

USWORTH COLLIERY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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SWIMMING

We have been delighted to start swimming again this week after a whole year of not being able to attend. We have decided to continue with the Year 5s, who were having lessons last year when they were in Year 4. Due to the restrictions of class bubbles, Mrs Prinn's class are attending until half term and then Miss Reay's class after half-term. This means that the children will get longer lessons in the pool each week. We have a morning slot until the end of the academic year as we have to make sure that children have their swimming costumes under their uniform when they come to school to be 'swim ready' when they attend. We will be looking at how we organise swimming next academic year and with which year group, so that no-one misses out on this important part of the national curriculum.



parentsevening
system

REMINDER: PARENT/CARER MEETINGS

This year we will be holding a parent/carer meeting at the end of this half-term. In order to comply with government guidance, these meetings will have to be held via video call. **All appointments across school will take place between 1pm and 6pm on Wednesday 26th May.** You will be able to book these appointments online. **The booking system is live. We have already had 60% of all parents/carers book meetings. Note: appointments are scheduled for 10 minutes.** You should have already logged on to the system to book meetings in the autumn term.

<https://usworthcolliery.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

You use **your name and email address**. This has to be an exact match to the information that we hold for you on our system. This includes the spelling of your name and the email address from which you received this email. You also use your child's name and date of birth. If you are struggling to do this, then it is likely that what we have on our records does not match what you are typing in. It could be the difference between a Miss, Mrs. or Ms. Sometime the computer automatically does this. If this happens, contact the school office via telephone or email and we will help.

Once logged in you can select the time of your appointment. You will receive an email confirmation with a link. **I have attached some extra guidance on this.**

On the day of your appointment, log in and click on 'Join Video Appointment', then wait for the teacher to join the meeting. You do not need to download an app. It is all completed by logging on to the website, so the booking and the appointment can be done on your phone, tablet or computer, as long as you have access to the internet or data allowance on your phone. Further information will be sent out prior to the appointment about joining.

We will also send you reminders over the next few weeks to book an appointment.

If you need any further help, then please contact the school office via email (info@usworthcolliery.co.uk) or telephone 0191 4178888.

INCIDENTS IN SCHOOL

If there has been an incident in school involving your child, your child's class teacher will always tell you if it is significant. All members of staff are very good at dealing with issues immediately and effectively. I know this as I get all alerts on the school system when something is logged. Sometimes the children don't tell staff and wait to tell parents/carers at home. If this happens always encourage your child to tell a member of staff and then you should tell your child's teacher.

It is not appropriate for you to contact other parents on social media or even on the school yard. It is our job to resolve the issues if they happen in school.

I know that sometimes parents use social media as way to vent to other parents. This is not appropriate and again any issues should be dealt with in school. I have, in the past, contacted social media companies and had accounts suspended due to inappropriate conversations about children and staff. Please be the responsible adult and show your children how to behave in the community. I can guarantee that school will deal with any incident appropriately and let you know the outcome.

DOGS

Under no circumstances are dogs allowed on school premises. This includes the staff car park.

BIKES

A reminder that children should not be riding bikes/scooters in the playground. This included children under school age who are waiting to pick up siblings. Please make sure that your child pushes their bike or scooter until they are out of the school gates. Thank you.

RECOMMENDED READING – NEW RELEASES

NATURE TRAIL BY BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH

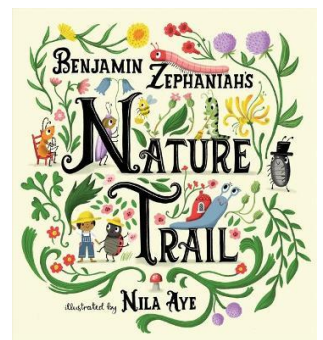
. A joyful celebration of nature and the wonder of the world around us by legendary poet and performer Benjamin Zephaniah, one of *The Times*' top 50 British post-war writers.

At the bottom of my garden, there's a hedgehog and a frog,

And a lot of creepy-crawlies living underneath a log...

All around us, from parks to gardens and flowerpots to pavements, there's a world of wonder just waiting to be discovered. Why not look a little closer and see what you find?

This joyful celebration of nature reminds us all to take a closer look at the world around us, and enjoy the wonder of nature wherever we find it. Packed with animals and minibests galore, this imaginative rhyming text is perfect for reading aloud.



THE STAFF CAR PARK GATE SHOULD NOT BE USED AS AN ENTRANCE AND EXIT DURING PICK UP AND DROP OFF AS IT IS TOO DANGEROUS. PLEASE USE THE ALLOCATED GATES EVEN IF IT MEANS THAT YOU HAVE TO WALK A LITTLE FURTHER. THANKS.

SUNNY DAYS

As the weather seems to be getting better, please make sure that your child brings a water bottle into school every day. Also if it is a sunny day please apply sun cream at home before they come into school. Unfortunately, due to current restrictions, children cannot bring in sun cream to re-apply during the day as they usually would. Thanks.

SUMMER TERM DATES 2021

Monday 3rd May	School closed for MAY DAY HOLIDAY
Week beginning 24 th May	Parent/carer meetings via video calls (dates and times to be confirmed)
Thursday 27 th May	Last day of the half-term for children
Friday 28th May	School closed for TEACHER TRAINING DAY
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
Monday 7 th June	Children back in school
Friday 9 th July	End of Year Reports to parents
Friday 16th July to Tuesday 7th September	SUMMER HOLIDAYS

PLEASE CONTINUE TO WEAR FACE MASKS WHEN IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS UNLESS YOU HAVE A MEDICAL REASON NOT TO DO SO.

TWITTER STARS

Remember to check out this week's Twitter Stars! These are tweeted on: @TStarKS1_UCPS or @TStarKS2_UCPS. They also appear on @UCPrimary and on our website Twitter feed.

ATTENDANCE WINNERS

These classes have the highest attendance this week. Well done everyone!
Whole school attendance – 97%
EYFS/KS1 – 1JB with 99.3% and Thrive with 100% KS2 – 6CJ with 100%

Mr Gary Wright

Headteacher