

# Brackensdale Infant School

## Newsletter, June 2017



Dear Parents

As this is my very last newsletter, it is an opportunity for me to share with you news of events which are happening during this final half-term, and tell you of some of the arrangements which are already in place for September.

As you are aware, Mrs. Mills will be Acting Head Teacher for the autumn term and governors have decided that Mrs. Chapman and Mrs. Latham will be Acting Assistant Head Teachers, also for the autumn term. Mrs. Chapman will be based in the nursery and Mrs. Latham will remain teaching in Y2.

The consultation process with regard to whether Brackensdale Infant and Junior schools should merge to form one primary school begins on June 13<sup>th</sup> and ends on July 25<sup>th</sup>. All parents have received the consultation papers and I would encourage you to respond to this. There will be a meeting for parents on **THURSDAY JUNE 22 at 9.15am in the Junior School hall**. This is an opportunity for you to ask Mr. Hall and myself any questions which you may have.



As well as Mrs. McMahon and myself retiring at the end of term, Mrs. Greatorex, our senior midday supervisor is also retiring. Mrs. Greatorex has worked at the school for over 30 years and I know she has looked after many of you during your time at Brackensdale Infant School.

As part of our retirement celebrations, we are holding an afternoon for “Tea, Cakes and Reminiscing” on Wednesday 19 July from 1.30pm. We are inviting past members of staff along and will have a display of old school photographs. If you would like to come and have a cup of tea, a piece of cake and a chat during the afternoon, before you collect the children, we would love to see you.

A further change is that Mr. Collinson is also leaving at the end of term. Although Mr. Collinson will no longer be a full-time class teacher, he will still work with the school so that “Forest School” can continue.

We will be making presentations at the end of term to Mr. Collinson, Mrs. McMahon and Mrs. Greatorex, if you would like to contribute towards gifts for them, please send money to the school office. I am sure that you will join me in thanking them for the contribution they have made to the school over many years and wish them good health and happiness for the future.

### Dates for the remainder of the term

Monday 19 June	INSET day, school and nursery closed
Thursday 22 June	9.15 Junior school hall Parents' meeting as part of the consultation process
Tuesday 4 July	Transition day. Y2 children to junior school, infant children to new classes for the morning
Wednesday 5 July	9.30 Nursery Sports (morning and afternoon children combined)
Thursday 6 July	3.15 Summer Fair
Tuesday 11 July	9.15 KS1 Sports morning
Wednesday 12 July	9.15 Sports morning for Owls, Chimps and Penguins
Thursday 13 July	9.00 – 10.00 opportunity for parents of children in Owls, Penguins, Chimps, Foxes, Giraffes, Panthers, Koalas to have a look at the children's workbooks
Tuesday 18 July	2.00 Y2 Leavers' Concert
Wednesday 19 July	1.30 "Tea, cakes and reminiscing" afternoon
Friday 21 July	"Seaside Day" Children can come dressed in their beach wear, shorts, hats, tee-shirts, sunglasses etc.
Tuesday 25 July	Special Assembly Children finish school today



### Summer Fair

This takes place on Thursday 6 July, from 3.15pm. It is a joint event with Brackensdale Junior School. We would welcome donations for raffle prizes; donations for a toiletries tombola; jars filled with items for a tombola; good quality children's toys and books; homemade cakes. Anyone who has some time during the afternoon and is available to help setup for the fair, please see Mrs. Reddish.

### Themed lunch

Along with the junior school, we will be having a 'Trip to the Seaside' themed lunch on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July. The children will be to order a lunch in a 'chip shop' box and an ice cream. If the weather is fine, we will be eating on the field. The meal for the children is free, but we are offering for parents to join us at a price of £3.15. This must be booked beforehand to reduce any wastage. A form will be sent out **w/c 3<sup>rd</sup> July**.

Although I am very much looking forward to my retirement, I know I will miss the children, parents and staff. I have thoroughly enjoyed my many years at Brackensdale Infant School, I have made many friends, and will take an interest in the future development of the school. I look forward to seeing many of you at these events over the next few weeks.

*Diane Reddish*