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Enabling everyone to flourish and to live life in all its fullness.*



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## Newsletter

### JUNE/JULY 2021

25 June 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

The last few weeks of the summer term are busy with lots of things going on, so please check your email regularly for any updates.

#### **COVID-19 Update**

New COVID-19 infections almost doubled in the week ending 18 June with 382 new cases, up from 198 the previous week, and new cases have approximately doubled in each of the last three weeks. Although Cumbria's case rate of 76 per 100,000 population remains below the national (98/100k) and regional averages (233/100k) we have been reminded by Cumbria County Council that the basic public health advice is still crucial – wash hands regularly; wear a face covering; give people space; meet outside where possible; get vaccinated; and get tested if you have symptoms or are asked to do so. Infection rates vary significantly between age groups, with rates in the 12-24 age group in Cumbria sitting at 243/100k compared to just 16/100k among the over 60s.

**Please also note that parents of children who test positive in either primary school or secondary schools settings should make sure that they inform the schools/settings that any siblings of the positive case attend, that there is a positive case in the household.**

#### **Year 5 & 6 Residential Visit**

Mrs Batey and Mr Neil are taking our Year 5 & 6 pupils on a residential visit to the Lake District on Tuesday 29 June and Wednesday 30 June. Mrs Beattie will be available should you have any need to contact school during their absence.

#### **Office Hours**

Mrs Laithwaite is now in the office on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday each week from 8:45 to 3:30. If you need to contact school outside of these hours, please leave a message on the answerphone.

#### **Sports Day - update**

Sports day is scheduled for Friday 9 July, however, in response to the increasing numbers of COVID cases within Cumbria, and clear Public Health England and Cumbria County Council advice regarding visitors in school, we have reluctantly taken the decision to hold Sports Day for the children without parents. We understand that this will be disappointing for both pupils and parents, but we will make it enjoyable for everyone, and share pictures with you of the event.

#### **Year 6 Transition to WHS**

Again, following PHE and Cumbria County Council advice, William Howard School have taken the decision to cancel all face to face transition events, and will hold virtual events instead. All Year 6 parents/carers should already be aware of the details of the online events, but should you have any questions, please contact Mr Neil.

*"This school continues to be good... maintains good quality education... pupils gain a sense of achievement from their lessons... they display excellent attitudes towards their learning... behaviour in lessons and around school is impeccable... Staff are welcoming and inclusive... strong Christian values are promoted well... (results) well above that of other schools nationally" Ofsted 2019*

*Staff "strive to ensure that pupils are happy, while making education fun and enjoyable." Parent View 2018*



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It is hoped that as the planned Summer School for Year 6 pupils is 4 weeks away, that it will still go ahead, and Year 6 pupils can still apply.

### **PTA Air Ambulance Clothes Collection**

Just a reminder that the PTA has arranged a clothes collection for Wednesday 30th June at 9.30am – books can be included in the collection.

### **Transition Day**

Transition Day will take place on Monday 12 July this year, with pupils spending the day in next year's class. Year 6 pupils will be preparing for their Leavers Service.

### **Annual Pupil Reports**

Reports will be sent home on Friday 9 July and you will have the opportunity to discuss your child(ren)s report via a Zoom meeting if required, on 12 July. A Google form link to book an appointment will be sent out soon via email. This is an optional parents' meeting to discuss the report.

### **Children's Cancer North – Charity Run**

We are hoping to support Children's Cancer North charity by completing a Sponsored Run on our new Mile Track during the week commencing 5 July, with more details to follow next week.

### **Seaside Experience Day – 14/15 July 2021**

As our annual whole school trip is no longer viable due to COVID restrictions, we are organising a Seaside Experience at school. This will take place on either 14 or 15 July (weather dependent!) and more details will follow nearer the time.

### **Year 6 Leavers' Service**

Details of the Year 6 Leavers' Service will follow and will take into account any updates to COVID guidance and restrictions. Parents of those pupils in Year 6 will be contacted separately once details are finalised.

### **End Of Term – Friday 16 July 2021**

School will close on Friday 16 July at 3:30 and will re-open on Thursday 2 September 2021.

Yours Sincerely

Lynnsey Batey,  
Head Teacher

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
29-30 June	Yr 5 & 6 Residential visit to the Lake District
30 June	Air Ambulance collection at 9:30
w/c 5 July	Children's Cancer North Charity Run
9 July	Sports day – pupils only due to COVID restriction
9 July	Annual Pupil reports
12 July	Optional parent appointments via Zoom
12 July	Transition day
14 or 15 July	Seaside Experience
16 July	Year 6 Leavers Service
16 July	3:30 End of Term! Year 6 Leavers' service

