



# USWORTH COLLIERY

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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### TIMETABLING IN 2022/2023

Over the last few years, as a result of the pandemic we have had to make changes to our timetable to support both catch up and also maintaining isolation of year groups. From September, the timings of the day will be going back to as they were pre-pandemic.

There will be no catch up sessions and school will go back to finishing at **3.15pm** every day for every child. School doors will open at **8.45am** and the doors will close at 9am as it has this year. There has not been an issue with all children having the same pick up and drop off time this year, so we don't envisage any issues as we carry on with this next year

Breakfast club will continue to run from 8am and any after school clubs will run from 3.15pm to 4.15pm again.

We will continue to stagger lunches and the length of lunch will remain at 45 minutes. The children will always play on the yard with their year group only at playtimes and lunchtimes, and we will continue to have a 15-minute break in the morning and afternoon.

We are busy finalising staffing and class allocations for next academic year. You will be informed of who your child's class teacher is in early July along with your child's report. We have a moving up morning planned for 18<sup>th</sup> July when your child will spend time in their new classroom with their new teacher.

### USWORTH COLLIERY FESTIVAL DONATIONS

We will be hosting our Usworth Colliery Festival on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July**.

Money raised will be put 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 as a donation, 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.



### SUMMER HOLIDAY VOUCHERS

We have been informed that Sunderland LA are offering vouchers to all free school meals children over the summer holidays. Each child, who is entitled to free school meals, will receive a £60 Asda gift card.

If you think that your child may be eligible for free school meals, then we urge you to complete the online form.

<https://www.togetherforchildren.org.uk/parents-carers/free-school-meals> If your child is in reception, Year 1 or Year 2 they automatically receive a free lunch as part of the Universal Free School Meals scheme. If your child is accessing this, you do not get vouchers. You have to apply for free school meals. Please apply if you think you may qualify. We get updated lists of those who have applied on a weekly basis so will be able to buy vouchers for your family once we have confirmation. Also, your child does not automatically receive free school meals even if a sibling in school does, you still have to apply for each child individually. Any questions then please contact the school office.

### GATESHEAD DANCE FESTIVAL 2022

Year 4 were delighted to attend the annual Gateshead Dance Festival at Sage, Gateshead. The children truly enjoyed this unique opportunity to perform on the most famous of stages! Year 4 studied 'The Girl and the Robot' in their English lessons. Their stories highlighted the importance of connecting with others and developing teamwork. They took this into their dance sessions as they continued to celebrate and embrace everybody's differences and potential. They worked together, they were continually optimistic and they have realised they can always be equipped with some new tools! They made their teachers very proud!! *Mrs. Prinn*

### REMINDER: SPORTS DAYS

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

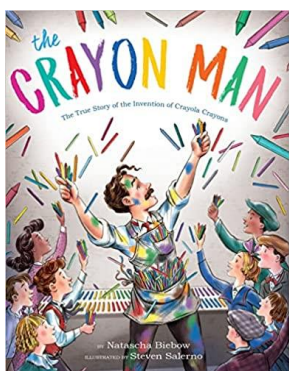
It will be very similar to previous year's events with each house team in each class competing in each event. KS2 on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 1.30pm and reception & KS1 on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June.

**Please note: part of the field is out of action and cordoned off due to issues with hidden manhole covers. Please do not go into this area.**

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*



### RECOMMENDED READS: NEW RELEASES

#### THE CRAYON MAN BY NATASCHA BIEBOW

Celebrating the inventor of the Crayola crayon! This gloriously illustrated picture book biography tells the inspiring story of Edwin Binney, the inventor of one of the world's most beloved toys. A perfect fit among favorites like *The Day the Crayons Quit* and *Balloons Over Broadway*.  
purple mountains' majesty, mauvelous, jungle green, razzmatazz...

What child doesn't love to hold a crayon in their hands? But children didn't always have such magical boxes of crayons. Before Edwin Binney set out to change things, children couldn't really even draw in color.

Here's the true story of an inventor who so loved nature's vibrant colors that he found a way to bring the outside world to children – in a bright green box for only a nickel! With experimentation, and a special knack for listening, Edwin Binney and his dynamic team at Crayola created one of the world's most enduring, best-loved childhood toys – empowering children to dream in COLOR!

## 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

<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Base to the Great North Museum
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	KS2 sports day 1pm
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	EYFS/KS1 sports day 1pm
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	London theatre trip – Year 6
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Selected Year 5 & 6 to orienteering festival
<b>Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	4RB trip to Newcastle
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	4EP trip to Newcastle
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>School closed – day taken for extra bank holiday for platinum jubilee.</b>
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	4RB to Eden Camp
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Selected Year 3 & 4 for countdown cricket competition
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	4EP to Eden Camp
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	1EH to George Stephenson museum
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Selected Year 5 & 6 to girls' football festival
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	End of Year Reports to parents
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	1JB to George Stephenson museum
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Moving Up Morning – children spending the morning in new classes
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Whole School Presentation Event
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Optional parent/carer meetings, if requested to discuss reports (3pm to 5pm)
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 10am
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Last day of school year 2021/2022
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July to Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>SUMMER HOLIDAYS</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>TEACHER TRAINING DAY – school closed to children</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b>	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> – 6JM 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1ES 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4RB

**Mr Gary Wright**

**Headteacher**