

### Nathan French visits Bridgewater

The Olympic volleyball athlete Nathan French visited our school last week to support the children in their multiskills sponsored event to raise money for PE equipment. It was great for the children to meet an Olympian, and they had great fun doing their multi skills relay, they were all exhausted.



### Whickham Thorns

All of the classes from Y1 to Y6 are visiting Whickham Thorns this half term to do outdoor adventurous activities. Most classes visited last week and had a great time trying new activities.



### Enterprise Week

We had Enterprise week before half term and a number of adults came in to school to talk to the children about their jobs including Ross the weatherman from ITV!

The children also took part in enterprising activities, apprentice style challenges and dragons den. Well done to Y4 whose idea was the winner chosen by the dragons. The children also enjoyed selling their products at the Enterprise fair and making a profit.



### Play in a Day

Y6 will be moving on to secondary school at the end of this term and we are preparing them for this important transition. The

children recently took part in a workshop about this and performed a play for their adults and the rest of the children at the end of the day.



### SATs & Lightwater Valley

Y6 and Y2 have now completed their SATs. Well done to them all. Y6 attended a lot of out of school support so as a reward for their hard work they are off to Lightwater

Valley this Wednesday as a treat.



### Our chicks have grown!!

The chicks have continued to grow and are now full sized hens. Each week a class takes responsibility to look after them and they love the children. We are awaiting our first eggs – we can't wait.

### Mrs Robson is a Local Leader of Education.

Following our outstanding Ofsted in 2013 we have been increasingly asked to support other schools and many staff across the school have been involved in this. Due to this I have been asked to be a Local Leader of Education which means we will be asked to support schools that may need some help even more. This is great recognition for the school and the outstanding work all the staff do.



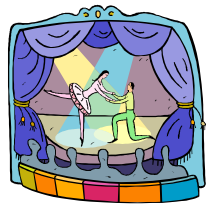
### Our Roving Reporter

Our roving reporters who help to write the newsletter.



### **We won the cup!!**

Our football team won the Y5 tournament held at Excelsior Academy recently. They won the winning match 8-0! We are very proud of them and the way they play as a team.



### **Ballet Lorent**

Some of our Y1 children were lucky enough to be invited to attend workshops with the ballet Lorent for the production of Snow White following their visit to school. These children were shown as they showed a lot of creative dance potential and one or two may be chosen to take part in the production at the Northern Stage in the autumn.



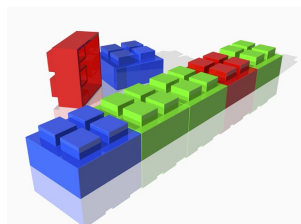
Last half term we raised money for a **defibrillator** and I'm delighted to tell you we raised enough money to buy one and staff have been trained. A huge thank you to

everyone who donated including First Class supply agency who donated £300.

**Nursery places. All children signed up for our nursery class in September will be given a full time place.**

We also offer **free 2yr old places** if you meet certain criteria. Please ask at the office.

### **Clubs**



This half term we have had some new clubs; swimming and cricket. If your child would like to go to one

of the clubs please ask at the office.



**West End Schools' Trust** (WEST) with Broadwood, Canning Street, St Johns, Wingrove, Hawthorn and St Paul's Primaries. We will work very closely together to provide the best education for all our children.

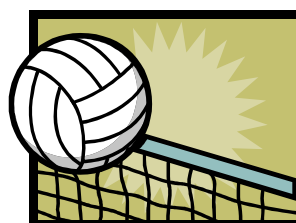
### **WEST Schools' Trust**

We are part of the West End Schools'

### **Attendance and Punctuality**



Please ensure your child arrives on time every day and if they are poorly you **must** telephone the office on the first day of absence on **2745290** thank you.



### **The Turf at St Johns**

St John's Primary School have opened a new community sporting facility. There are free keep fit classes for parents on a Monday 9.30 -10.30. Anyone interested can ring Susan on 2735293.



