



# USWORTH COLLIERY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### USWORTH COLLIERY FESTIVAL

After the success of the Jubilee picnic, we will be hosting our Usworth Colliery Festival once again on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**.

We have decided to run this similarly to the picnic by holding it on a Friday from 1.30pm to 4pm. You will be able to collect your child from their class in the afternoon and take them to the festival.

We will be having all the usual activities plus a lot more!

Money raised will be towards buying a vending machine to dispense books as part of our reading initiative next year. We have a target of £1500.

**We would be grateful for any donations for the festival stalls: a general tombola – any unwanted or unused gifts, chocolate or sweets, a bottle tombola – anything ranging from soft drinks, toiletries, ketchup or wine and bottle bags.**

**We will be having a non-uniform day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July.** Instead of bringing in money, we are asking if parents could send a small donation of any item above for the festival. As always, thank you so much for your support.



### UNIFORM

I know that many of you will be thinking about uniform the next academic year and I wanted to remind you of our uniform policy. It is on our website with information about where to purchase uniform with logos. The main points of the policy haven't changed for a number of years and when governors recently review this they have only added the new address of the supplier and our uniform swap shop information. Key points include:

- Navy sweatshirt or cardigan
- Gold or yellow 'polo' shirt
- Navy, black or grey skirt or pinafore
- Navy, black or grey trousers,
- Navy, black, grey, white or cream plain socks or tights (no leggings)
- Black flat school shoes, trainers or boots (no stripes/logos or canvas shoes)
- Note: All shoes must have filled in toes for health and safety reasons.
- School summer dresses/skirts in either blue or gold/yellow checks.
- PE kit - White short sleeved T shirt, Navy or black shorts, Track suit/jogging pants and sweatshirt for outdoor PE lessons and slip on black trainers and/or plimsoles. Note: plimsoles are only for indoor use and children must have shoes in school that they can use outdoors.
- **We operate a no jewellery policy.** This includes earrings. A standard wristwatch may be worn. Please note: Tattoos, either temporary or permanent are not permitted
- Make-up and nail extensions, nail polish, nail art or fake tan are not allowed.
- All long hair should be tied back where possible. Shaved patterns or motifs or hairstyles that are deemed by the Headteacher to be extreme are not acceptable. Full head or 'chunked' dying is not acceptable.

The full policy is on our website <https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/parents/policies>

### ECO-WARRIORS

The Eco-warriors enjoyed working with Leigh Stott from Dolce School Meals Catering Company. They found out about different herbs and planted them in our herb garden. The plants were kindly donated by Leigh. The aim is for the catering staff to include the herbs within their recipes for the children to enjoy.



### BIG BATTERY HUNT

The Big Battery Hunt for our school is...1,105! Thank you for your support.

### SPORTS DAYS

Our sports days will take place on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

It will be very similar to previous year's events with each house team in each class competing in each event. KS2 on Monday 20th June at 1.30pm and reception & KS1 on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

There will be a water station on each day to refresh the children. Please do not try to pass on any food or drinks to your children (however sweetly they smile) as they will be active for much of the event. There will be refreshments for adults to buy. On arrival, staff will be on hand to guide you towards the viewing area of the tracks so that you can watch the events unfold.

There will also be competitive races for the fastest children in each year group to try to get bonus points for their house. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit in school on that day (white t-shirt, navy/black shorts and outdoor PE shoes). Let the Games begin!

*Mr McVittie-Mathews*

### 5CJ TRIP TO JARROW HALL

5CJ visited Jarrow Hall this week to find out about what life was like for the Anglo Saxons. We enjoyed visiting the farm and the village as well as hearing Anglo Saxon riddles and stories. We gained a good insight into their system of crime and punishment by taking part in a village moot (trial). Finally, we learnt about their weaponry and conflicts before re-enacting a battle between the Anglo Saxons and the Vikings. It is 5SMM's visit next week and I know they will have a great time.

