



Filey Junior School

Widening horizons and reaching our potential whilst respecting the world and each other,
within a happy, healthy and positive learning community

24th May 2019

It's half-term and the sun is shining! What a great way to end this term with blue skies and hot, sunny weather. The children are really making the most of the season by getting outside and playing lots of frisbee (yes, frisbee is part of the curriculum); gardening and planting flowers; and of course, running around and just enjoying playing on the field and in our outdoor areas - the beanbags are still a massive hit! Please remember that we return to school on **Tuesday** 4th June for what will be a much longer, and busier, term. We have also posted new Curriculum Maps on our App, Facebook and the school website so you can keep track of what your children are doing over the coming weeks.

Dates

Friday 24th May -	School closes
Tuesday 4th June -	School opens
10th - 14th June -	Filey Junior School Arts Week
Friday 28th June -	Summer Fair 3pm - 5pm
Monday 1st July -	Year 2 Open Evening 4pm - 6pm
Thursday 4th & Friday 5th July -	Transition days (Filey Schools)
Wednesday 10th July -	Open Evening 4pm - 6pm
Wednesday 10th July -	Sports Day (Y3-Y4) 1:30pm
Thursday 11th July -	Sports Day (Y5-Y6) 1:30pm
Wednesday 17th July -	Summer Disco 5pm - 7pm
Friday 19th July -	School closes for summer
Tuesday 3rd September -	School re-opens for Autumn Term

School Dinners

Unfortunately, the cost of meals to the school has increased again recently and, despite our best efforts to avoid increasing the cost to you, we are now in a position where we must make a slight increase in order to avoid significant losses to the school. As a result, school dinners will be increasing to £2.20 per day from the beginning of next half-term. We have tried to avoid making this increase for a long time - it's over 10 years since we last put prices up! I am sorry to have to bring this news but, as I am sure you agree, this still represents excellent value for money and many guests comment on how good our school meals are.

SATs

Just a quick note to say well done to all the children and staff who took their SATs tests last week (well the children took the SATs and the staff administered them). It was a long week but the children did an excellent job under the exam conditions of the school hall. A big thank you to Morrisons who provided fruit and water for the children this year to keep energy levels high. They'll not be putting their feet up of course, as they still have plenty of work left to do before the end of the year as well as the annual, Year 6 grand performance. Once again, the children have planned to bring a famous musical to Filey - look out for a special announcement soon!

Road Safety

We are always reminding children in school of the importance of keeping safe on the roads. In addition to our safety messages, our Year 5 children have just completed their Bikeability course and we also have visits from PCSO Laura Almond to discuss road safety. It is rather disappointing that despite this, we have still had a couple of incidents reported to us recently regarding children putting themselves in danger on the road and parents parking on the yellow zig-zags and driving irresponsibly around the school. The vast majority of our children and parents set a very good example but please remember to only let children out of cars on the pavement and make sure they are using the school crossing patrol.

Safeguarding Update

We have recently noted a rise in incidents involving pupils' use of social media, which have resulted in some issues being raised within school. Many of these incidents have involved pupils' use of Whatsapp, which as you may be aware, has been very topical at the moment with a number of security breaches being reported in the news. What you may not realise is that since May 2018, WhatsApp's minimum age of use is **16 years** of age. We would urge you to be mindful of this and consider whether this platform is suitable for your children to be using. As a way of assisting parents with the issue of online safety, we will be holding an online safety workshops for parents and carers at 3.30pm on 24th June 2019 - everyone welcome.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions, we'd be pleased to hear them.
Mr McCarthey & Staff.