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Mrs. Athersmith - retirement

After 40 plus years of working at Askam Village School, Mrs. Athersmith will be retiring at the end of the term.

Mrs. Athersmith has worked with many families since 1977, and I'm sure parents/carers would like to join staff and governors in a big 'thank you' for all her work and support she has given to the school over those years.

It's time for Mrs. Athersmith to enjoy some well-deserved time with her family, but we hope she'll pop back to see us too.

Mile-a-Day May

All children should have brought home their Mile-a-Day sponsor form with their times for the beginning and end of May. The children have worked hard to improve and many of them commenting they now feel fitter.

Please can we ask that all sponsor money is handed in to school by **Friday June 14th**. Shortly after, we will let you know how much money we have raised. A reminder the money raised will be split between school funds and Mind-in Furness in memory of Jake Davies.

Mobile telephone numbers/ GroupCall text messages

Please can I ask parents/carers ensure we have the most up-to-date telephone number for you and other emergency contacts for your child/ren. This will ensure we can contact you if we need to.

These numbers are also used for GroupCall text messages from the school. We can set the system up for two parents/carers to be the primary contact for your child/ren; please let the school office know if you would like to do this.

There are times when we need to know numbers of children for certain events by a specific time to help with planning and to ensure we have the appropriate staffing. I am aware there have been occasions when we have sent a text and asked for a reply by a certain date/time, but unfortunately, we haven't had the right contact details and therefore children have missed out.

Please can I ask parents to reply to text messages in order to ensure we can plan events/staffing and children are not disappointed if they are unable to attend/take part.

Attendance

As parents/carers are aware, I am only able to authorise absence in term times where there are exceptional circumstances. At a recent Headteacher briefing relating to attendance, it was clarified that any unauthorised holiday absence over 5 days should be referred to the Local Authority for consideration for a fine.

This is a Local Authority policy which we are required to follow.



Summer Fayre

We would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who helped out, donated items, bought raffle tickets and attended our Summer Fayre last month, we raised a fantastic £1,222. This will go towards revamping our fixed playground equipment.

PE Kits

A reminder that pupils should have their **full** PE kit (including trainers/plimsolls) in school every day of the week.

It's hard to believe we're in the last half-term of this academic year, but we still have lots to fit in. I hope you find the dates list useful.

Best Wishes,

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Mrs. Fiona Newton.

Headteacher.

See dates for the next half-term.

Week beginning	Special Events/ Dates
Monday 10 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening this week
Monday 10 th June	Year 2 Mini Olympics – children involved already informed.
Tuesday 11 th June	STEAM for Year 2 3pm-5pm
Wednesday 12 th June	Rotary Club Day Out – info already sent to those involved
Thursday 13 th June	Girls Football @ Pulse – week 1
Friday 14 th June	Girls Cricket Competition
Monday 17 th June	Assessment Week
Wednesday 19 th June	Sports Day - Nur, Rec & KS1 10am. KS2 1.15pm
Thursday 20 th June	Reserve Sports Day
Thursday 20 th June	Girls Football @ Pulse
Friday 21 st June	KS1 Fun Run @ Dowdales 3.45pm
Thursday 27 th June	Year 2 swimming taster session (1 of 2) – more information to follow
Monday 1 st July	Year 6 New Intake Day – Secondary School Class change over day
Tuesday 2 nd July	Year 6 New Intake Day - Secondary School
Wednesday 3 rd July	Years 3, 4 & 5 trip to Manchester MOSI
Thursday 4 th July	Year 2 swimming taster session (2 of 2) – more information to follow
Friday 5 th July	Rounders Competition 1pm-3pm
Tuesday 9 th July	Swimming Competition @ Dalton Leisure Centre 1.30pm-2.45pm
Wednesday 10 th July	KS2 summer concert parents 6pm (TBC)
Thursday 11 th July	KS2 summer concert community 2pm (TBC)
Friday 12 th July	Year 6 Leavers' assembly/ class assembly (TIME TBC)
Monday 15 th July	Open Evening
Tuesday 16 th July	End of year Disco Nur, Rec, Years 1 & 2 5.30pm-6.30pm. KS2 6.45pm-8pm
Friday 19 th July	Break up for summer 2pm - non-uniform



