

Youlgrave, All Saints' Primary School Newsletter

Dear Parents, Carers and Families

There is certainly a summer buzz around school as we returned for the final half term of this academic year. Children are working hard as usual but also enjoying preparations for the wonderful summer activities which are so special at Youlgrave.

Class 3 have started rehearsals for their summer production, Alice in Wonderland. This promises to be a real treat and the children, inspired by watching a 1950s film version, are enthusiastically getting to grips with their lines and starting to learn the songs.

The maypole had its first outings onto the playground at the end of last half term and practice continues in PE lessons this half term, ready to showcase our dances on the playing fields on 9th July. It is very impressive to see how much the children have remembered from last year and how everyone is improving all the time.

We are also getting ready to start creating the school's contribution for the village well-dressing celebrations. The children love being part of this and I would like to say a big thank you to all the adults, staff and volunteers, who bring this important tradition into school in a way that makes everyone feel that they have played a part in the final result. This year's design is superb and has been inspired by the recent VE Day 80th Anniversary celebrations.

Talking of well-dressing, the school will be holding an Open morning on Saturday 21st June – 10am-12pm - to coincide with the well-dressing event in the village. Staff will be on hand to show visitors around school and there will be refreshments, face painting, a craft activity and storytelling for the children as well. Please pop along to support this event if you can and spread the word to others who you think would like to see the school, especially families with pre-school children or who are new to the area.

Best wishes

Teresa Nicholls

Key dates:

- Wednesday 11th June - Archdeacon Nicky Fenton visit to school
- Sunday 15th June - Well-dressing Puddling at 2pm
- Tuesday 17th June - Class 2 and 3 trip to Bridgewater Hall Manchester to play with the Halle Orchestra (details to follow)
- Wednesday 18th June - Class 3 'Way too Cool' drama workshops
- Thursday 19th June - Y6 transition day to Lady Manners day, whole school 'move up' day.
- Saturday 21st June - Open morning 10am-12noon and Youlgrave 'Welldressing' weekend.
- W/C 23rd June - PCSO Boswell visit to Class 3, talk on 'County Lines'
- Tuesday 24th June - Y6 transition to secondary school workshop for Y6 2.30pm, then parent/carer workshop at 3.30pm
- Wednesday 25th June - Transition morning for new YR starters and parent/carer welcome meeting
- Wednesday 25th June - Sports Day on field from 1.15pm, PTFA serving refreshments
- Thursday 26th June - Y5 to Lady Manners school for Yoto Carnegie book awards
- Thursday 26th June - Reserve Sports day

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Our school attendance remains slightly under the national target of 97%, we currently stand at 96.01%.

Please remember that children arriving late after registers have closed, will be marked in, but their late attendance affects the overall % for themselves and the school.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.75%	96.89%	96.55%	97.89%	93.78%	95.97%	96.10%

Youlgrave Welldressing Weekend - Dates for your diary!!

Friday 6th June 5pm	Boards in River (meet at Welldressing shed)
Sunday 15th June 2pm	Puddling at bottom of Holywell Lane
Monday 16th - Friday 20th June (various times)	Making of Welldressings in various garages
Saturday 21st June 6am	Boards go up
Saturday 21st June - Friday 27th June	Welldressings on display
Saturday 21st June 2pm - 4.15pm	Road closure
Saturday 21st June 2.30pm	Procession and Blessing of the wells
Sunday 22nd June 6pm	Service in Wesleyan Reform Chapel followed by outdoor concert from Youlgrave Silver band
Friday 27th June 2pm	Boards stripped/dismantled



We are excited to be joining in this year again with our own Welldressing design.

A request in advance.....we will be sending out a Parenthub message nearer the time, as there are items that we would appreciate donations for if anyone can help out.

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Wrap Around Care

When children come to Breakfast or After School Clubs, we legally have to ensure we have enough staff for the number of children that attend.

Over the last few months we are seeing a rise in numbers of children that are attending clubs without bookings online. This creates staffing problems last minute for us when we realise we have more children in club than our bookings are showing.

Please can we ask you to book your children in online in advance, or by letting the office know what you need in advance if you are having issues using School Money.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.



School Open Morning



On Saturday 21st June (Well Dressing weekend) we are delighted to be opening the school up for anyone that would like to come and have a look around, between 10am-12pm.

We will be offering refreshments and there will be some lovely activities for children including, face-painting, crafting and storytime!

Why not come along, or pass this on to anyone that might like to attend.

PTFA Helpers Required....

Our PTFA work hard planning events and activities that generate money for school. This money pays for the extra's that the school budget can't afford.

They are currently needing more volunteers, and a vacancy for a secretary has arisen, which will be from September.

