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Dear parents,

SUMMER 1 NEWSLETTER.

Exam season is in full swing! The year 6 children have been fantastic during their SATs tests. They couldn't have tried any harder and we are very proud of them. The multiplication check for Year 4 is coming soon and the phonics check for Year 1. It is incredibly important that you make sure your child is in everyday as we do not want them to miss their support or their intervention.

Welcome back to Mrs Ainsworth, she returns to us after her maternity leave next half term. Mrs Rawcliffe in the Nursery is going to be leaving us towards the end of June to have her first baby. Mrs Ainsworth will be taking over the Foundation 1 class. And welcome to Mr Scott our new caretaker. I am sure some of you already know him as he was an ex-parent he is already a great addition to our team. We said goodbye to Mrs Lincoln but welcomed Miss Davies as our new Midday Supervisor.

If you are taking a holiday in term time it is really important that you keep up to date with the staggered fixed penalty notice that are in place. If your child is ill just before you go on holiday, we will be asking for you to share booking details with us so that we can code it as illness.

Uniform seems to be slipping a little so just a reminder - black shoes or trainers are school uniform. Hooped earrings are not allowed, and jewellery should not be worn. Natural hair colours are the only ones allowed and to avoid headlice, hair is better tied back if long. E-scooters are not allowed on school site and if they are brought onto school premises they will be confiscated to be returned to a parent in the first instance and the police if brought on further times.

We are heading into the better weather and sports day etc. Your child can bring suncream but can only use theirs and not share it with other children, this should be labelled. They need hats and can bring sunglasses, but they do need to be labelled. Children should not wear sandals though as these are a health and safety issue when playing on the equipment. Your child needs their water bottle everyday but remember that we only allow water to be drunk within school.

Lots of dates for the end of term. (they have been on the website since September and also sent out). It is very easy to lose track of things in the business of the last half term so here is a reminder.

- 01/06/2026 - Inset Day
- 02/06/2026 - 19/06/2026 - Year 4 Multiplication Check (3-week window)

- 08/06/2026 - Phonics check week
- 09/06/2026 & 10/06/2026 - Bikeability Year 6
- 17/06/2026 - Year 3 Magna trip
- 17/06/2026 - Year 4 Jorvik trip
- 18/06/2026 - Year 3 Welbeck Estate trip
- 18/06/2026 - FS2 Whistlestop Trip
- 25/06/2026 - Sports day
- 26/06/2026 - Year1/Year 2 Yorkshire Wildlife trip
- 29/06/2026 - Year 6 at Meden for transition
- 30/06/2026 - Year 6 at Meden for transition
- 09/07/2026 - Year 5 Twycross Zoo trip
- 10/07/2026 - Reports to parents
- 13/07/2026 - Drop in parents evening
- 14/07/2026 - Transition morning
- 17/07/2026 - Family fun afternoon & summer fair
- 21/07/2026 - Year 6 Twin Lakes trip
- 22/07/2026 - Year 6 performance
- 23/07/2026 - Reading treat/Year 6 prize giving
- 24/07/2026 - Non-uniform day

Make sure you have the Arbor app and check that the notifications are turned on so you don't miss anything. There are many trips, clubs and information coming out and you wouldn't want to miss out.

Safeguarding is very important at Church Vale but if you see something that concerns you, please consider reporting this to MASH. We can report things but if they are third hand they don't get taken as seriously. You can refer anonymously if you prefer. The number is: 0300 500 8080. Alternatively, you can come and talk to myself, Mrs Etheridge, Miss Law when she is back or Mrs Ainsworth.

Allergies - parents wanted to know about the changes from the Questionnaire:-

What does Benedict's Law mean for schools?

From September, schools will be expected to ensure that:

- Staff receive allergy awareness and anaphylaxis training
- Staff are competent and confident in using adrenaline auto-injector (AAI) pens in an emergency
- Schools have spare, in-date adrenaline auto-injectors available on site
- Clear whole-school allergy policies and individual care/action plans are in place for pupils with allergies

This guidance is being introduced to prevent avoidable delays in emergency treatment and to ensure that staff can act immediately and effectively should an allergic reaction occur.

This is a change within school. So, to put parents' minds at rest, we have the AAI's in school and have training every September. We also have policies which are around allergy management and also managing medicines in school. Any child who has a diagnosed allergy that needs a care plan, we work with the health professionals to support that child. Any queries or questions please come and ask.

Sitting on benches

From the questionnaire it also seems like there is a lot of misinformation about sandwich children at lunchtime. We thought we had sorted any worries, but it came back through the parent questionnaire. ALL children in school have the opportunity to sit at a table. We have some benches that children can sit on if they wish. Many children love to sit on these benches because they get to sit with their friends. School meal children have to sit at a table because they have 2 courses sometimes both hot (sometimes with gravy and/or custard) on a tray. Sandwich children who are in upper KS2 are also sometimes allowed to go into the courtyard to sit on picnic benches or the rugs and beanbags. If the weather is amazing children with packed lunches are sometimes taken outside on the field for a picnic if they want to go. No child has ever eaten their food sitting on the floor in the hall. If you want your child to sit at table just let them know. Miss May went to each class to explain that they can sit wherever so hopefully this ends this. We would love to have a massive hall, but we don't! We are trying our best.

Don't forget if your child has their birthday on a school day they can wear their own clothes. If your birthday is in the holidays or the weekend, then you just miss this. Your treat is to not be at school!

Martyn's law requires all buildings where multiple people gather together to practice a lockdown in case of a major incident. Your child may have talked to you about a 'dog on the field' and we had to lockdown. We try to make it as important to the children as it needs to be but also not to scare them. If you are onsite and hear the lockdown alarm and see the children, all going into their classrooms to shelter in place please just go to the nearest classroom and stay with the children.

Welcome to Mrs Marshall and Mr Cardinale who have volunteered to join our governing body. I am sure they will do a great job.

It's been a very busy half term. Lots of great work from the children and lots of hard work from the staff.

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs Yardley and all the Church Vale staff

