

Dear Parent/Carer,

8th June 2018

JUNE NEWSLETTER

Congratulations

We are delighted to let you all know that one of our Y4 teachers, Lisa Andrews, is expecting her second child in December of this year. I am sure you will join me, along with the staff here, in wishing Lisa and Neal all the best with the pregnancy and new arrival.

We would also like to congratulate Ali Prince (now Crowther) Y3, who got married just before half term, and Claire Munday, Reception teacher, who got married during the half term. I understand that they both had great days.

Residential Visits

May felt a little like residential month at Ghyllside as Y6 children spent two nights and three days in Edinburgh, Y5 children visited Borrowdale for two nights and three days, and Y3 spent a night and two days in Grasmere. All the trips were blessed with great weather and really enhanced the children's curriculum learning as well as knowledge of themselves and personal development. I would like to thank all those staff who have worked exceptionally hard to plan and give up their own time to staff these trips.

Expedition Club

On the first bank holiday in May, we had our Y6 expedition club mountain day with all those children taking part either climbing Coniston Old Man and/or Dow Crag. This coming weekend, (and Monday of next week,) 37 Y6 children will be taking part in their three-day expedition. Luckily, we appear to be blessed with a fine forecast, which anybody involved last year will remember was not the case then! All the children involved have shown great enthusiasm, teamwork and resilience and I am sure will have a great experience. Expedition club could not run without staff and parents giving up a lot of their time to facilitate it. Can I take this opportunity to thank all the staff and parents who have given up their time to make expedition club happen – it really is one of the things that separates Ghyllside from other schools.

French Week 11th - 15th June

Throughout school next week we are holding French week to celebrate the language and culture of France. Classes will be enjoying different activities which may include food tasting, art based around a famous French artist or orienteering using French vocabulary.

The PTA are kindly supporting our learning with money available for extra resources to enhance the week. The children continue to use Linguascope, an online resource which we have subscribed to as a school to enhance our French teaching. Your child can access this resource at home www.linguascope.com/ but you will need log in details which can be collected from the School Office.

By picking the French flag on the beginners option, your child will be able to access a selection of topic areas which start with a presentation of vocabulary, followed by a range of games.

Finally, on Friday 15th June to celebrate the end our week, please encourage your child to come dressed in the colours of the French flag – blue, white and red. Thank you for your support.

School Council

The School Council have organised this year's sponsored fun run to raise money for the up and coming new Outdoor Classroom. This will take place on Tuesday 12th June for Y1 - Y6 pupils, 9.30 – 10.30am and 2.15 – 2.45pm for Reception pupils.

For June we are asking for contributions of **flannels/sponges and soap** for the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal. If you would like to contribute, please could you bring these in and place in the box situated near the library. Thank you.

Dogs on School Grounds

Please could parents/carers be reminded not to bring dogs onto the school grounds. Thank you

Sports Day Arrangements

Our sports days are always a highlight of the school year where we celebrate both taking part and competition. Weather permitting, our sports days will go ahead on Tuesday 19th June for Reception (10.00am), Y1/2 (1.00pm) and on Thursday 21st June for Y3 - Y6 (1.00pm). Picnic lunches will be held on the field on both days from around 11.45am and parents are welcome to join their children for lunch.

Children in Y3 - Y6 compete for the 'House Sports Trophy'. As in previous years, if your child would like to, they can wear a T shirt that matches their particular House colour. Children in Castle - red, Kent - blue (normal school PE top), Kirkland - yellow and Serpentine - green. Whilst not compulsory it would be good to have as many children as possible in the appropriate colour.

Please take extra care when parking as in previous years the road has become blocked and larger vehicles were unable to pass through. If you do need to drive, it is always a good idea to park as well away from school as possible. Thank you.

PTA News

The Summer Fair is on Friday 29th June straight after school until 5pm. It is our main event of the summer and one of our biggest fundraisers. This year's theme is **RECORD BREAKERS!** We will be holding record breaking activities for children and families to take part in, cake sale, summer games, ice-creams, bbq, raffle, bottle raffle and much much more..... The Friday will be a summer festival/sports theme multi-day and all children are asked to 'bring a bottle' or a raffle prize for wearing mufti. Also we really want children and families to be involved as much as possible, so if students have any good ideas for record breaking events that we could easily do and that would be fun to take part in then we would love to hear all your ideas!

