and there are some brilliant creations! If you can't make it to the workshops but would like to help, please talk to Mrs. Guy.

There is still work to be done for the carnival – dressing the float. This will happen on Friday after school. More information about the carnival will be sent this week – as we get information, we'll pass it on to you.

Characters could be: Peter Pan, Captain Hook, The lost boys, Pirates, John Darling, The Chief, Mr. Smee, Wendy, Tinkerbell, Tiger Lily, Mermaids or the crocodile.

Staff News

You may have noticed that Mrs. Portman is expecting a baby, which is due in September. Massive congratulations Mrs. Portman. Naturally, this does mean we'll be appointing someone to work in Class D while Mrs. Portman spends precious time with her baby. We will keep you informed.

PTFA Meeting

The meeting was on Wednesday 17th May

The PTFA are putting £1000 towards the cost of the iPads. A further £200 has been raised so we're now half way to reaching our goal of £2,400 (for 6 iPads).

The next events are Paper Caper, Duck Race, Summer Fair and the Carnival.

Everyone appreciates how tight the school's budget is and many of you want to help.

We need people to join the PTFA to help us raise funds. Please contact the school and we will forward your details – all help will be gratefully received. You can also get in touch with the PTFA through Facebook – share your thoughts and ideas with us!



School Events

Take One Picture

This year's picture was 'Penelope and the Suitors' by Pinturicchio. The children have spent many afternoons creating some wonderful work based on the painting. There's been creative writing, painting, designing, papier-mâché and weaving, to name but a few examples. Some representatives from each class went to New Mills Primary School and were brave enough to show and tell what each class had been doing – well done everyone!



Sporting challenges...

We've had Bikeability, where the children worked hard, listened well and behaved impeccably. The boys have participated in football and Kwik cricket. There has also been a mixed rounders tournament. The children have enjoyed participating and meeting up with children from other schools in the area. They did themselves proud; they showed good sportsmanship and were very well behaved. Well done, everyone!



Paper Caper

The final Paper Caper of this year is on Saturday 1st July. Saving paper, card, catalogues and leaflets doesn't cost us anything. We have talked about children bringing these items into school with them each week and leaving them at the side of the school where volunteers will put them in our shed between collections. This just needs a bit more discussion and a set day. We'll send out more information as soon as we have thought this through more. The alternative is that we pay to have our paper taken away – it's really not an option is it?

Once again, let Jim know if you can help in any way with the July Paper Caper, then he can let you know what support he needs.

End of Year Discos

The next Disco date has been put in the diary: Wednesday 19th July 2017.

There will be two discos on the same night:

4:00 until 5:30 for Years 1 & 2,

6:00 until 7:30 for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

We hope you will all come along and have a great time. There will be a drink and packet of crisps included in the price but we'll also be selling Glow Sticks and sweets and maybe some other goods, too. The last Disco was excellent; I'm sure the children will enjoy every minute!

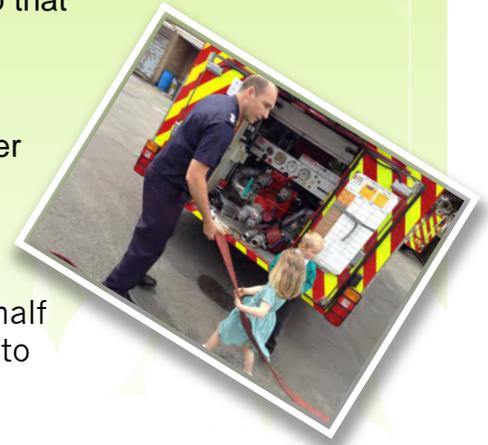
School Council

This term, our School Council has been thinking about ways we can make a Quiet Area in the playground. Mrs. Harding has done a brilliant job of painting the benches; they look amazing and really brighten up that whole area.

Our Year 5 and 6 representatives on High Peak Kids Council will be visiting London and the Houses of Parliament in June along with other children from our PEGS cluster. We hope they have a great day exploring London.

Attendance

Congratulations to all the children who had 100% attendance last half term. Some children rarely have a day off and their determination to attend school, even when they're not feeling great, is admirable. Certificates are on their way to each and every one of you.



The Golden Mile starts on Monday 12th June 2017

A letter will be sent home soon explaining what's entailed. Basically, the children will be jogging, walking or running for 10 minutes at 2 O'clock, every day. They don't need to get changed but will need sensible footwear and a coat if it's raining. There will be opportunities to achieve certificates and work towards personal fitness targets.

After School Club

We would like to remind you our After School Club runs everyday until 5.30pm. We ask for a minimum of 24 hours notice to ensure we have adequate staff for our ratios.

Please let Tracey or Mrs Daniels know ASAP if your child no longer requires a space.

Fees are as follows:

Up to 4pm: £2.50

Up to 4.30pm: £3.50

Up to 5pm: £4.50

And up to 5.30pm £6.00

A small snack is included.

Both Clubs

Both clubs are very well organised. They offer a range of activities including: games, construction, colouring, drawing and toys.

Outdoor play is sometimes available – weather permitting.

All staff have DBS checks and are also part of the school team.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open from 7.45 am. Children from Nursery up to year six can attend.

Prices:

From 7.45 it's £2.50 per child

From 8.00 it's £2.00 per child

The staff appreciate advance notice for attendance and absence so they can make sure they have the correct ratio of staff to children, but they recognise this is not always possible.

Cereal, juice and milk are always on offer and crumpets or toast (with jam) are offered twice a week.

There are many quiet activities to join in along with games, construction and toys.