



# Arnside National Primary School

*'Aspire – Believe – Achieve'*

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Dear parent / carer,

Y6 SATs 2023 are over and I would like to take the opportunity to congratulate all of the pupils for their hard work, effort and positive attitude – a huge well done!! Tests are externally marked and results are released in early July. Meanwhile, work continues but with a few extra treats later in the term as a trip to London and the end of year production beckons. The Year 2 pupils are informally assessed by class teachers and we wish them luck over the next few weeks.

## Ms Piper

After an amazing 30 years at the school, Ms Piper will sadly be leaving us at the end of the academic year. On behalf of the pupils, staff, Governing Body and parents / carers, I would like to extend a huge thank you to Ms Piper for the many years of hard work and dedication, and wish her every success with new ventures.

## Staffing

I can confirm that after May half term, Ms Morris will be moving into Butterfly class to teach for the remainder of the term while Mrs Henneberry starts her maternity leave. We are extremely please to welcome Charlotte Fleming to Swift class as cover for Ms Morris. We are also currently in the process of formalising plans for September but I can confirm that Ms Morris will be moving into Year 6 to teach alongside myself. In addition to this, we aim to appoint a new permanent teacher for 3 days a week in Swift Class from September 2023 and Charlotte Fleming will take over Mrs Hennberry's maternity cover in Butterfly Class. Our staff work very closely to ensure minimal disruption and our very experienced and capable Teaching Assistants help to provide stability and continuity.

## Health week

After a successful Wellbeing Week in the Autumn term, we have organised a Health Week from 5<sup>th</sup> June to compliment the work and build on previous learning. We welcome any help or support during the week and parents / carers are encouraged to contact the school office if they feel they could contribute in any way. There's lots of specialist skills out there! The focus of the week will be:

✓ *Relationships, Sex Education and Health (RSE)*

This year, we are again using the updated version DVD of 'Living and Growing' and follow up materials to learn about health, relationships, including sex education. These look at the way our bodies develop and explain changes in an age appropriate way. Please contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions regarding the sex and relationships sessions.





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✓ *Heartstart*

During the week, Mrs Brough and Ms Sweetman will be teaching the children basic first aid following a scheme produced by the British Heart Foundation. These first aid skills are built upon each year and range from an emergency phone call in Year 1 to cardio pulmonary resuscitation in Year 6. Thank you to Ms Sweetman for her help, advice and support during the sessions.

✓ *Aerobics / Circuit training*

On Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June, Steve Hoare, PE specialist, will be delivering aerobic / circuit training sessions for all the pupils in school – it's time to raise the pulse rate!

✓ *Healthy eating*

Throughout the week, pupils will be learning about healthy eating and the importance of a balanced diet. The sugar swap challenge is always an eye opener and it's a good reminder to think carefully about how we can all make small changes to improve our health and wellbeing.

### Curriculum information session

This year, our aim has been to hold regular curriculum information meetings for parents / carers to find out more about the subjects taught in school. So far, we have covered maths, reading and RE and feedback from the sessions has been very positive. The sessions are short and informal, and are a great opportunity to ask questions and find out more about the curriculum and how it is organised. This half term's curriculum meeting will focus on SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) and Miss Morris, SENCo, will give a general overview of the SEND process.

*The session will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June at 3.30pm and last approx 30 - 40 mins.*

Please note, this is not a meeting to discuss an individual pupil's needs or requirements, it is a general overview of the SEND process. To help parents / carers, we will provide childcare provision in one of the classrooms.

Thank you for your help and support. It looks set to be a wonderful end to the half term and an exciting run up to July. Keep an eye on the diary – there's plenty in store.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Sharp

