Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school for the Summer Term. We hope you have had a lovely Easter and that we are going to have warm, sunny weather from now on. The children have already been on the field a few times, which is lovely as they have so much space.

**Class Assemblies 2016**

Please note that some of these dates have changed since the last newsletter.

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| **Date** | **Which class or classes** |
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| Friday 29th April | Year 3 |
| Friday 6th May | Year 1 |
| Friday 13th May |  |
| Friday 20th May | Reception |
| Friday 27th May | Year 6 |
| *Half Term Holiday* | |
| Friday 17th June | Year 2 |
| Friday 24th June |  |
| Friday 1st July | Year 5 |
| Friday 8th July | Year 4 |
| Friday 15th July | Coffee Club Tea Dance |
| Thursday 21st July | Leavers service at 9.00am |
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There are lots of exciting things planned for this term, both inside and outside of school. This letter will just give a brief outline of everything and further details will be sent home via the classes involved.

**Harmonica workshops**

Just a reminder about these which will take place on Tuesday 26th April during the school day. If you would prefer your child to have their own harmonica rather than share one, please remember they are £5.00 from school and have to be ordered by tomorrow.

**“May the Force be with you”**

On Wednesday 4th May we are having a special science day in school about forces. Miss Stevens and Mr Thornhill have planned a range of activities to enhance the learning in this part of the science curriculum. This should be an interactive, fun day packed with new experiences – so please don’t foget to ask your children about it.

Mrs Butler is also making a special lunch for that day – please look at the website.

**Staffing for September 2016**

The majority of year groups will continue to be taught by the same members of teaching staff in September, but there are a couple of changes:

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| **Class** | **Teacher** |
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| Reception | Miss Marwood |
| Year 1 | Mrs Redhead |
| Year 2 | Mrs Bell |
| Year 3 | Mr Thornhill |
| Year 4 | Miss Stevens |
| Year 5 | Mrs Mackie |
| Year 6 | Mrs Carter |
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Miss Horne will continue to work at school part-time covering Planning, Preparation and Assessment (PPA) time for some of the teachers on a weekly basis.

Timetables for the Teaching Assistants are being arranged this term, but each class will have assistance for part of the week.

**Coffee Club**

This is a regular coffee morning for our senior citizens and some mothers and toddlers (or babies). You are most welcome to come and join us.

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| **Dates** | **Times** |
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| Thursday 21st April | 9.30am |
| Thursday 5th May | 9.30am |
| Thursday 19th May | 9.30am |
| Thursday 16th June | 9.30am |
| Thursday 7th July | 9.30am |
| Thursday 21st July | Leavers Service 9.30am |

Please also note that we are holding a very special Tea Dance for club members and friends on Friday 15th July from 1.30pm. The year 6 children will be learning some classical dancing (including the Foxtrot and Waltz) and will share this as a performance at the beginning. There will then be time for everybody to join in as the choreographer will still be here with lots more music so that you can all “have a go”.

**Key Stage 2 Tests**

These take place from Monday 9th May to Thursday 12th May. Letters have been sent home about this before, but another copy of the timetable is below:

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| **Monday 9th May** | **Tuesday 10th May** | **Wednesday 11th May** | **Thursday 12th May** |
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| English reading test | Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar tests | Mathematics paper 1  Mathematics paper 2 | Mathematics paper 3 |

**Karate for years 1 and 2**

Karate will begin for years 1 and 2 this term. Further details will be sent home later.

**Tree Top Trek**

The children from year 3 will be visiting Brockhole (Windermere) on Tuesday 10th May. The coach will be leaving school at 8.30am. More details to follow.

**Paying for school lunches**

Cooked school lunches are available at no cost to all children in Reception, year 1 and year 2. Meals cost £2.20 per day (£11.00 per week) for children in the other years. Meals should be paid for in advance at the beginning of each week. Menus are sent home regularly so that parents can choose which days they want their children to have a school meal. Extra copies of the three week menu choice are available from the school office – it is also posted on the front door.

This terms new menus are attached to this letter.

**Cricket Coaching**

Cricket coaching will begin using part of the extra PE funding on Wednesday 25th May for years 5 and 6. This will be run during school time in the afternoon. We are also hoping to start an after school cricket club. If anyone is interested in helping with this please speak to Miss Marwood or myself.

Years 4 and 5 will continue to do karate on Wednesday afternoons as well.

**ELECTIONS in school**

Please note that school will remain open on Thursday 5th May for the Police Commissioner elections.

However it has been decided that the school will be **CLOSED** on Thursday 23rd June for the UK EU Referendum. This is because the second election is likely to be really busy and the hall will be required by the Borough Council.

**Jewellery in school**

Please can all parents remember that jewellery is not allowed in school. This is primarily for the children’s safety. The only exception to this is plain stud earrings for children who have pierced ears. **However these should be removed for PE as soon as the six week limit for new piercings is over.**

**Parking outside school**

**Please don’t park or stop on the yellow lines outside school or across the back lanes to the houses on North Row. This is for the safety of ALL our children.**

**Advanced warning of Diary Dates**

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| **Date** | **Event** | | **For which year group** | **Times** |
| 19.04.2016 | Barrow AFC multi skills training | | 1 and 2 | 3.00 – 4.00pm |
| 26.04.2016 | Harmonica Workshops | | All | All day |
| 04.05.2016 | “Forces” special science day | | All | All day |
| 09.05.2016 | Key Stage 2 SATs Tests | | 6 | 4 days |
| 10.05.2016 | Tree Tops Trek | | 3 | All day |
| 12.05.2016 | Bee Bots workshops | | 1 and 2 | All day |
| 16.05.2016 | Christian Aid Worm Day | | All | All day |
| 19.05.2016 | Skipping Day | | All | All day |
| 24.05.2016 | Pizza making at Frankie and Benny’s | | 3 | Morning |
| 27.05.2016 | Break up for half term | | All | 3.15pm |
| ***Half term holiday*** | | | | |
| 06.06.2016 | Second half term starts | All | | 8.45am |
|  | School photographs | All | | 8.45am |
| 07.06.2016 | Fell walking | 2 | | All day |
| 09.06.2016 | Fell walking | 2 | | All day |
| 13.06.2016 | Zentangle Art | 3 - 6 | | Workshops |
| 14.06.2016 | Barrow AFC cricket coaching | 3 – 6 | | 3.00 – 4.00pm |
| 16.06.2016 | Chef visiting year 2 - cooking | 2 | | Afternoon |
| 17.06.2016 | “Hamlet” at Zefirellis, Ambleside | 5 | | All day |
| 21.06.2016 | Taster session at Furness Academy | 5 | | Morning |
| 23.06.2016 | School closed EU referendum | All | | All day |
| 27-29.06.2016 | London Residential | 6 | | 3 days |
| 04/05.07.2016 | Secondary Transition Days | 6 | | Both days |
| 13-15.07.2016 | Barhaugh Hall residential | 4 | | 3 days |
| 21.07.2016 | Leavers Service  Break up for the Summer Holiday | All | | 9.00am  2.00pm |

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

**Autumn Term starts on Monday 5th September 2016**