The Ghyllside PTA are a fairly small group and we really do need more support and volunteers to help organise and run these events. The PTA work really hard to help raise funds and run fun events to help provide the children and the school with additional resources, support activities and opportunities for all-please if parents, grandparents or carers can provide any help and support please let Amy or Jemma know- you can email us at ptachairperson@ghyllside.cumbria.school.uk

In the meantime we are holding an informal 'get together' on Tuesday 12th June at 7pm at the 'Ring O'Bells' to discuss the Summer Fair. If you feel meetings aren't your thing but you are you happy to run a stall on the day, help us set up before or tidy up afterwards, if you can bake cakes or anything else I've forgotten then you would be an amazing help and this is as equally valued to us. Please get in touch if you feel this is something you would like to do.

Our second hand uniform supplies are running low, especially the sports kit and the 7-8 years bracket. If anyone would like to donate old uniforms that are in good, second-hand condition can they leave them at the School Office

Measles Outbreak

We have been informed by Public Health that there are currently outbreaks of measles in several areas of the UK affecting unimmunised children and young adults, including two recent cases in Cumbria. There are also large outbreaks in several countries across Europe, including holiday destinations. Measles is highly infectious. It can cause serious illness and can sometimes be fatal. Vaccination with two doses of MMR is the safest way to protect children and young people.

Measles is not just an illness that can affect young children. Teenagers, young adults and anyone who has missed their MMR vaccination can get measles. If you think you or your child has measles please contact your GP surgery for advice.

If you would like more information, see: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/>

Holidays during Term Time

Please try to avoid booking any holidays during term time as absences can only be authorised in "exceptional circumstances". The latest term dates are printed at the end of this newsletter, these can also be found on our school website. Other sites may have different dates therefore always use the official Ghyllside School website.

Ghyllside Holiday Club

The holiday club will run for the first 4 weeks of the summer holidays (Monday 23rd July – Friday 17th August). If you would like a place, please collect a booking form from the School Office or Mrs Williamson in the Nursery.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 9 - Mon 11 June:	Y6 Expedition Club
Tues 12 June:	Sponsored Fun Run
Thurs 14 June:	Class Photographs
Mon 11 – Fri 15 June:	French Week
Tues 12 June:	Sponsored Fun Run, Y1-Y6 9.30 -10.30am, Reception 2.15 - 2.45pm
Tues 12 June:	PTA Meeting 7pm at the 'Ring O'Bells'
Fri 15 June:	Dress up in blue, white and red for French Week
Mon 18 June:	Y6 KKS Induction day
Mon 18 June:	Y5 QKS Activity day
Tues 19 June:	Reception Sports 10.00am, Y1/2 Sports 1.00pm (picnic lunch 12.00)
Wed 20 June:	Y4 Trip to Liverpool, 7.45am – 4.30pm
Wed 20 June:	Reception New Starters Evening 6.30 - 8.00pm
Thurs 21 June:	KS2 Sports 1.00pm (picnic lunch 12.00)
Mon 25 June:	Y4 PS/LG Rainbow Roundabout at United Reformed Church, pm
Tues 26 June:	Y4 LA Rainbow Roundabout at United Reformed Church, pm
Wed 27 June:	AGM for GOOSC 5.30pm in Neighbourhood centre. All welcome
Thurs 28 June:	Y6 QKS Induction Day
Fri 29 Jun:	Y4 Commonwealth Day at KKS
Fri 29 Jun:	PTA Summer Fair
Wed 11 July:	Open afternoon 2.30 - 3.20pm, Meet the next teacher sessions 3.30 - 4.00pm (for parents,) and repeated 4.00 - 4.30pm Parents report surgery drop-in 4.30 - 6.00pm
Thurs 5 July:	Y2 Pirate Day Challenge
Fri 13 July:	Y6 Leaver's Ceilidh 6.30 - 9.00pm
Fri 20 July:	Y6 Leaver's Assembly 9.00 - 10.15am

Summer Term ends on Friday 20th July at 2.00pm

Autumn Term starts on Wednesday 5th September