



Newsletter Summer 2 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to the final half term of this school year.

Children have had an incredibly busy summer term so far and June will see our final assessments of the year completed then we have an exciting few weeks planned with many trips, parties, discos and sports days being organised - please familiarise yourself with all the important dates provided below.

Phonics/ Multiplication Screening Checks

Year 1 will be taking their Phonics screening check **WB 10th June**. Those children in **Year 2** who did not meet the threshold last year, will also have the opportunity to repeat this on these dates.

Year 4 will be taking their Multiplication check **WB 3rd June - Friday 14th June**.

Attendance and punctuality is vital on these dates.

Summer Parties/Disco



On Thursday 20th June, we will be having our summer parties/discos.

Playgroup, Nursery and Reception - 9.30am-11am

Key Stage 1 - 1.30pm-3pm

Key Stage 2 Disco - 4.30pm-6pm

Transition Day/ Morning

On Tuesday 2nd July, children will move up to their new classes for the morning and meet their new staff for next academic year. Please bring children to their normal doors and their current teacher will take them to their new class once the registers have been taken.

Year 6 will spend the day in their new secondary school (if this is Bedlington Academy or St Benet Biscops). For pupils attending Ashington High School, the transition date is Thursday 27th June (these pupils can attend school as normal on 2nd July). Students/ families are to make their own way, there and back to their secondary schools.

Sports Day/ Sponsor Week



In the week commencing 8th July, your child will be taking part in their annual sports day events. We will also be carrying out a number of sponsored activities in order to raise money for school resources. The sponsored events will take place within their year group (each teacher will send out further information closer to the date).

We unfortunately cannot accommodate spectators throughout the events, however photographs/videos will be uploaded onto individual Class Dojo pages.

Sports Day will take place on Wednesday 11th July - spectators welcome:

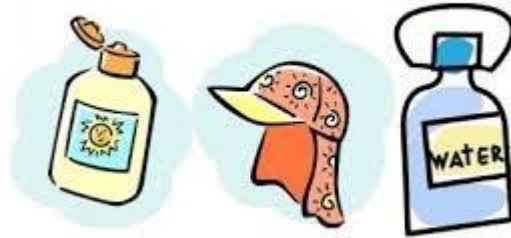
* Nursery/Reception and KS1 9.30am-11am

* KS2 1.30pm – 3pm

Parent's Evening

Parent's evening is scheduled for Monday 15th July. You will receive your child's annual report on Friday 12th July and this parent's evening is to discuss anything arising from the report you wish to discuss further with their class teacher. If you would like an appointment, please ensure you sign up to a suitable time using the online link which will be sent nearer the date.

Water Bottles/ Hats/ Sun Lotion



Please remember that children should have a water bottle in school each day and as per school policy, this should contain **plain water only**. Please do not allow children to bring glass bottles into school.

On the hotter days, we recommend children bring a sun hat as we will be outside a lot and children should arrive to school wearing sun lotion. Children can bring a named bottle of sun lotion to keep in their drawer or school bag but they must be able to reapply this themselves.

School Uniform



Thinking ahead to September and starting to buy new uniform? Please find our School Uniform Policy¹ attached

¹http://www.ringwayprimaryschool.co.uk/web/school_uniform_/206011

School uniform consists of the following:

- White polo shirt
- Purple jumper or cardigan
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore/shorts
- Purple gingham summer dress
- Black school shoes/plain black school trainers with black soles (no large distinctive logos) Boots can be worn in winter months – these must be plain black, ankle height and with no heel.
- Wellies (optional)
- One small watch and a pair of stud earrings (no other jewellery or smart watches permitted). For health and safety reasons, children must be able to remove their own earrings.

PE Uniform:

Our PE uniform consists of:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts or jogging pants
- Plain black hoody (optional)
- Black trainers (as plain as possible) or suitable black footwear for outdoor PE sessions.

We have a selection of pre-loved uniform in school, please contact the school office if you would like to come in and look through this. We will also display this outside, at home times, a few times over the next half term.

E-Safety Guides



Useful WhatsApp guide for parents:

https://ringway.eschools.co.uk/web/factsheets_and_guidance_for_parents/carers/647816

Reminder about our E-Safety link to lots of guides for Parents/Carers. Please let school know if there are any platforms your children are using that you would like some advice /guidance on and we can try and source this for you and add to the page.

Fact Sheets and Guidance Link ²

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about YOUTUBE

YouTube is a video-sharing social media platform that allows billions of people around the world to watch, share and upload their own videos with a vast range of content – including sport, entertainment, education and lots more. It's a superb space for people to consume content that they're interested in. As a result, this astronomically popular platform has had a huge social impact: influencing online culture on a global scale and creating new celebrities.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
YouTube is a video-sharing platform that can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is tagged as 'age-restricted' meaning the user has to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18. But children can still view some really inappropriate material. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

HIGH VISIBILITY
Content creators can also be put at risk – especially young ones who try to make their online presence as visible as possible. Creating and uploading content exposes children to cyberbullying and toxicity from the comments of other users, with the possibility of direct messages from strangers. Videos posted publicly can be watched by anyone in the world.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS
YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as direct messages. These interactions, of course, can potentially lead to children being exposed to profanity, language, cyberbullying and even to encountering online predators.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES
YouTube is teeming with trends, challenges and dares. Some are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these interesting activities and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but more often, more harmful children through social media copying. The painful, hurt and loss of copying, which can cause injuries very quickly, is just one of many such examples.

