



## Summer Term Events 2021

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

Dear parents,

Thank you for your patience as we digest guidance in order to carefully plan important end-of term events in the safest possible way.

Though some of our planned events sit outside the current restriction extension, we are committed to maintaining our excellent Covid safety record and have planned everything in line with current guidance which means that we must maintain the integrity of our existing bubbles. We do not wish for any pupils, staff members, or family members to have to isolate when we are so close to much-needed freedoms.

***We firmly request that, where parents are invited onto school grounds, you adhere to the guidance provided (below) and respect the strict measures that we are required to follow and which are in place to protect us all.***

Thank you in anticipation of your continued support and if you have any questions at all, please do get in touch.

Charlotte Harper  
Headteacher

## Sports Days

Where many other schools have decided not to allow spectators at their sports days, we have risk-assessed our grounds and feel that we are able to invite parents to watch, safely, within the guidance. We are confident that our parents will respect control measures and adhere to the following:

- Small family household groups (or bubbles) may come as spectators to our sports days.
- We will not be able to provide chairs; please bring your own fold-ups, or picnic blankets etc.
- A dedicated zone will be fenced off to separate spectators from our bubbles. Please respect this and do not cross this boundary, nor encourage your children to do so, under any circumstances.
- Your household/bubble must respect social distancing rules: ensure that you are at least two metres from any other household/bubble (we have plenty of space). This extends to toddlers. I understand that it is extremely difficult to contain young children so I encourage you to consider whether it is manageable to bring young siblings to the event. We must adhere strictly to the guidance.
- Spectators will not have access to school. Please bear this in mind for toddlers and toileting needs: we will not be able to allow the use of toilets.
- Unfortunately, we will not be able to have a parents' race this year – sorry!

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 1:30pm – for the children taught at West Burton, on the green in front of school.

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 9:30am – for the children taught at Bainbridge, on the school field (please access via the large gate to the right of the school building).

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 1:30pm – for the children taught at Askrigg, on the school field.

## Transition Events

We know that families are disappointed about the cancellation of Y6 transition events and we thank you for your patience as we await more information from secondaries about potential alternative transition plans.

We recognise the importance of giving children an opportunity to experience their new class / environment and meet their new teacher ahead of the summer holidays, yet we do not want to undo all the successes we have had around preventing the spread of Covid. Therefore, we have decided to limit our 'moving up day' to the following key groups for whom transition will likely be more significant:

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July:

- New starters (nursery and reception children) are invited to attend school from 9:30am until 11:30am. Parents of new starters may accompany their children but are asked to remain in the outdoor area and to adhere to social distancing rules as far as is possible i.e. stay two metres from other parents, staff, and children. We understand that your own child is likely to approach you, of course. Weather depending, we will also encourage the new children to remain outside, and where this is not possible we will keep them in a separate group from our existing bubbles.  
At 3:45pm, parents of new starters are invited to return to school for a tour of the inside of the setting. Please let us know if you would like to do so.
- Current Y1 children who will become Y2 children in September will spend the day at West Burton with Mrs Harrison. Drop-off and collection arrangements will be unaffected, unless we contact you directly.
- Current Y2 children who will become Y3 children in September will spend the day either:
  - at Askrigg with Mr Scrafton where they will be kept separate from the current Y3/4 and Y5/6 bubbles.
  - with Skylarks at West Burton (they are already part of the same bubble so we do not breach rules).Their location depends on which class they will be in next year and you will be aware of this already. Drop-off and collection arrangements will be unaffected, unless we contact you directly.

## Leavers' Services

In order to maintain the integrity of bubbles, but to be able to invite the parents of Y6 children, we have decided to hold two separate leavers' services, and to hold them outdoors:

- Attending parents are required to maintain social distancing rules: please stand at least two metres from any other household/bubble.
- Although the parents of the Y6 children are welcome to attend, we request a sensible and measured approach: please do not come in large family groups as we are limited to the legal gathering limit of 30 (not including the children).

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, 10:30am, SKYLARKS (the children of Y3, 4, 5, 6 taught at West Burton) and the Y6 parents, led by Rev Tom Ringland, at West Burton Falls.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 10:30am, MERLINS (the children of Y5 and Y6 taught at Askrigg) and the Y6 parents, led by Rev Dave Clark, at Semerwater.