### **Peer massage**

The children are really enjoying taking part in peer massage and are finding it really relaxing. This is part of our wellbeing provision for the children and we now have a fabulous sensory room for children to go to chill out and de-stress.

**A huge thank you to all our volunteers who help around school we really do appreciate your time.**



**Can all Y1 and Y2 parents please stand behind the white line at hometime and not crowd around the door so staff can clearly see**

**children are handed over safely. Could parents also not congregate around gates and entrances to avoid congestion at this busy times. Your cooperation is appreciated. Thank you.**

### Updated policies

This term we have updated a number of policies please ask for a copy from the office or view them on our website.



### After school club

In our after school childcare the children have the opportunity to do fun activities, have a snack and there is time to get their homework done too. We are offering free taster sessions and there will be themed nights for children to come to. Children will also be taken on trips out. If you are interested in applying for a place for your child please see Gillian Gibson our Extended Services Manager.



We have a suggestion box for parents in the main reception area. Please put your comments in the box and Mrs Robson will be in touch.

### School Nurse Drop in



The school nurse has a fortnightly drop in session at school every other Wednesday 2.45 to 3.15pm. See Donna Blacklock if you would like an appointment.

She gives advice about **headlice** and is happy to do this at anytime. If we see a child has headlice we will speak to the child's parent immediately to ask them to treat the child. The rest of the class will receive a letter so parents are aware that there is a problem and check their child's hair. **We can treat children's hair if parents give consent but**

**it is parents' responsibility to ensure their child's hair is treated.**



### Medical needs

If your child has a medical need or condition can you let the school office know so it can be recorded on our system, that way all staff who need to know will. A care plan may need to be made with the school nurse and staff may need specialised training. We also need to know any changes that may occur immediately.



All **money** paid into school should either be paid directly to the school office or through the class teacher in a labelled envelope. This prevents any loss or confusion over money paid.



**Remember here at Bridgewater we offer outstanding provision from birth. If you would like to find out more please ask Gillian Gibson or ask at the office, we also have space in some older classes so please come and have a look**

*If you know of any appropriate local business who would like to advertise in our half termly newsletter, for a donation, please contact the school office on*

2745290



**Remember to make sure we have up to date contact numbers for you in case we have to get in touch in an emergency. We also sent text messages to keep**

parents informed so it is vital our contact details are up to date.

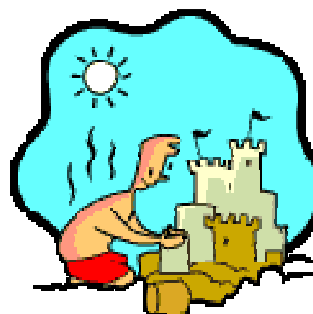
## Dates for your diary.



### Countdown to Summer

Diary Dates	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5/6 netball tournament
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery closed. Open day for next year's new nursery children.
WB Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1 Phonics test – <b>all children must be in school</b>
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	pm Y4 to seeds for life
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Y6 puberty talks
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Some Y6 to Campus Challenge at University
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Y6 Stay Away
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y6 Stay Away
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	N-Y2 Road Safety talks Y5 trip to Beamish
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery trip to Whitley Bay Y4 & Y6 to Whickham Thorns Football tournament
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	KS1 & 2 Sports day
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Interschool Debating competition
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Y6 Dangers of smoking workshop
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Some Y5 Maths Challenge at Canning Street Bolam lake trip – some Y5 Y6 Nissan visit Some Y5 & Y3/4 pm to Athletics event Nursery & Reception sports day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Some Y6 to sandcastle competition 0-3 toddle
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 Transition week with Excelsior Tues- Friday at Excelsior. Cycle smart Y4 Roots of Empathy celebration event
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	am Y4 Seeds for life celebration event pm Cycle Smart
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Parents Day
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y4 Cragside trip Jack Trelawny author visit

Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Children meet new teachers
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am Attendance and Achievement assembly
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am Leavers assembly <b>3.10pm Children break up for summer holidays</b>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Children return to school



Watch out for our programme of activities for the children during the summer holidays.