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June Newsletter 2024

Dear Parents / Carers,

Summer is finally here! Well, at least that's the rumour at least – might want to keep your wellies to hand for the time-being! Year 6 have completed their SATs and now they can let their hair down and focus on getting the very best out of their last months of primary school. We have to say that we are extremely proud of how the Year 6 children tackled the challenge of SATs week; they were mature, meticulous and fearless and did themselves proud. This, of course, is also testament to the fantastic preparations of the Year 6 staff team to ensure the children were ready and raring to go. This half-term there have been lots more sporting events and we also had a brilliant 'Dino Day' when the school was visited by a selection of baby dinosaurs- very exciting! Summer 2 will provide us with lots more active learning and outdoor opportunities (fingers crossed!) and we look forward to sharing some of these with parents and visitors. Here comes the sun!

Kind regards,

Mr Chapman – Headteacher

TRAINING DAYS FOR 2024

We have two training days remaining for this academic year. Both are at the end of this school year so children will finish school on Friday 19th July 2024.

- Monday, 22nd July 2024 – training day.
- Tuesday, 23rd July 2024 – training day.

OFFICE REMINDER FOR PAYMENTS

Please can all parents make sure that they have downloaded the app for 'School Gateway'. This is our NEW online payment system which parents will use to make all payments. Please note – we are no longer using Pay360 and will not be able to accept any payments made through this. Thanks, kind regards, the Office Team.

ONLINE SAFETY- Have regular conversations with your child.

Give children the chance to talk about what they're experiencing online, what apps and sites they use and who they're talking to.

Talking regularly, like you would about their day at school, will help your child feel relaxed and mean that when they do have any worries, they're more likely to come and speak to you.

Remind them that it isn't just you that they can talk to – another trusted adult or a Childline counsellor might be easier sometimes.

When children communicate online, misunderstandings can lead to disagreements or arguments. Encourage your child to look at the Childline website, which has lots of useful advice articles.

Visit: www.childline.org.uk



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COUNTING OUR CHICKS

Foundation Stage were thrilled to hatch nine chicks in their in-class incubator last month. Ten eggs were delivered to the unit along with a heating unit. The children enjoyed learning all about chickens and other farmyard animals before the first cracks started to appear in one of the eggs. And then, within the space of three days all but one of the eggs had hatched and we had an excitable group of little yellow chicks running about (as well as an excitable group of children!) The chicks stayed in FS for the next week and were visited by all the children in school. Mr Harrison even built the chicks their very own playground to run around in! It was a lovely learning experience and one that the children have been talking about ever since.





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BOXING: THE TRUTH

Some members of Year 5 have been lucky enough to spend this term training with Armley boxer and former Farnley Academy student Josh 'The Truth' Wisner at his boxing gym 'Ministry of Boxing'. The children have been visiting on Tuesday's to take part in some inspiring training and learning sparring skills head-to-head with Josh in the ring! The sessions are designed to promote good discipline and determination and are led by Josh, who is an inspirational local youngster. We are hoping to have Josh come and visit us in school in the near future so that he can run sessions with all the classes.





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What's been happening in class?

Year 6

On World Art Day, Year 6 created Japanese Notan art simply by cutting and laying out pieces from a single square. It's much harder than it looks! We listened to dramatic sea music called Sheherazade and drew stormy waves imagery based on the famous Hokusai wave print. We wrote a short story about a storm at sea. We are also experimenting with digital art and created moving Mondrian animations. Finally, it was dinosaur week and we learnt all about these fascinating creatures, as well as meeting baby dinosaurs. Oh, and we did our SATs tests!





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Year 5

We have had a very busy, fun-filled half-term in Year 5! We have created lots of artwork, focusing on collages (inspired by David Hockney) on the iPads. In the last week of half-term, we had a very exciting visitor- a dinosaur! We became palaeontologists and excavated fossils; we also created our very own dinosaur fact files. Some of the team have been able to participate in boxing fitness classes with Joshua Wisner- the children have been thoroughly enjoying this activity. We definitely can't forget our (very messy!) ice-cream afternoon as we had hit our next Owl Point reward- this was well deserved after working extremely hard in our test week. In science, we have been getting messy (again!) planting clones. We are going to keep track of which plant grows the tallest clone plant! Finally, we have been working hard in our ukulele sessions, becoming more confident playing tricky chords and songs.





