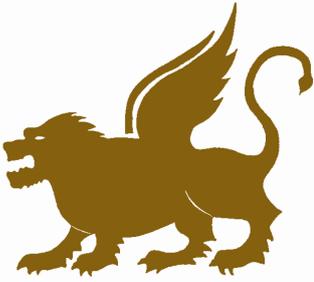


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Dear Parents

Final Newsletter of the Year

We are now in the final few days of the school year, and what a busy time it has been. Thank you to everyone who has been involved in, and supported, all our end of term activities. The two excellent productions: 'Hats Off' and 'Dragon Days', the Summer Fair, Sports Day, numerous class trips, the Leavers' Party and the Open Evening.

We hope that as many parents as possible can join us for the final event of the year, the **Leavers' Service** in church on **Friday 20th July at 10.00 a.m.** This will be a great occasion and an opportunity to celebrate the work of the school in nurturing young lives.

Staffing Update There are quite a few staffing changes for September:

- Mrs Hardy (M, T W) and Mrs Millington (Th, F) will be teaching Year 6 next year.
- Mrs Ainsworth (Newly Qualified Teacher) has recently been appointed to teach with Mrs Burrow in Year 4. Mrs Ainsworth has just completed her training on our local School Direct programme and was with us in the Spring term on one of her placements. Mrs Burrow and Mrs Ainsworth will alternate three days in one week, two days in the next, with a change each Wednesday. Details of this pattern will be sent to parents of children in Year 4 at the beginning of each term.
- In the last week we have appointed two new teaching assistants to the support team. Mrs Atkinson and Mrs Lishman will be working primarily with a child in Year 1, with additional hours during the week in Reception and Year 1.
- Mrs Hardy will continue in her now permanent role as SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disability Co-ordinator) on Thursdays each week.

Room Change: a new home for Reception The Natland and Oxenholme Pre-School is now operating on the school site and starting to run full days from September. As a result, it has been decided to move the Reception Class to the next door classroom (currently Year 2). This will put the whole of the Early Years Foundation Stage together as a dedicated section of the school. Work will be completed over the summer break to refurbish and decorate the teaching space.

Year 5 'Fiver Challenge' Congratulations to Year 5 and their effort and enthusiasm in this year's Fiver Challenge. Many parents and children purchased Rainbow Bristle toothbrushes and Bee-Kind bees wax sheets. We heard today that, although they did not win, the Rainbow Bristles project was shortlisted in the national competition.

End of Term and Summer Break

The Summer term ends at 1.30 p.m. on Friday 20th July. MOSAICS after school club will run from then until 4.00 p.m. The Autumn term begins at 9.00 a.m. on Tuesday 4th September.

I hope everyone has a refreshing and relaxing Summer break. We will be running our **Extreme Reading Challenge** again this year. Please take a photo of your child reading in an unusual, unexpected or extreme setting during the break and we will display them in school during the first week back . . . but please stay safe !

Thank you for your continued support throughout this year.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Barfoot
Headteacher

N.B.

School Money - end of year accounts

This week's school dinners and MOSAICS attendance will be entered on the School Money System next Monday. Text messages and e-mails will then be sent out. It would be appreciated if any outstanding accounts could be paid as soon as possible.

In August invoices will be posted home to any families with unpaid accounts or for those families who prefer to pay by cheque.

Thank you for your assistance in this process.

