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Birtley East School Times Weekly Newsletter

2023-24 | 10th May 2024

Sports Day

We are including all classes in our sports day this year, there will not be a separate event for reception and nursery children. See the dates section on the page below for more details.

Comets Football

Please find attached a poster about 'Comets' which is a recreational, pan-disability football programme for disabled children aged between 5 and 11.

School Football Team

Last night the school football team represented Birtley East once more in 2 matches played at Edmondsley. They drew their first match 1-1 against St Bede's and unfortunately lost their second match against Edmondsley 3-1. However, the score line doesn't reflect how well they played and they were unlucky to come away with only 1 point from both matches. Once again, they played brilliantly as a team and we are very proud of them all.

All of the remaining fixtures will be played at Kibblesworth Primary 4pm - 5pm if anyone would like to come and support them. The next match is on Thursday 23rd May and the final date is Thursday 6th June.

Catering update and survey

We will be participating in 'picnic week' in June, menu attached. The link is now live for this year's Parent & Pupil survey, closing date 30th June

- <https://consultation.gateshead.gov.uk/survey/1264>.



Remember sun safety - send children in with sun cream applied (and a bottle for them to reapply it if you wish), sun hats and water bottles. We have school sun cream, please let staff know if you DO NOT want this applied to your child. We will offer this if children come to school without sun cream on a sunny day when they will be outdoors a lot.

Ready
Respectful
Safe





Wheely Wednesdays

For a while now we have been allowing the children to bring skateboards and roller skates into school on Wednesdays to play with during break times as well as adding some bikes and scooters of our own. However, with the warmer weather allowing more children to access our full site we are now happy for children to bring their scooters in on a Wednesday if they wish.

We have the scooter pods on the terrace where the children can leave them when not in use. If anyone has any skateboards, scooters or roller skates, in good working order, that they no longer need we would love to give them a new home at school to add to our collection.

Attendance Information

Please find a letter attached from the local authority about national changes to attendance legislation. In particular, there are updates about fines for parents and there is a national tightening of the number of sessions missed that can lead to a fine. **Please just send your child to school for every school day.** *If they are ill and you are in any doubt, send them in and we will contact you if we think they are too ill for school.*

Dates for your Diary

Please note, we include as much information as possible about upcoming events on this newsletter but please also look out for separate communications from your child's teacher.

New or changed dates are highlighted in a different colour.

| Date | Event |
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| WB 13 th May | Year 6 SATs (Monday to Thursday) |
| Tuesday 14 th May | Year 2 multi-sports event at LLOBA |
| Friday 17 th May | Year 6 cricket event, Low Fell |
| Monday 20 th May | Reception height and weight monitoring (NHS) |
| Monday 20 th May | Year 5 cycling skills day |
| Thursday 23 rd May | Sports Day (weather permitting) - PM. Gates open 12.45pm. Gates will be locked at 1pm so make sure you arrive in plenty of time. Gates will remain locked for safety throughout the afternoon and so all access in and out will be via the main entrance once they are locked. |
| Thursday 23 rd May | Football match (after school) |
| Friday 24 th May | Saltwell Park 'Go Run for Fun' (Y2-6) |
| WB 27 th May | HALF TERM |

During June, **statutory assessment** will take place in the following year groups:

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| Phonic Screen; all of year 1 and some of year 2: WB 10-6-24 |
| Multiplication Tables Check; Year 4: WB 3-6-24 (and the following week if needed) |
| EYFS Profile Assessment; reception class |

REMINDER: School is closed to pupils for our occasional day on Monday 1st July



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