



Bassenthwaite Primary School

April/May Newsletter 2018

Swimming Lessons

A reminder that swimming lessons for the junior children will commence on Friday 20th April until Friday 25th May. Children will be transported to Keswick pool and will need to be picked up at 3.15pm at the pool. Please ensure that they have their swimming kit and towel with them each week. PE funding is being utilised for this year's lessons and therefore no charge is being asked of from parents.

Year 4 and 5 Sports Leaders

Also using sports funding the Year 4 and 5 children are currently being trained as sports leaders. They will then be able to take a lead in playtime and lunchtime activities.

Bassenfell Residential

Years 2 and 3 will be going to Bassenfell Manor this week for their one night residential. Please ensure that the children have a day bag with them for the Wednesday which includes a packed lunch, waterproofs, spare clothes and a pair of old trainers for canoeing (which are ok to get wet!), sun hat / cream as we are forecast a warm day and any medication that is needed.

The children will need to pack an overnight bag, along with a sleeping bag and pillow case.

SATS

Our Year 6 children will be completing this year's SAT tests during the week beginning 14th May. The rest of KS2 will also be completing the optional SATs during the same week. SATs in KS1 will be completed during the month of May. Please ensure your child/children are in school on time to aid the administration of these tests. We use the results of these tests as a monitoring tool against our ongoing teacher assessments within school.

School Uniform

As the weather improves (hopefully!!), children are welcome to change to our summer uniform. Girls may wear a blue summer dress and boys or girls may wear shorts (these need to be grey or black school shorts and not any other colour). As jumpers will be regularly taken off, please ensure these are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Treetop Sessions

Year 1 and 2 will have a treetop session in the afternoon of Tuesday 24th April. Junior children (Years 3 to 6) will have a treetop session on Thursday 26th April and again on Thursday 24th May.

EYFS and KS1 will have a session on Tuesday 22nd May. Please ensure that your child is equipped for these sessions with appropriate clothing and footwear.

Pencil Museum Educational Visit

Mrs Parr has recently sent out information regarding a trip to the Keswick Pencil Museum on Tuesday 24th April. This involves the junior children and will link with their topic work on WWII.

Year 3 / 4 Football Competition

If your child is involved in this exciting football competition, Mrs Parr has sent a paper copy of a letter out earlier this week. This takes place on Wednesday 25th April.

Animal Visits to School

EYFS will have some furry and fluffy visitors to school this half term. Firstly, the ducklings should have already hatched in the school incubator. Then, on Thursday 26th April Pets at Home will be visiting school with an array of

their animals. Monday 30th April sees the guide dogs visiting school and on Wednesday 2nd May we will be honoured by a visit from the police dogs.

Cricket

The junior children will receive three sessions of cricket training this half term, the first being Tuesday 8th May and secondly on Tuesday 15th May, lastly Tuesday 22nd May. A tournament will follow and if your child is involved with this tournament a separate letter will be sent out.

Outdoor and Adventurous Activities

The junior children are very fortunate to have secured a series of ten water sports lessons this year. The first session will be on Wednesday 2nd May and will run for the rest of the summer term. A previous letter has been sent out about this. Please ensure children are suitably attired for these sessions. I will resend a kit list prior to the first session.

EYFS / KS1 Lingholm Visit

The EYFS and KS1 children will be visiting Lingholm on Wednesday 9th May in the afternoon. This will be linked to their topic work this half term on *Global Gardens* and *Peter Rabbit*. Further information will be sent out nearer the time.

Last Kingswood Payment

The remaining £40 for the KS2 Kingswood trip next academic year will be due into school by 21st May. This **must** be paid by this date to ensure we have time to process the payment before the end of this academic year, or we may not be able to guarantee the places (and what has already been paid would not be returnable). Many thanks for your understanding.

Health and Safety

A polite reminder to parents that they should not be parking cars in the car park between 8.30am and 9.15am and likewise between 3.10pm and 3.45pm. The gated area is required as a turning space for vehicles and some staff have contracted hours where they need access in and out of the car park. Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

To ensure the utmost safety of the children, it is vitally important that parents properly supervise their children before 9am on the school yard and after 3.20pm. Children are welcome to use the play equipment before and after school, but it is the parents' responsibility to supervise this play. Under no circumstance should children be allowed to climb into the septic tank area or over the fence into adjacent fields. These areas have locked, gated access for a reason. If balls or other play equipment enter these areas, please report to appropriate school staff who will be responsible for retrieving when it is convenient and safe to do so.

Diary Dates

- Half term - Monday 28th May - Friday 1st June