



### Weather Warning

As the weather becomes warmer, we request that all children bring a water bottle to school to keep them hydrated.

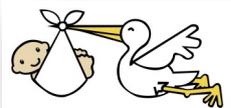
Water bottles should be **taken home every night and brought back to school every morning** as children will not have an opportunity to wash their water bottles out in school. Children will have an opportunity to top their water bottles up throughout the day if required.



We also request that children either put sunscreen on before school, or bring it with them to apply in school. Staff are not able to apply sunscreen to children: they will need to be able to apply it themselves.

Children would also benefit from bringing sun hats and sunglasses to help protect them.

### Two New Arrivals!



Congratulations to Miss Hall and Miss Gray, who are both expecting their first babies! Their new arrivals are due in the autumn term. Details of staffing implications and a staffing structure for September are given on page 3 of this newsletter.

### ASKRIGG RESIDENTIAL!

In the first week after half-term, a group of Year 5 and 6 children took part in a residential visit to Low Mill Outdoor Centre, near Askrigg.

The children took part in a whole range of outdoor and adventurous activities, such as gorge walking, canoeing, archery, caving, abseiling and climbing. Basically, they spent the whole week soaking wet and covered in mud and threw themselves into all the activities without hesitation!



We would like to say a massive well done to everyone who went on the trip – your energy, desire to meet challenges head on and great sense of humour helped everyone to have a fantastic time. Miss Cottle and Mr T both agreed that it was easily the best group either of them had taken away on a residential.



A special shout-out needs to go to Elliot, Thomas, Ella, Olivia and Ellis, whose enthusiasm, leadership skills and compassion for others was spotted not only by our staff, but also by the staff at Low Mill as being particularly inspirational.

### Rainbow Day

We had a brilliant Rainbow Day on Tuesday!

The day formed part of our work with the 'Educate and Celebrate' Best Practice Programme, which aims to 'transform schools and organisations into LGBT+ Friendly places, creating a safe environment for staff, students, governors and parents to thrive and achieve, enabling everyone to be themselves without fear of discrimination.' The aim of the programme is very simple - to educate the children about LGBT issues, using stories, assemblies, the curriculum - any way we can!

Each class took part in a day of activities to celebrate and explore differences: Reception explored different types of families, Year 3 and 4 explored the significance of the rainbow flag, Year 5 explored Alan Turing, Year 6 looked at the difficulties people may face when sharing their sexuality with others, Year 2 read the story 'Something Else' and talked about what it means to be different and Year 1 completed work around the story 'And Tango makes three.'



### Road Safety Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and carers to take care when dropping off or collecting their child from school.

We are all aware of how busy the back street can be and there are often children crossing over the road to and from school (either on their own or accompanied by parents) or waiting beside their cars at the same time that cars are driving or parking.



### Parking Reminder

A polite reminder to parents to make sure not to block the entrance to the farm (the gate to the right of the school gates), or houses/garages with cars at drop off/ collection times, or at school events, as access is required at all times. The police are aware and we have been asked to monitor the situation. Thank you.



# THE FRIENDS

## Father's Day Raffle!

Following the success of our Mother's Day sale, the Friends have again organised a 'Father's Day sale' which is being held this week.

For just £1, children can buy a treat for their Dad, complete with a 'Happy Father's Day' message. There is also a 'For Someone Special' option available for children to buy if they prefer. Every child who purchases a gift will be entered into a raffle to win a gift voucher for their Dad. Gifts will be available to buy throughout the week and the raffle will be held on Friday 14th June.



As you will have seen in your Parentmail, if you donate a bottle for the bottle tombola this week, you will be entered into a draw to win tickets for Adventure Valley. The bottle can be anything: alcohol, juice, ketchup....anything you'd like to win!

**Summer Fair:  
Friday 21st  
June, 3:30pm to  
5pm**

The Friends are currently organising our Summer Fair which will be held on Friday 21st June, 3:30pm-5pm.

Any items you may have to donate for the Tombola can be sent into school with your child.

Any alcohol donations should be taken to the school office or given to a member of staff. Donations for the cake stall should be brought into school on the morning of the fair. As always, thank you for your support!

## E-Safety Update



We have had a few issues recently with children falling out with each other outside of school via messaging apps such as iMessage, Whats app and Snapchat. Although these messages have been sent outside of school, we have found that the disagreements then continue in school, meaning we are needing to have regular conversations with children around their use of technology.

We would ask parents to...

- Check your child's phone regularly so you can see the conversations they are having
- Talk to your child about the way to write messages and how messages can be interpreted by different people
- Reinforce that anything you write down in a message or on social media should be something you would be happy to say to someone's face
- Talk to children about their 'digital footprint' and how once they've sent a message, even if they delete it off their device, it's still out there

**Be smart  
on the  
internet**



**Twitter Page  
@TudhoeColliery**

Find us at @TudhoeColliery for regular updates including photos of children's work and general day to day life in school.