SUGGESTED CONTENT
YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, videos to explore content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful and can lead to children being exposed to the risk of seeing inappropriate content, especially if auto-play is activated. Users will also see recommended popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS
A popular YouTube channel regularly have comments posing as a well-known TV character in the comments section, attempting to lure users into clicking on their channel. Scammers have impersonated YouTube by adopting the names and profile pictures, and using quick schemes. Children may not realise that these users are not who they seem to be.

Advice For Parents & Carers

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE
Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate content (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence and sexual situations) to underage viewers. To prevent your child from changing access to inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that your child uses to access YouTube.

TRY GOOGLE FAMILY
Creating a Google Family account allows you to monitor what your child is watching, uploading and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives the oversight of how and what is being done like YouTube and helps you ensure they are only accessing appropriate content.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS
YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – as they can be shared exclusively with family and friends. For example, comments on videos can only be disabled and channels that your child is subscribed to can be hidden. If your child is only uploading videos that are protected as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.

CHECK OTHER PLATFORMS
Influencer content creators usually have other social media profiles which they promote their fans to follow. Having an open discussion about this with your child makes it easier to find out how they might be exposed to other content. It also opens up avenues for you to check out the content a child creates to see what type of content your child is being exposed to.

MONITOR ENGAGEMENT
YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them children. Young people, however, may have different content to other ages, of course, and react to content differently. You may want to keep an eye on how your child interacts with content on YouTube – and, if appropriate, with content creators – to understand the types of videos they are interested in.

LIMIT SPENDING
Although YouTube is free, it does offer some cheap purchases like, can rent and buy TV channels and movies. For example, if you're not comfortable with your child purchasing content online, limit their access to your bank cards and online payment methods, and discuss how to discuss. If your child is using YouTube, discussing a limit on how quickly they can spend leads to an unexpected bill!

Meet Our Expert
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New School Update

The planning application for the new build is due to be submitted this week (hopefully). If all goes to plan, the construction will commence in November with the hope to be finished (Phase 1 by October 2025). Phase 2 to be complete by April 2026.

Parking - Local Residents and Yellow Lines

²http://www.ringwayprimaryschool.co.uk/web/factsheets_and_guidance_for_parents/carers/647816

Please continue to be mindful of our local residents when parking outside school and **remember the yellow lines should not be parked on at any times**. Despite numerous communications and reminders from school, it is disappointing that these issues are still ongoing.

We need to rely on parents/carers to help keep all our children safe outside of our school.

School Closure for Summer Break



School will close to pupils at **1.30pm on Friday 19th July 2024** and reopen on Tuesday 3rd September 2024.

School Calendar for Summer 2 Term 2024

Monday 3 rd June 2024	Children return to school
Monday 3 rd June 2024	Year 4 Multiplication check begins
Monday 3 rd June 2024	Year 6 Outdoor Adventurous Activity Festival (PM)
Friday 7 th June 2024	House winner's non-uniform
Friday 7 th June 2024	Summer Fayre (3pm-5pm)
Friday 7 th June 2024	Year 6 Forest School
Monday 10 th June 2024	Year 1 Phonics screening check week
Friday 14 th June 2024	Reception/Nursery Forest School
Thursday 20 th June 2024	Summer Parties/Disco
Friday 21 st June 2024	Year 4 Forest School
Monday 24 th June 2024	Assessment Week in School
Friday 28 th June 2024	Year 3 Forest School
Tuesday 2 nd July 2024	Transition Day
Wednesday 3 rd - Friday 5 th July 2024	Year 6 London Residential
Friday 5 th July 2024	Year 2 Forest School
Monday 8 th July 2024	Sponsor Week
Monday 8 th July 2024	Year 1 and 2 Visit to Washington Wetlands
Wednesday 11 th July 2024	Sports Day: AM - Nursery/Rec/Year 1 and 2 PM - Years 3,4,5,6
Friday 12 th July 2024	Reports to Parents
Friday 12 th July 2024	Year 6 Leaver's Party (4.30pm-6.30pm)
Friday 12 th July 2024	Year 1 Forest School
Monday 15 th July 2024	Leaver's Assembly Year 6 Parents 9.30am
Monday 15 th July 2024	Parent's Evening
Tuesday 16 th July 2024	Nursery Graduation 9.30am
Wednesday 17 th July 2024	House Winner's Celebration
Friday 19 th July 2024	School finishes for summer break at 1.30pm

- Year 5 Forest School – dates to be confirmed.

Term Dates 2024-2025

RINGWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY AND TERM DATES 2024/2025

HOLIDAY OR OCCASION OF CLOSURE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL CLOSE	DATE ON WHICH SCHOOL WILL REASSEMBLE
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	MONDAY 2 SEPTEMBER 2024	
Summer 2024	Friday 19 July 2024	Tuesday 3 September 2024
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	Monday 4 NOVEMBER 2024	
October Mid Term 2024	Friday 25 October 2024	Tuesday 5 November 2024
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	Monday 6 JANUARY 2024	
Christmas/New Year 24/25	Friday 20 December 2024	Tuesday 7 January 2025
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2025 * This falls within the holiday	
Spring Mid Term 2025	Friday 21 February 2025	Monday 3 March 2025
Easter 2025	Friday 11 April 2025	Monday 28 April 2025
MAY DAY	MONDAY 5 MAY 2025	
TEACHER TRAINING DAY	MONDAY 2 nd JUNE 2025	
Summer Mid Term 2025	Friday 23 May 2025	Tuesday 3 June 2025
Summer 2025	Friday 18 July 2025	Tuesday 2 September 2025

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