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ST. PAUL'S
C of E Primary School

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Dear Families,

Welcome back to the last half term of this academic year. Time really has flown! We hope you enjoyed a restful half term break and we look forward to the next seven weeks in school, hopefully enjoying decent weather and making the most of all the learning opportunities this time of the year brings about, both indoors and out.

Thank you to those families who sent the children back to school, dressed smartly in full uniform and on time. Having the children in school and ready to begin work by 8.45am really 'sets the scene,' for the day ahead. Our doors open at 8.30am for Y6 and 8.40am for all our other children. Please do all you can to ensure that your children are in school, each day. It makes such a difference to their progress. Rest assured, if we think a child is poorly and needs to be back with their family, we will always contact you.

Our Nature Area continues to take shape. Many thanks again to Mr. Barley, who has put in hours of his time to support us. We continue to apply for grants and raise money within school, to support the development of our area. Over the next few weeks, all our children will be given opportunities to spend time in the Nature Area, enjoying mapping the changes and developments. Please log onto the website or Twitter to see pictures. As a school, we are also taking part in the '30 Days Wild,' project, with each class uploading examples of outdoor learning onto Twitter over the month of June. This is part of our commitment to revitalising our curriculum and making sure we keep learning relevant, challenging and good fun!

Our Y4 children returned from their overnight residential at Lineham Farm yesterday – a great time was had by all. We were so proud of them – their manners, courtesy and sense of fun shone through and they took part in many new activities, including archery, and an assault course. Today, they are taking part in Road Safety Awareness training. We imagine they will sleep well tonight!

We were delighted on Tuesday morning to open our school doors to the most amazing Dioramas/set designs, which had been undertaken by our Y6 children (and families) over the holidays. Thank you all. Our entrance hall looks magnificent – please do pop in and take a look. This week has also been a week of 'enterprise,' when our Y6 have set up their own business models and have raised valuable funding towards school equipment, charity and their own leaving party. We have caught a glimpse of the business owners and developers of the future and we could not be prouder.

Sports Day – 15th June KS1 9.10-11.30 KS2 1pm-3.10pm

We are delighted to invite you to our **Sports Day on Friday 15th June** to support the children in a range of sporting events. Our reserve day will be Friday the 22nd June.

As we continue to reflect our British Values throughout cross-curricular activities, we again are dividing the school into four 'houses,' and each house will represent one of these values. Each child taking part will receive a point for his or her house. There will then be extra points rewarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

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Red House – Respect and Tolerance
Green House – Rule of Law
Yellow House – Individual Liberty
Blue House - Democracy

On the day

Foundation Stage and KS1 will commence at 9.10am -11.30am with a 15-minute break at 10.30am when children will go into their classes to use facilities and get refreshments.

KS2 events will commence at 1.00pm - 3.10pm.

The first half of each session will be a series of events with the second being the races, including our children's favourite part - **parent and staff race**.

There will be a designated area from where parents and carers can watch the races and you are all welcome to follow your child's class on the 'round-robin' of field events during part one.

Over the lunchtime break (weather permitting) children will picnic outside with their classes. Those children who have a school meal will be provided with a picnic lunch on the day. For health and safety reasons parents will not be allowed on site during this time.

Important information

Please ensure that your children **bring hats and sun cream**. Ideally, cream should be applied before children come to school. All children must also wear their full PE kit (white t-shirt, black shorts, trainers, hair tied up, sweatbands or hair bands etc to represent their team colour, no bows for health and safety reasons), **other sports wear is not permitted**.

All children should also bring a full plastic **water bottle** as we hope for the sun to join us!

We hope you will be able to join us on this fun-filled day of sport,

Dates for your Diary

To help organise family diaries, below is a list of the many things happening in school over the summer term. Further details will follow, but we hope this is useful.

14th June - Road Safety training for whole school

15th June - Sports Day (weather permitting. If the weather is a barrier, another date will be announced nearer the time)

20th June – A Day in the life of a High School Y5 to Wetherby High School

28th June - Maria Farrer (author) in school, with representatives from Leeds Library Services

29th June - Year 6 production dress rehearsal

3rd July - Year 6 production 1.30pm and 6.00pm

6th July - PFTA Summer Fair after school

10th July – Early Year's trip to Big Sheep and Little Cow

17th July - Open evening to meet the new class teacher for 2018/19. 4.30pm - 6.00pm

24th July - Leavers assembly 2.30pm

24th July - School closes for summer

Tonight, we host our Nursery and Reception information night for new families. We still have some spaces, so please do let friends and neighbours know, if they have children aged between 3 years and 5 years, and are still undecided where to send their children. If they contact our office staff, we will invite them into school for a chat.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to seven weeks of continual improvement, effective learning and happiness at Whinmoor St. Paul's.

Miss McBride