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## July 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

**Congratulations:** I'd like to start by congratulating two of our year 6 children, Harley Rutherford and Jacob Clark, who this week received a Newcastle School's Achiever Award at the Civic Centre. Every year our staff vote for two children who they think have made achieved incredible things during their time at our school – as you can imagine this is a very difficult decision!



I would also like to place on record our congratulations to Mrs. Wakenshaw who is set to complete her qualification to become a Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) with us. We would also like to congratulate Mrs. Atkinson and Donna Martin who have also now completed additional teaching assistant qualifications with us. We're so proud of them all!

**Welcome to Miss Elsender:** We're very pleased to welcome Miss Elsender to our staff team as an additional teaching assistant. Miss Elsender recently completed a successful teaching placement with us and will be a superb addition to our team!

**Transition Days:** It was lovely to see lots of you at our open evening on 4<sup>th</sup> July where you were able to meet your child's new class teacher and see their new classroom. On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July the children will get to spend the day with their new teacher ahead of moving to their new class in September. Please drop your child off at their normal entrance on the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup>.

For children in Year 6 moving to Walbottle Academy in September, they will also spend Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at Walbottle. A coach has been arranged by Walbottle to transport children to Walbottle from Lemington Riverside. This will depart Lemington Riverside at 8:30am prompt. Please ensure your child is at the main entrance of school ready to be picked up from 8:20am on that day.

**Supermarket vouchers:** Children eligible for income-related free school meals will be provided with supermarket vouchers for each week of the summer holidays. This is funded by Newcastle City Council.

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**Developments in school over the summer:** We continue to be very proud of the developments that are taking place to improve the look and feel of our school. Over the summer holidays there will be a number of further works taking place at our school, including:

- The full refurbishment of our school dining hall and kitchen.
- The development of a brand new sensory room and a brand new classroom to support children with additional needs.
- High level pointing works on the main building.

**Farewell to Year 6:** It's that time of the year again where it's almost time to say farewell to our year 6 children as they make the move to high school. We have some lovely activities planned for them in their final couple of weeks with us, including a day at the beach and an exciting visit to Edinburgh on the train. Parents/carers of year 6 children are invited to join us for a special graduation ceremony in school on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 9:30am in the school hall.

**Riverside Wraparound:** Our wraparound provisions continues to operate every morning from 7:45am and until 6pm each evening. **Please note, due to low numbers attending, bookings MUST be made at least 24 hours in advance of children attending wraparound.** Thank you for your support with this.

**Parent evenings & end of year reports:** A reminder that our end of year parents' evenings will take place on **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** between **3:40pm and 6:00pm**. At these meetings your child's class teacher will share with you their end of year report. Please return booking slips to your child's teacher as soon as possible to confirm your appointment.

**Sports days:** We are enjoying some fabulous sports days on our brand new running track and pitch this week! Thank you for all of the adults who have come to cheer the children on. Well done to all of the children for competing so superbly! We'd also like to place on record our thanks to Mr. Carter who has organised the events.

**Parent survey:** We invite all parents to complete our parent survey for the chance to win a £20 Amazon voucher. Scan the QR code to complete the survey >>



**Dates for your diary:**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Parent's evening (between 3:40pm and 6pm)

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Transition day – children spend the day in their new class.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Graduation Ceremony (Main Hall) – all parents/grandparents of year 6 children are welcome as we say farewell to the class of 2023.

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July** – We break up for the summer holidays at 3:30pm (Riverside Wraparound open until 6pm). Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July is a staff training day and school will be closed for all children.

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** – We return to school for the new academic year.

Kind regards,

Mr. Heeley (Headteacher)