# Staffing for September 2019

There will be some changes to staffing for 2019/20! Headline changes are shown below:

- ♦ There's something in the water in Tudhoe! **Miss Gray** and **Miss Hall** are both expecting babies and will be going on maternity leave partway through the autumn term.
- ♦ **Mrs Pickard** will be covering Miss Gray's maternity leave and will be working alongside Miss Gray in the class from September.
- ♦ **Miss McGillivray**, a talented teacher who is currently working at another school within the Trust, will be covering Miss Hall's maternity leave and will be working alongside Miss Hall in the class from September.
- ♦ **Miss McLaughlin**, who works as EYFS Champion across Tudhoe Learning Trust, will be returning from maternity leave in July and will be working in Reception part time in September, in school 2 mornings per week.
- ♦ **Miss Cottle** will be leaving school as a Teaching Assistant in order to train as a teacher. The good news is that she will be training as a teacher in our school and will be working in Year 4 alongside Miss Stephens in September!

## Teams for September 2019

### Reception:

Teachers: Miss McLaughlin and Miss Freeman  
Teaching Assistants: Miss Liddell and Miss Brace (apprentice TA)

### Year 1:

Teachers: Miss Hall and Miss McGillivray  
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Blakelock

### Year 2:

Teacher: Miss Allan  
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Cooper

### Year 3:

Teachers: Miss Gray and Mrs Pickard

### Year 4:

Teacher: Miss Stephens and Miss Cottle (Student Teacher)

### Year 5:

Teacher: Mr Skoyles  
Teaching Assistants: Mrs Sheldon and Mrs Cullen

### Year 6:

Teacher: Mr Theakston  
Teaching Assistant: Mrs Wingfield

Mrs Etherington will be continuing to work across the school as our Reading Champion.

## Leadership and Management

Headteacher: **Mr Smith**  
Deputy Headteacher: **Miss Boustead**

### Middle Leaders

Early Years Leader **Miss McLaughlin**

Phase 1 Leader (Year 1, 2 and 3)  
**Miss Gray** (*Miss Boustead will take over Phase 1 Leadership while Miss Gray is on maternity leave*)

Phase 2 Leader (Year 4, 5 and 6)  
**Mr Theakston**

### SENDCO

Mrs Simpson will continue as our Special Educational Needs Coordinator next year and will be in school every **Wednesday**.

Premises Manager: **Mr Allison**

Office Manager: **Mrs Armstrong**



# SPORTING NEWS



## Primary Athletics

Selected Y5/6 pupils went to Shildon Athletics Track to compete against other local schools in various different track and field events. The team performed fantastically and overall, they came 5th with 290 in the competition. As individuals, we also had success! Ruby came 1st in the Howler and 3rd in the 800m, Sally 2nd in triple jump and the 100m, Olivia came 2nd in the long jump and in the 60m and Neve narrowly came 4th in the 60m hurdles. Due to these results, the girls now go onto the County Finals where they will compete as individuals and part of Sedgfield's Schools Sports Partnership team.

## Yoga Coaching

This term, Year 2 and 3 have been lucky enough to have Mike, a qualified Yoga instructor, come in and teach one of their PE lessons. The children have been learning different yoga positions, understanding relaxation and breathing techniques. We are lucky enough to have Mike continue his coaching in school over this half term with Year 1 and 4.



*Coming up later this term...*

## Taekwondo Taster Day

Next week, we have Russell coming in from Chi Taekwondo. He will be doing taster sessions of the sport from year groups 2 to 6. We are looking forward to having the children try yet another new sport that could encourage them to take up the sport in their own time.

## Primary Olympics

We will be taking selected children in Lower KS2 to compete in lots of different athletics events, both track and field. They will work as a team in the relay, throw, jump and sprint their way through the day. Upper KS2 have a very unusual competition. They will be playing the wizarding game of Quiddich just for fun. We are hoping for magical victories from both teams!

## Cricket Competition

We will be taking selected children from our in school cricket club to a local cricket competition at Tudhoe Cricket Club. We have been working extremely hard on catching and batting skills ready for the competition. Good luck to everyone taking part!

## County Finals for the Girls!

After brilliant success in the Primary Athletics, Ruby, Sally and Olivia have been invited to the County Athletics Finals. We wish them all luck in their events and will continue to train until the event, Friday 28th June, in our Athletics club.

## Sports Day!

Sports Day is scheduled for 1: 45pm on Wednesday 10th July. Weather permitting, come and join us for a fab afternoon of fun, competitive sporting activities.

## Your responses...

On the last newsletter we had a comment from a parent about parents smoking/vaping outside of the school gates and it not being pleasant for parents and children to walk through. We often receive comments from parents about this and while we can't control public rights of way, we would always ask that parents are mindful of others who are walking past.

**Parent Voice**

We have also spoken to a group of children about this issue and they don't like walking through the smoke either. They have requested that we make signs to highlight this issue to go up outside of school and we will be supporting them with this later this term.

## What Do You Think?

In each Newsletter we ask for parents' views about our school. Do you have any suggestions? Is there anything we could do better? What are we doing well? Any general comments? Just pop your comment into the box below, cut across the line and send it into the school. (Only include your name if you would like to!)