



July 2022



As we come to the end of another busy academic year at Bridgewater it is lovely to share with you what the children have achieved and been doing. All classes have been on trips this term including Y6 going to France and our annual trip to London. I hope you enjoy reading about them. Children have also had to do statutory tests again this year and despite the disruption to learning the pandemic has caused, they have done very well and we are very proud of them. Our Y6 are preparing to transfer to secondary school and we say happy retirement to two of our staff, Miss Bell and Mrs Scott. We also say good luck to Mrs Gray and Mrs Richardson who are leaving for promotion.



Y5 led the way celebrating 10 years of In Harmony. They performed with KS1, Y3 and Y4 at Sage Gateshead.



As well as other events in the community. They also visited the Quayside linked to their work on bridges.

Y6



Y6 have had a very busy term. They have had their SAT tests and we are very

proud of what they have all achieved. They have also had a STEMtastic week learning all about careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths as well as a Health and Wellbeing week to help them prepare for secondary school. Y6 were all also given the opportunity to visit Nancy and Paris in France and visit our partner school La Fontaine. Both classes had a brilliant experience.



Y4 have visited Bill Quay farm this term as part of their Science work and as they were reading Charlotte's Web. They also visited



Holy Island as they have been learning about the Vikings. All of our children in Y3 to Y5

have also visited Whickham Thorns to do outdoor adventurous activities.



Y1 visited Farmer David Thompson at his Broxfield farm.



Y3 have been learning all about Lord Armstrong and visited Cragside.



Reception

Both classes visited Cragside and Saltwell Park.

Y2 visited Bamburgh and the Grace Darling Museum as they learned all about her life and how she helped save people when their ship got into trouble at sea.



Nursery

Nursery visited Scotswood Gardens to continue their work on minibeasts.



0-3 We have had a large number of children accessing our 0-3 childcare this term and many of them will be transferring to our nursery classes in September. It is lovely to see them so happy and settled and enjoying the outdoor provision.



Message from Mrs Robson

In September there will be only minor adjustments to how our school day runs.

Breakfast club will run as it currently does. We will maintain our one way system along the bottom path as this is now more about avoiding issues with parking along the back lane which is dangerous for our children.

In Harmony will run in every year group next year which will mean that the school day will end at 3.30pm for different year groups on different days. Y4 and Y5 swimming will also mean they will finish on some days at 3.30pm as they do now.

Information about this will come out during the first week back in September. In Harmony and swimming will start week 2.

School is open throughout the summer with a range of activities taking place so please contact the office if you want your child to attend. School fully opens again on **Wednesday 7th September** and we will send reminders to families using Dojo and texts on Monday and Tuesday of that week. We also have a training day on Friday 21st October and Monday 5th June 2023.

Times for September are as follows:

Breakfast club

8am	Working families (with permission) via the main office
8.10am	Y6 start time please come to the Hall & Gym
8.15am	Y5, Y4, Y3, Y2 wait in lines outside the hall from 8.10am
8.10am	Y1 via side gate on Derwent Street to Early Years dining hall.
8.15am	Reception and nursery via side gate on Derwent Street to Early Years dining hall.

School starting times: (parents must wait outside the school gate and only come onto the yard when told. Children can come on to the top yard only without a parent as school staff will be waiting, but Y2 parents can come onto the yard for the first 2 days only.

8.50am	Y2 and Y3 on top yard, Y1 via side gate on Derwent Street.
8.55am	Y4 and Y5 on top yard, Reception via side gate on Derwent Street.
9am	Nursery via side gate on Derwent Street. 0-3 via the main entrance.

End of the school day:

3pm	Y6 from the top yard. Y2 from hall* (Penguins) and Gym (Seals), siblings from Y3-6 will leave with them. Nursery pick up time from their veranda accessed via gate on Derwent Street.
3.05pm	Y4 from the top yard. Reception

	pick up time from their veranda accessed via gate on Derwent Street.
3.10pm	Y3 from hall* (Tigers) and Gym (Elephants) siblings from Y4-6 will leave with them. Y5 from the top yard. Y1 pick up time from their veranda accessed via gate on Derwent Street.
*	When In Harmony starts Penguins and Tigers will leave from the link corridor.

Children who are over 8 years old can walk home alone provided parents have signed a letter giving permission.

Parents must continue to not just turn up at the office without an appointment. If you need anything you can email or ring and if an appointment is needed a time will be given to you. Please do not be offended if you are politely turned away from the office if you turn up without an appointment. This is to avoid a large gathering of people. Teachers will be available for a quick chat at the end of the day but longer conversations need an appointment booked.

We hope you all have a lovely summer and look forward to seeing everyone in September.

Warmest Regards

Mrs Robson

Holiday fines

Just a reminder that we need holiday forms completed for any child taking time off during term time. **No holidays will be authorised and parents will be fined if their child's absence exceeds 4.5 days (which is 10 sessions or more).**

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.

Specialist Staff

We have a Speech and Language Therapist, Educational Psychologist, Counsellor, Occupational Therapist and School Nurse who support our staff team to meet the needs

of our children. Please ask if you would like more information about this.



WEST Schools' Trust

We are part of the West End Schools' Trust (WEST) with Broadwood, Canning Street, St Johns, Wingrove, Hawthorn St Paul's and Moorside Primary Schools. We work very closely together to provide the best education for all our children. Other Trust partners are Newcastle University, Centre For Life, Healthworks, Tyne and Wear Archive Museums and Newcastle Local Authority. We are also part of the West End Children's Community. The Trust newsletter will be shared on our whole school Dojo page this week.



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 and every day they are off on **2745290** thank you.



Can I please remind all adults that the school and grounds is a no smoking zone and no one is allowed to smoke in this area. In fact it is illegal and anyone caught can face prosecution. Thank you for your support in this.



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. If you are interested in applying for a place for your child please see Gillian Gibson our Extended Services Manager.



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. We also use Dojo so please make sure you are signed up.

Keep up to date with all the latest news as we also have a facebook and twitter link.



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.

West End Children's Community

West End Schools' Trust have helped to set up a new partnership called the West End Children's Community (WECC). This partnership is run by a steering group made up of a variety of organisations including schools, universities, charities, cultural organisations and the local authority.



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.

Over time, the WECC wants to get more people involved, including families and children. The WECC aims to share ideas and resources to make the Inner West a good place to grow up.



Remember here at Bridgewater we offer fantastic provision from



birth. If you would like to find out more please ask Gillian Gibson or ask at the office.

A huge thank you to all the school community for your support this year.



Website
Our website address is

www.bridgewater.newcastle.sch.uk





