



Summer Newsletter

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an absolute delight this week has been! I have been made to feel so welcome here by everyone I have met. Thank you to all the parents and carers who have come to say hello, thank you to the lovely staff for their hard work and enthusiasm, and (best of all) thank you to the wonderful pupils for being such rays of sunshine. Your children do you and Warkworth proud with their politeness, willingness to work hard and positivity.

My time as headteacher could not have begun any better than being part of the annual Decorating of the Cross worship on Monday afternoon. Seeing all our children together, flowers in hand, thinking about the promise of new life on a beautifully sunny Spring day made me feel emotional and so very proud to be your new headteacher.

I have been keen to put in a few changes this week which the children tell me they are liking so far (!). Worship has returned to being in the hall each morning, setting the tone for the day ahead. I have reinstated daily singing too and the sound of your children's voices and the sight of their smiles has made the start of each day. We look forward to welcoming Reception class in more frequently too over the next half-term.



The other big change is that all children have returned to eating their lunch in the hall. This has required lots of patience and rejigging of staff rotas etc. – I cannot thank them enough for their patience. I also must say that the quality of the cooked food here is incredible: Mrs Dixon and Mrs Lee's meals are absolutely delicious. The pupils will have to keep an eye out that I'm not taking more than one dessert...! We have spoken a lot about table manners and keeping the hall clean and tidy and so far the children are more than rising to the very highest standards!

In terms of getting to know you all better, I look forward to continue to see parents on the gate. I am attempting to keep either drop off or pick up times free most days – you are welcome to say hello or ask me any questions. I am also planning on hosting informal 'Meet the Headteacher' sessions. These times are listed in the key dates on p3 – if you would like to come, please phone Mrs Gibson in the school office so we can get an understanding of numbers. In addition, you may of course email me directly if there is anything urgent you would like to discuss with me or a private meeting can be arranged if you would prefer. Please do not hesitate to email me.

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I look forward to the coming days, months and years ahead as we build on what makes Warkworth strong towards an even brighter future.

Jonathan Booth





Warkworth Show

Please keep Saturday 19th August free in your diary for the annual Warkworth Show taking place at the castle.

This year's theme is based around the book *The Lost Words* and will focus on the beauty of our local natural environment. Families can explore the castle, enjoy the story tent and live music. Further information will follow over the coming weeks and the school will be represented in various ways.

Writing Competition

Across the schools within the Trust, all Year 5 and Year 6 pupils entered a writing competition which was hosted by the author James Nichol (*The Apprentice Witch Series*). Archie from Year 6 was presented with a runner's up certificate for his story based on *The Night we Camped on the Moon*. A huge congratulations to Archie to be recognised amongst so many other children - this was the first time we have entered the competition as a school and to be recognised for his achievements is phenomenal. We look forward to the competition next year. Well done Archie!



The Coronation

As shared on Class Dojo earlier this week, we are delighted to be hosting a very special picnic for all our families to celebrate the King's upcoming Coronation. It will be held from 1:30pm on Friday 5th May. Please contact Miss Fife via Dojo Message if your child will not be picked up so we can make necessary arrangements in school to supervise them at the picnic ourselves. Thank you!



S.E.A. Squad

Our Social and Environmental Action Squad would like to thank all of our wonderful families for contributing to the toy swap last term. Their next focus is going to be on food wastage so watch this space...! The dates of the next meetings are shared on p3.

Vision Club - Easter Trail

Well done to all of you who found all 8 QR codes around Warkworth village! It isn't too late to find them out and to post your findings on Class Dojo with a selfie by picture 8...! In addition, I met with the Vision Club today and we had a fantastic conversation about the school values.





Cricket



We are delighted that Northumberland County Cricket are providing free cricket sessions for Reception to Year 4. I am personally a massive fan of cricket so I may be biased (!) but I hope we have a future Ashes winner in our midst...

Summer Fair and Parent Events

Miss Fife and Mrs Coils will be helping to facilitate parent working parties to help set up the Summer Fair. Any and all parents, family members and friends of the community are invited as we seek volunteers to help out not just for our Summer Fair on the 5th July but also finding wider volunteering opportunities around school. If you are interested, please contact Miss Fife or Mrs Coils directly and further information will follow.

More broadly, I am personally very keen to get as many people into school as possible. There is plenty that can be done from hearing readers to helping with a paint brush and upkeep of our lovely outdoor area.

Safeguarding

Mr Booth is our school's Designated Safeguarding Leader, with Mrs Coils, Mrs Gibson, Miss Milne and Miss Fife our Deputy Leaders. If you have concerns about a child, you may contact any one of us. If it is an emergency and a child is in immediate danger, please call the police.

Members of the public can also report concerns to Children's Social Care directly. If you have a concern about a child please contact one of the following:

- OneCall – 01670 536400
- Northumbria Police – 101 (in an emergency always dial 999)
- NSPCC Helpline – 0808 800 5000

There is also [a secure online referral](#) form available for you to explain your concern, if you are a member of the public.

Dates for your diary

Class Dojo will continue to be used to communicate key dates to families for specific year groups but I felt the following dates may be beneficial for you to receive.

Meet the Headteacher – these are informal 'getting to know' the HT sessions with drinks and refreshments. You may of course wish to speak to me privately which you are welcome to do via email or phone.

Friday 5 th May, 2:30pm	Please contact Mrs Gibson to confirm attendance
Thursday 11 th May, 2:30pm	
Tuesday 16 th May, 8:45am	

Tuesday 4th May & Thursday 24th May
 S.E.A. Squad dates, 3:15pm-4pm.
 Y1-6: All welcome.

Monday 15th May Year group photographs

Tuesday 16th May 3:30pm
 E-Safety Workshop (Virtual)
 A link will be posted by Miss Fife in due course.

Thursday 18th May
 Mexican themed lunch

Monday 3rd July – Friday 7th July
 Everyone is Awesome Week

Wednesday 5th July
 Summer Fair (details to follow)

Friday 21st July
 Colour run (final day)

With my very best wishes,

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