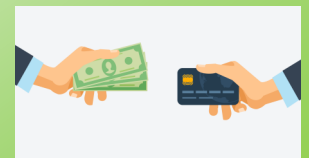
If you can spare any time to help, it would be greatly appreciated.

Payments to School

We can take payments in school via cash, card (in person or over the phone) and BAC's payments.

We are no longer able to accept cheques for payments due to the administrative process it involves. If you want to pay via BAC's, please speak to Mandy in the office.

Thank you.



Sports Day

Weather dependant, we would love you to join us for an afternoon of fun on the field on Wednesday 25th June for our annual school sports day!

Thank you to our PTFA team who will be serving refreshments on the day. The fun should commence from 1.30pm.



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New Book release!!!!



‘Drum roll’introducing.....’Heidi, the Hungry Guinea Pig’.
This delightful story book with illustrations has been created by two of our Y5 children.
We are excited to invite you to a book signing event, led by these two emerging authors
Books will be available to buy on **Tuesday 10th June** after school in the playground, the
cost is £1 and proceeds will go towards new books for school.

A huge ‘Well done’ to Phoebe Skinner and Rocco Oldfield, who have worked so hard
and shown their creativity in creating this lovely book, which we hope you will enjoy.
A special thank you to Mrs Dale for helping the children put this all together, you are
amazing!

We are also very excited to announce that Phoebe’s mum, Sam, will be bringing retired
guinea pig ‘Heidi’ from Chatsworth farmyard to the book signing event next Tuesday!!!
Thank you so much Sam!! We can’t wait to meet her!

We hope to see you there.



Transition Days/New Starter mornings

It's that time of year again, where our Y6 children will have time at their chosen secondary school, to help them get a feel for life in September and beyond! To help them and you, we have Natalie from Compass coming into school on **Tuesday 24th June**, to help prepare our Y6 children from 2.30pm-3.30pm, and answer any questions they may have. We would then like to welcome parents/carers of our Y6 pupils into school at 3.30pm for an information session, this will be really useful, so if you are free to attend, we would love to see you.

Y6 Transition days to Lady Manners (Parents transporting there and back)

Thursday 19th June and Wednesday 2nd July

Y6 Transition day to Hope Valley College (Parents transporting there and back)

Thursday 3rd July

Whilst our Y6 children are away on these days, the rest of the school will have a 'move up day', where they will move to the year group/class that they will be in from September, this enables them to have a taster of what it will be like in September.

We are also excited to be welcoming our new YR September starters into school for 2 mornings, the first date (**Wednesday 25th June**) we will also be holding a parent/carer information session after drop off, information will be handed out, and a presentation by the headteacher and class teacher will be given. Uniform will be available to buy. On the second morning (**Thursday 3rd July**) children will stay for lunch, prepared by Mrs Tory, and we welcome parents/carers to join them for this before leaving.

If you have any concerns about your child starting school, moving up, or leaving, please speak to a member of staff.

Our new Collective Worship value is **RESPECT** and we will be using this theme in our weekly Collective Worship this half term. It is also part of our WE CARE school ethos which we focus on each week for our Friday Achievement Collective Worship.

Sunday is Pentecost Sunday where we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles. It also marks the end of the Church's Easter season. The Church team as always extend a warm welcome to all families on Sunday for a Pentecost Service at 11am.

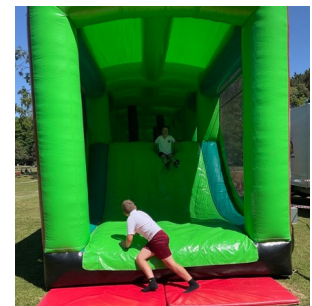
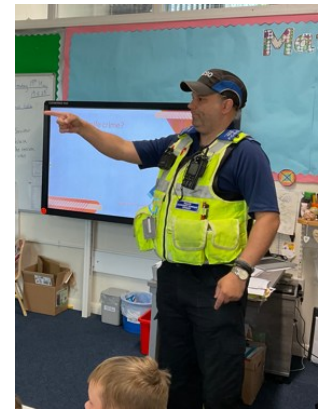
Paul Scully



We have had some wonderful events happening in and out of school over the last few weeks:

VE Day celebrations, our Y6 children have received their leavers hoodies and enjoyed a treat day after SAT's at Whitworth Park, some KS2 children took part in the Bunting Cup Football tournament, we have welcomed visitors into school to discuss important topics such as 'knife crime' and 'speaking out to stay safe', as well as local famous Poet of the Peaks; Andy Tooze who spent the day with us.

Not to mention our fantastic after school clubs; Art, Sports, Orienteering, Performing Arts and Gardening!!
Phew!!!



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