

Dent CE Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th June
2021 Summer Week 8

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well and have had a good week. The sun has been shining and we have had an excellent week in school.

The news this week has been less positive on Coronavirus and there are definitely some practical implications for us in school as we receive new guidance from the Department for Education and Cumbria County Council. Some of the things mentioned in last weeks newsletter will now need to be modified or cancelled.

Transition arrangements from nursery will no longer be in person, and we have been told to ensure that parents do not come into school. We have also been instructed that no in-person end-of-term services will be allowed, and we will sadly have to carry these out virtually again. New guidance issued yesterday also means pupils will also probably see staff wearing masks more often around the school and sometimes in classrooms.

Nonetheless we will continue to give pupils as positive and broad an experience as possible, as you will see from some of the items in this newsletter. Please do continue to be alert to the spread of Covid, and follow the guidance in the letters we forwarded from Cumbria CC yesterday. Please especially note the availability of testing for all school-age children and their families, as well as the fact that vaccination is now open to all adults over 21.

We are continuing to miss Mrs Pomfret as she recovers at home, but we are hopeful that she will be back in school soon.

I hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend,

Mr Prescott

Class 1 Literacy—Katie Morag

This half-term in Class 1 we have been reading the Katie Morag stories, which are providing the theme for much of our writing, as well as our geography work. We have been enjoying some role-play and exploring as well as doing some writing about the differences between our village and Katie's.



Dates for the Diary

- Tour de Dent—Monday 28th June to Friday 5th July
- Sports Day – Monday 5th Day PM—no parents allowed on site, but photos and Videos will be shared throughout the day.
- Real Adventure Day— Thursday 8th July—8:40am—7:00pm (3:15 for Class 1)
- Leaver’s & End of Term Service—Friday 16th July 9:30 am—via Zoom

School buses—information about

We have been reviewing our end-of-day arrangements and making sure things run as smoothly as possible. Please could parents make sure they let both school and the bus driver know if children are not going to be on the buses, for example if parents are collecting them to take to sports lessons etc. If we have this in writing in advance it will help us to make sure our register is accurate for signing children onto buses at the end of the day. Thank you!

Tour de Dent

To help us all to keep fit and active this term, as the Tour de France cycling race starts, we will be staging our very only multi-stage cycling tour... of the school field.

From Monday 28th June to Friday 2nd July, we will be having an inclusive and enjoyable set of cycling challenges on the school field. They will be open to any children who have a bike and are happy to ride it. Because we will only be riding on grass, it will be a safe and easy place for less confident riders to practise their skills on 2 wheels. If you don't have a bike and would still like to participate then let us know as soon as possible and we will see if we can sort one out.

Children are welcome to bring in their bikes ahead of the our first stage (Monday 28th) and may store them in school all week. They will need to wear a helmet and their bike must be in working condition with brakes that work well.

Any children who choose to enter will be competing in their house team, however the emphasis will be on beating you're their own times rather than being as fast as each other. A local bike shop has very kindly donated a number of fantastic cycling prizes, which will be awarded daily throughout the week.

I will send home sign-up sheets on Monday, if you have any questions let me know!

Real Adventure Day

Because we have not been able to plan for a residential trip either last year or this year due to Coronavirus restrictions and uncertainty, we have decided to have an adventure day in school this year, for all ages of children. Real Adventure, who have previously run our residential for us, will be coming onto the school site to set up an exciting adventure day.

We are really looking forward to it, and more details will follow soon.

Class 2 Athletics

We were really proud of our Key Stage 2 children who worked fantastically hard at athletics at Casterton this week. Well done to all of them!



Weekly Awards

Writer of the Week



For fantastic work sounding out words and planning sentences.

Values Champion



For exceptional leadership at this week's athletics competition.

Maths Hero



For methodical and consistent number work in maths.