



WHYTRIG MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Summer Term - Final week arrangements commencing 14th July

I am writing to you as we approach the end of our transition days this week. We have really enjoyed having the new intake children in school and we hope they have enjoyed themselves too, despite school feeling a little different this year to what it would normally be like. And despite the fact that we will not even be in this building in September! We hope though that they have still found it to be really beneficial in preparing them to the step to middle school. Staff are continuing to work hard to pack up everything that we are taking to the new site; the children are now familiar with the plastic crates dotted around our school with equipment and resources for next year. Sadly, the school is also starting to look a little bare as we are required to remove all displays from the walls before the end of next week. With one week to go of this school year though, I just wanted to share with you the arrangements for the final week of term next week. Please note all trips are non-uniform events.

Monday 14th July - Gold Pupil Trip to Seaton Sluice beach. We will be taking the 312 children who have qualified for this reward trip to the beach (weather permitting). We will be walking there and back so if your child has qualified, please ensure they have suitable clothing and are wearing suitable footwear (eg trainers and not flip flops). Please also ensure they have sunscreen and a hat should the weather be glorious! Please remember it can be slightly cooler on the beach so they should also bring a light jacket or sweatshirt type of clothing. The children are not permitted to go in the sea so bathers and towels are not needed. Children should also bring a packed lunch and refreshment and some money for an ice cream. We will return to school so that we are back in time for the end of the school day at 3:30pm

Tuesday 15th July - Year 5 Trip.

Wednesday 16th July - Year 6 Trip.

Thursday 17th July - Key Stage 3 Trip.

Friday 18th July - End of year assembly and Year 8 awards. It is traditional for children who are leaving us at the end of the school year to have their school shirts signed by staff and peers. We will of course gladly look forward to this annual event next week; we only ask that children refrain from doing so until the end of year assembly has taken place and all photographs of award winners have been taken. It goes without saying that messages on shirts should be appropriate and respectful. **Please note school will close at 1:00pm for the end of term.** The school kitchen will not be in operation on the last day of term as it is being packed for the



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move so there will be not hot meals and due to the early closing time, neither will the canteen. We therefore would be grateful if children could bring in a packed lunch on the last day of term. For children in receipt of Free School Meals, a packed lunch will be provided but unfortunately there will be no hot snacks this year due. We appreciate your support in this matter.

It must be said that in the main, the children are coping brilliantly despite everything that is taking place in the background around the move, the fact that everyone is feeling a little tired at the end of the term and also taking into account this sustained period of warm weather. In a week's time they can all enjoy a well-earned break to re-charge their batteries for September. We will write again towards the end of next week, outlining the provisional plans for the start of the new school year in September. We do need to point out however that we might need to write out again in the holidays to update those plans, after the leadership team visit the new site in the last week of the holidays when the building work is completed. We therefore kindly request that you have access to the MCAS app or a working email address to receive any of those communications should they be needed in the holidays.

Yours sincerely,



Mr J K Souter
Head of School



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