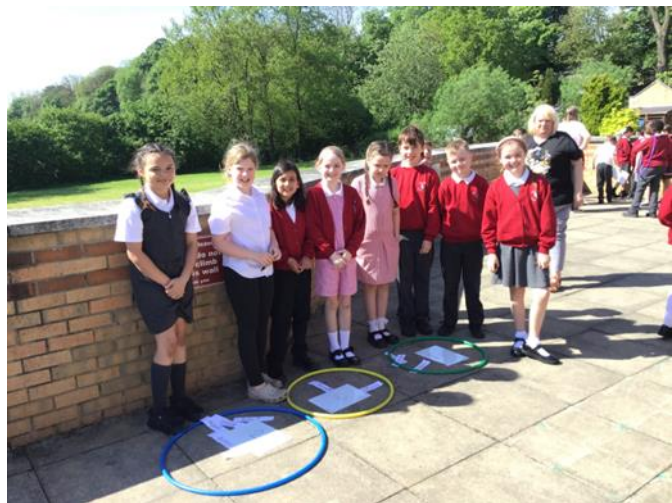
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Year 4

Year 4 have had a super term! From swimming to learning all about something completely new such as designing healthy cereal boxes using Computer Aided Design (CAD), it's been so much fun! The Year 4 pupils have worked extremely hard in English this term; they have emersed themselves in our dragon topic and produced fabulous persuasive writing pieces to persuade an audience to buy a pet dragon. In Summer 2, we will recommence swimming lessons for a block week at the end of term. At the beginning of the term, Year 4 will be sitting their multiplication checks which they have worked their socks off for! We will be studying the Ancient Egyptians too, which Miss Ball is very excited for!





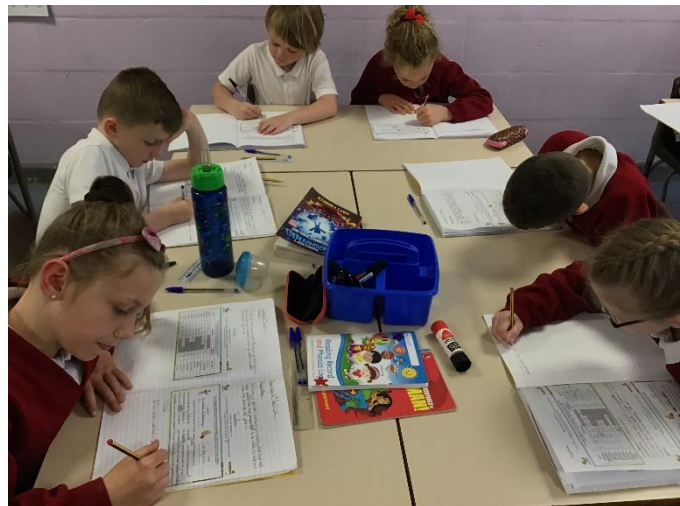
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Year 3

Wow, what a fantastic start to the summer term we have had in Year 3! We have been incredibly busy, writing a narrative based upon a naughty toy that broke into LPPS! The children did lots of work for this unit including a 'Dragons Den' pitch and some product design to create the toy. We have LOVED our DT unit where we have explored the online software Tinkercad to create several 3D designs. The highlight of this term for many of the children in Year 3 was our 'Dinosaur day'. The children spent the day writing diary entries from the perspective of a palaeontologist, learning lots of new facts but most importantly the children met Rory the baby dinosaur! Summer 2 is looking to be just as exciting with workshops on our new unit The Egyptians along with lots of writing based on this.





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Year 2

This term in Year 2 have been very geography focussed, with lots of learning revolving around our 'hot and cold places' topic. We have written some exciting recounts inspired by storybook 'The Way Back Home' and had an unexpected delivery from our friend Sunny the meerkat, who stuck around to help us with our learning for the rest of the term. In maths, we have tackled the tricky topics of fractions and time but we are so proud of how amazing all the children have done, putting in a lot of effort to make sure they grew in confidence. Finally, the last week has been dino-tastic! Before having our visitor bring fossils, we read about Mary Anning, lots of other dinosaurs and have even written a small fact file about our favourite ones. We are really looking forward to Summer 2, full of lots more great learning and a couple of exciting trips.





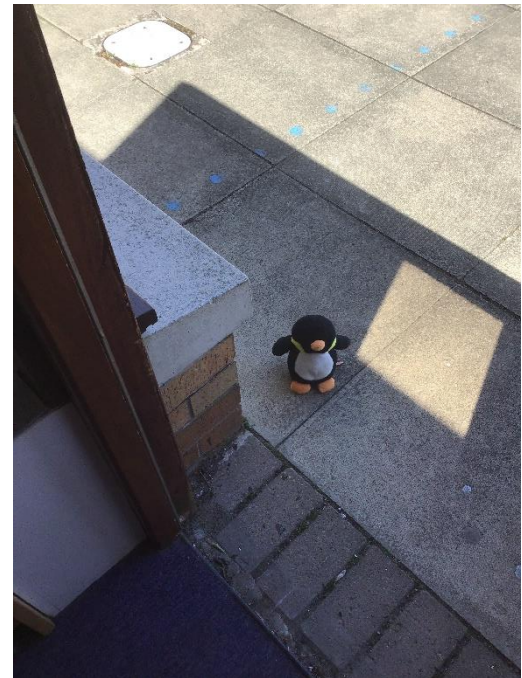
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Year 1

