Summer 6 Newsletter – 6th July 2018

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I'm sure that all who came to see the drama club production of 'The Lion King' will have thoroughly enjoyed the performances. We certainly have some very talented actors, singers, dancers and musicians! A huge thank you to Miss Wilson and

Mrs Raybould for their marvellous work over the year – you certainly brought out the best in the performers. Thank you, too, to Mrs I'Anson and her assistants who organised a wonderfully enjoyable Sports Day for all pupils. While the unexpectedly hot weather made it inadvisable for our children to spend too long watching others compete, we were nonetheless delighted with the way that all competitors were encouraged and supported.

Summer Fair Yes, our summer fair is tomorrow! We are grateful for all the tombola prizes brought in today — it all looks very tempting! As there is clearly a very important rival attraction taking place



in Russia on Saturday afternoon (come on, England!), we have decided to move the start time of the fair to **1.00pm**, with the raffle being drawn at 2.45pm. We hope that this will allow families to attend, but still be in good time to watch the football. Please do support our fair if you can – it is our main fundraising event of the year, and we hope it will go some way towards achieving our goal of converting the school bungalow for wider school use. Hope to see you there!

PTA Events Our Sunday Orienteering Day was blessed with wonderful weather, and was once again a great success. Grateful thanks go to the Crosby family and to Simon Toyne for organising the event. Our final PTA event of the year is our Summer Disco on Thursday 12th July. For children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 the timings are 5.30pm to 6.30pm (Nursery parents should accompany their children), and for older pupils it is 6.45pm to 7.45pm. Entry is £3.00 including refreshments. Please note that mobile phones should be handed in at reception, and not taken into the disco.



This half term our core Christian value is:



Diary Dates

Saturday 7th July – PTA Summer Fair, 2.00-4.00pm

Monday 9th July – Transition morning; Year 6 at high school

Tuesday 10th July – Nursery Forest School session

Year 6 at high school

Wednesday 11th July – Transition morning; Year 6 at high school

Thursday 12th **July** – Year 4 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park

PTA Disco – 5.30 – 6.30pm and 6.45 – 7.45pm

Friday 13th July – Year 1 and Year 2 Otley Tennis Club

Monday 16th July – Reception Forest School session

Summer Concert, 7.00pm

Tuesday 17th July – Year 1 Forest School session

Wednesday 18th July – Year 2 and Year 5 Forest School sessions

Thursday 19th July – Year 3 and Year 4 Forest School sessions

Friday 20th **July** – Year 6 Forest School session

Monday 23rd July – Fun Day

Tuesday 24th July – Leavers' Service, All Saints Church 1.30pm

Wednesday 25th July – Talent Show Break up for summer holiday















Midday Supervisory Assistant needed We are currently looking for someone to add to our lunchtime supervision team, working between 11.45am and 1.15pm. This could be for three days, or full the full week, whichever suits the applicants. If you would like to know more about this post please contact the school office.

Practice for evacuation, invacuation and lockdown It is a sad fact that in today's world we need to be prepared for a variety of uncomfortable circumstances. Schools and other institutions have always practised fire evacuation, and our school procedure is well established. However, we are now strongly advised to practise a response to threats from outside school, which might require us to find a secure place within the building for all occupants. It is our intention before the end of term to practise taking children to a 'safe space' on a given signal; we will do this in a way which is non-threatening for pupils, and without creating opportunity to dwell on eventualities which are extremely unlikely to occur. Please let us know if this causes problems, as we want to ensure that all children feel safe at all times.



Lost property As mentioned before in our newsletters, we are accumulating a large amount of lost property in this warm weather. Where items are named we are able to return them quickly to their owners, but unfortunately there is a surprising number of sweatshirts, cardigans etc. with no names. At the summer fair tomorrow we will bring the items out so that parents can reclaim them; any which remain unclaimed will be resold or recycled. Please help us by ensuring

that all school clothing is named!

Summer Concert Our annual summer concert will take place on Monday 16th July, starting at 7.00pm. All pupils who learn instruments through school are invited to perform, and, of course, our orchestra will be performing under the direction of Mrs Nunn. All parents are invited to attend – no tickets are required.

Music Lessons We are delighted by the number of children who want to learn a musical instrument at school. A letter will be going home shortly offering pupils going into KS2 the chance to learn. If you would like to take up this opportunity please return the slip from the letter as soon as possible; any requests for lessons in September need to be returned to the Office by the end of term. For any pupil wishing to



continue their music lessons in September, please send a completed form plus payment for the autumn by the end of this term.



Forest School Sessions We are very grateful to the PTA, who have generously organised and financed a half day for each of our classes with Chevin Forest School this month. We are very grateful for the support that we receive from the PTA that allows us to offer such experiences for our

pupils. Please remember that all parents are, as a matter of course, members of the PTA, and it would be great if as many as possible could become regular helpers and organisers for our school events. Please note that the annual general meeting of the PTA will be on Tuesday 11^{th} September at $7.00 \, \text{pm}$ – an early reminder for diaries.

Road Safety In these warmer days we have received messages from a number of concerned neighbours about the conduct of our pupils on the streets. While the estate roads all have a 20mph speed limit, this does not mean that children are invulnerable, and when they cycle, scooter or skate board on roads unsupervised there is often a danger of serious injury. We are particularly concerned about children and families who access the school by using the drive to the car park – this is used by vehicles at all hours, and should not be used by pedestrians at any time.