*Mrs. Justice*



## RECEPTION EDINBURGH ZOO TRIP

Finally, this week Reception were able to return to Edinburgh Zoo. 24 children over three days travelled by train and bus to the zoo. We had a brilliant time going on a tiger hunt with the staff and seeing all the different animals. We have averaged around 12,000 steps per day and made it to the top of the hill each time. Our favourites were the tigers, lions, sloths and penguins. The new giraffe enclosure was brilliant and we saw the panda awake for once. Everyone agreed that the hippos smelt the worst and the koalas were the cutest. Obviously the best part of the day was the park, lunch and ice creams! Thank you to all the parents & carers who came along to support and a huge well done to all of our children who were fabulous. We didn't need to leave anyone behind in the monkey enclosure.

EYFS Staff



## YEAR 5 WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

For World Environment Day, year 5 welcomed Anne Malabar from the Recycling Visitor and Education Centre. We discussed how we can help our planet and why it is important to take action. Everyone decided on different ways they can act on the three R's – Reduce, reuse and recycle. Mrs Justice & Mr. McVittie-Mathews

## RECOMMENDED READS: NEW RELEASES

### THE BOY WHO MADE EVERYONE LAUGH BY HELEN RUTTER

A laugh-out-loud, against-all-odds triumph of a story: the funniest debut of 2021

- SHORTLISTED FOR THE 2022 BLUE PETER BOOK AWARD
- SHORTLISTED FOR THE 2022 COSTA CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD
- SELECTED FOR THE 2022 READ FOR EMPATHY COLLECTION

Billy Plimpton is an eleven-year-old boy with a **big** dream.

He wants to be a stand-up comedian when he grows up: delivering pinpoint punch-lines and having audiences hang on his every hilarious word. A tough career for anyone, but surely impossible for Billy, who has a stammer. How will he find his voice, if his voice won't let him speak? The idea for this story came from Helen Rutter's son, who has a stammer: she wanted to write the book that he would love to read, starring a child like him.

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Day	Club name	Club Leader	Year Groups	Location
Monday	Construction Club	Mrs Jones	All	The Base
Monday	Crazy Crafts	Mrs Kaur	3-6	Art room
Monday	Little Kickers	Mr. McVittie-Mathews	1-2	Hall/Field
Tuesday	Film Club	Mrs Steel/ Mrs Prosser	3-6	The Base
Tuesday	Mini-movers	Miss Held/ Miss Scott	R-2	Small Hall
Tuesday	Running club	Mr Wright	3-6	Hall/Field
Tuesday	Wellbeing Worker Bees	Mrs Hickey	2-6	Breakfast room
Thursday	KS2 Football club	Mr. McVittie-Mathews	3-6	Field

## DIARY DATES FOR SUMMER TERM

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Class and team photographs to be taken
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	5SMM to Jarrow Hall
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	1JB to Rising Sun country park
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	1EH to Rising Sun country park
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Base to the Great North Museum
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 sports day 1pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	EYFS/KS1 sports day 1pm
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	London theatre trip – Year 6
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Selected Year 5 & 6 to orienteering festival
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	4RB trip to Newcastle
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	4EP trip to Newcastle
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>School closed – day taken for extra bank holiday for platinum jubilee.</b>
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	4RB to Eden Camp
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Selected Year 3 & 4 for countdown cricket competition
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	4EP to Eden Camp
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	1EH to George Stephenson museum
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Selected Year 5 & 6 to girls' football festival
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year Reports to parents
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	1JB to George Stephenson museum
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Moving Up Morning – children spending the morning in new classes
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Presentation Event
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Optional parent/carers meetings, if requested to discuss reports (3pm to 5pm)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 10am
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of school year 2021/2022

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September **SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

**TEACHER TRAINING DAY – school closed to children**

School open to children

## **DOJO POINTS**

Check out our dojo/house point counter at <https://www.usworthcolliery.co.uk/children/house-point-counter>. Children are awarded points throughout the week for following the Colliery Code. This week's classes with the most house points are:

1<sup>st</sup> – 5CJ 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6JM 3<sup>rd</sup> – 2CB

**Mr Gary Wright**

**Headteacher**