



## Bolton on Swale St Mary's Church of England Aided Primary School

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*'Developing the whole child'*

Newsletter Friday 18th May 2018 Our Christian value this half term is 'Creation'

**Congratulations to all our Year 6 children who completed SATs this week** We were very impressed with all the Year 6's hard work, preparation and determination to do their best. Thank you to everyone in school and at home who supported them. A special thank you if you made the cakes and biscuits which kept everyone going. Pictured below are our Year 6's with cakes to celebrate!

**Bikeability Cycle training for Year 5** All our Year 5 children have successfully completed their level 2 training and will receive certificates and badges at the next Special Mentions Assembly. They learnt important skills to keep them safe when cycling particularly on roads.



**Celebrating the Royal Wedding with a Street Party** We hoisted our Union flag today in preparation for our Street Party this afternoon. Everyone is welcome to join us and we look forward to sharing with parents and carers from 2.30pm. We hope that highlights of the afternoon will be our singing, maypole dancing, themed games and Greek dancing. Thank you in anticipation to Friends of the School who are decorating our playground and tables.



**Reminder:Swimming** is back to normal next week with Class 4 and Y1/2 on Wednesday and Class 3 on Thursday. If you have not yet paid for your lessons please can we remind you to do so.

**Instrumental lessons next week** as normal.

**Instrumental Lessons in school** We have availability for violin, cello and flute lessons from September. There is already a long waiting list for piano. Children receive lessons from qualified teachers and pay for a block of 10 lessons per term. Children in Year 4 will be finishing their free violin and cello lessons at the end of the summer term. If you have enjoyed these, you may wish to continue with small group or individual lessons. Please speak to Mrs Dobson or Mrs Newton if you are interested.

**Whole School visit to Fountains Abbey**

**Tuesday 5th June** All children have letters sent home today with details of this visit after half term.

**Marrick Priory Residential in October 2018**

Deposits of £55 are due on 31 May followed by 4 x £50 monthly payments. Please don't hesitate to speak to me with any queries or concerns.

**New Privacy Notice GDPR** This is now available to view on the school website under the Parents tab. Paper copies are available from the office on request.

**Clubs** for this half term will finish next week. New club booking forms will be sent home next week for new clubs to start again after half term.

**Cookery Club** need a new team of leaders when the present long serving team step down this summer. Might this be for you?

**Sun safety** Thank you for sending your child with a sun hat and applying sun cream in the mornings. We are fortunate to have lots of shade in our play areas. Your child may also bring in sun cream to apply during the day if you think this is needed. Whilst our staff cannot apply this we will sensibly supervise the children.

**Nut allergy and play time snacks** We have a number of children in school with nut allergies. To ensure their safety please can we ask that children bring only **fresh or dried fruit for their snacks, not cereal bars**. Please be careful with packed lunch contents also.

**Playtime toys** We have recently restocked all our playground toys so the children have access to lots of shared footballs, netballs, tennis rackets, hoops, cricket bats, sand pit toys. We struggle to store individual footballs which are also ending up on the roof. Please leave your personal football at home and share a school one. We can store individual tennis rackets more easily.

**Friends of the School** are hosting a fundraising evening at the Blackbull, Moulton on Friday evening 8th June. Details on the Friend's noticeboard in the entrance area. For more details or to book tickets, please contact: Caroline Witty (07867 541751) or Clare Johnston.

**May Half Term Football and Cricket Coaching sessions with Mike Layfield** Details of times and how to book are available from the office.

**ParentPay Lunch Accounts** Please ensure your lunch account is in credit for the start of the second half term.

**Parish news** The next Open2All Service at St Mary's, with lots of activities for children is on Pentecost Sunday 20th May at 10.30am.

Please don't hesitate to contact if you have any queries about school.

Yours sincerely, Nicola Dobson