

Whalton School News

Summer Term

28th June 2021



Years 4 and 6 Church Leavers' Virtual Celebration Service

On Thursday 17th June, Years 4 and 6 watched a virtual Leavers' Service. This service is normally held at St Nicholas's Cathedral but due to current

circumstances, it was brought via video to each school. The service was entitled 'Building something that lasts'. Each school was invited to design and submit a wall with messages related to building something that lasts. The service was lovely with some beautiful music and our children's wall was fabulous.



A huge thank you to Tina in the school kitchen for providing such a delicious lunch afterwards. Usually after we have been to the Cathedral, Year 4 and Year 6s are treated to lunch at an Italian restaurant but instead the restaurant came to the children! The children tucked into pepperoni, ham and pineapple and Pizza Margherita on the school field followed by chocolate doughnuts and juice! There was lots of excitement and some very happy children.



End of term celebrations

Here is a timetable of the Leavers' celebrations for the end of term:

Date	Celebration
Thursday 17th June	Dioscesan Virtual Service
Tuesday 13th July	Ice cream van (supported by PTA - many thanks)
Wednesday 14th July	Leavers' Service on school field for children only Bibles presented by Pam Walker
Thursday 15th July	Leavers' Party in bubbles in classrooms Children may wear party clothes.
Friday 16th July	Last day of term.

We plan to have our own Leavers' celebration in the last week of term. We intend to film the service and upload it onto the School360 classrooms for parents to watch. We will let you know of more details soon.

Sun hats and sunscreen

Although the weather has taken a bit of a nose-dive recently, it is certainly set to improve and we are expecting lots of lovely sunny days. For your child's protection, please could they bring into school, a named sunhat and some named sun cream, to be applied by your child whenever necessary. Alternatively, you can buy products that offer all day protection, such as P20, which can be applied before the school day begins.

Years 5 and 6

The children in Class 3 have been studying the artist Clarice Cliff, who was a British ceramics artist, working for the Staffordshire potteries in the early part of the 20th Century. Their learning has inspired their Father's Day Cards -we hope that these were enjoyed by their loved ones last Sunday.



Last half term, Class 3 were also taking part in Hockey within their PE sessions. You may remember that they came second in the Virtual Games Tournament, when competing with other schools across the Morpeth and Ponteland Partnership. Due to their Silver achievement, the children competed in the County Final, on the 23rd of June...and achieved second place! Miss Anderson

was so proud of them as we all are and Mrs Brannen will be presenting them with their medals and certificates today to bring home. We are so proud of their achievements already!



Swimming

The children in Years 5 and 6 have been enjoying resuming their swimming lessons at the newly opened Ponteland Leisure Centre. It is a shame that all the children cannot return to their weekly swimming sessions quite yet but we have been working closely with Active Northumberland and hope to be able to offer swimming sessions to the children next term. Because of the enhanced cleaning that needs to be done, it is likely that the children will have 6-7 weeks of swimming each term but we await further guidance as we approach September.



E-safety- see attached information

Attached to this newsletter is some online safety information for parents. It has top tips and some great websites for you to dip into. It also has a checklist to help you reduce the risks of any unpleasant online experiences and also help you to know what to do if such a situation arises.

Dates for your calendar

Calendar dates for the next school year 2021-2022 are on our website under 'Office'.



Swimming for Years 5 & 6 only:	Tuesdays 8th June - 13th July 2:15-2:45pm
Virtual Cathedral Leavers' Service:	Thursday 17th June 9am
Sports Afternoon (for children only):	Thursday 1st July
Bags2school:	Friday 9th July 9am
Ice cream van:	Tuesday 13th July 1:30pm
Leavers' Service (for children only):	Wednesday 14th July 2pm
Leavers' Party in classes:	Thursday 15th July 1pm
Last day of term:	Friday 16th July
First day back in September:	Tuesday 7th September