Year One have had a super-fun but busy half term! We had a special penguin friend arrive at our door, so the children did some investigating about where he might've come from and we wrote lists of what to pack in our suitcase to take the penguin back to Antarctica! We found a book that had the penguin in called 'Lost and Found' and the children did some fabulous retellings too. In science, we have loved learning about plants and exploring the plants in our local area; we have also made grass caterpillars and will be observing how they grow. We finished the half term off with a fun dinosaur day, where we met and stroked some baby dinosaurs! In art, we have been creating digital art inspired by Sean Charmatz and in PE we have been practising our athletics skills ready for sports day. Roll on summer 2; I can't believe we are nearly at the end of Year 1 already!





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Foundation Stage

Wow, what a jam-packed, fun-filled half term we have had in Foundation stage! From the hatching and rearing of chicks in week one to baking and baby dinosaurs in Week 6, the experiences we have shared really have been wild! The children have embraced all opportunities along the way and have produced some fantastic learning in response to these experiences.

In our final half-term of the year we will be reviewing how far we have come and how we have grown academically and personally over the past year, before preparing ourselves to move on to the next step in our learning journey.





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Key Dates up to May Half-Term

Main dates for Summer 2 half term – 3 rd June to 19 th July				
Summer 2 Week 1 June	Monday, 3 rd June	School opens for Summer 2 term.	Year 4 times tables check every day this week.	School clubs begin this week.
	Friday, 7 th June	Year 2 and Year 6 Leeds Rhinos.		
Summer 2 Week 2 June	Monday, 10 th June	Year 3 Ancient Egyptian workshop.	Phonics screening check Y1.	Year 4 times tables check every day this week.
	Tuesday, 11 th June	Year 4 Ancient Egyptian workshop.	Year 5 First Aid.	
	Wednesday, 12 th June	Year 3 and 4 Ancient Egyptian workshops.	Year 5 First Aid.	
	Thursday, 13 th June	Year 2 Skipping Armley Leisure Centre.		
	Friday, 14 th June	Year 5 Sharing Assembly.	Year 2 and Year 6 Leeds Rhinos.	
Summer 2 Week 3 June	Monday, 17 th June	Year 2 Assessments (all week).		
	Tuesday, 18 th June	Year 5 First Aid.		
	Thursday, 20 th June	Year 6 Farnley Academy transition visitor.		
	Friday, 21 st June	Year 2 and Year 6 Leeds Rhinos.		
Summer 2 Week 4 June	Monday, 24 th June	Year 6 Cycle training (all week).	Year 2 Assessments (all week).	
	Thursday, 27 th June	Performing Arts summer show at Farnley Cricket Club 6pm.		
	Friday, 28 th June	Year 2 and Year 6 Leeds Rhinos.		
	Saturday, 29 th June	School Fair 'Lawns Fest' 11am.		
Summer 2 Week 5 July	Tuesday, 2 nd July	Year 1 and Year 2 Filey seaside trip.		
	Thursday, 4 th July	Year 6 High School transition day. Moving up day for Lawns Park classes to meet new teachers and staff.		
	Friday, 5 th July	Year 2 and Year 6 Leeds Rhinos.		
Summer 2 Week 6 July	Monday, 8 th July	Year 2 Sporting event at Cobden Primary.		
	Tuesday, 9 th July	Sports Day – KS1 AM, KS2 PM		
	Wednesday, 10 th July	Foundation Stage Sports Day		



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	Friday, 12 th July	Year 2 and Year 6 Leeds Rhinos.			
Summer 2 Week 7 July	Monday, 15 th July	Year 4 swimming afternoon.			
	Tuesday, 16 th July	Year 4 swimming afternoon.	Year 6 V's staff rounders.	Foundation stage afternoon party.	
	Wednesday, 17 th July	Year 4 swimming afternoon.	Year 6 Whitby trip	Year 6 leavers' disco	
	Thursday, 18 th July	Year 4 swimming afternoon.		F2 graduation 2-3pm	
	Friday, 19 th July.	Year 4 swimming afternoon.	End of year recognition assembly 9am.	Year 6 leavers' assembly 2.30pm.	School closes for summer

If you have any comments/questions/feedback, please do not hesitate to get in touch.
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Kind regards,

The Lawns Park Team