

# Benfieldside Primary Newsletter June 2019



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

I hope that our June newsletter finds you fit and well and that you all enjoyed a rest and some family time over the half term holiday. I know that our Y6 and Y2 pupils especially, will have been glad of the opportunity to relax after the busy SATs period in school. June and July promise lots of trips, events and concerts (see 'Upcoming Events' section overleaf) - fingers crossed that the weather is kind to us!

**Best wishes, Mrs Addison Headteacher.**

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## Policy & Curriculum Updates:

Recently, our Subject Leaders have been updating policies, reviewing skills and coverage in the curriculum and sampling pupils' work. Several Subject Policies have been updated this academic year, alongside our policies and procedures for Safeguarding, Complaints and e-Safety. You are welcome to view these documents on our website using the following link <http://www.benfieldside.durham.sch.uk/about-us/school-policies/> or by clicking the 'About us' tab and 'Policies' from the Home Page of our website.

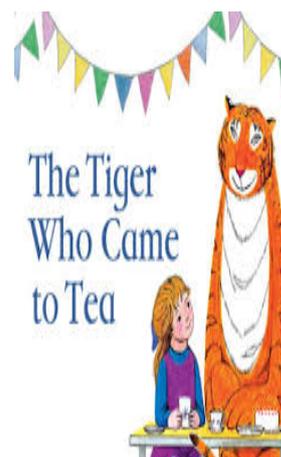
More information about our **Curriculum and Year Group Curriculum** plans can be found on our 'Parents' tab on the website and on individual class pages.



## **Fantastic Feedback!** LAURA CRINNION- PARENT OF A NURSERY PUPIL

We were delighted to receive glowing feedback from a parent, following the Nursery Theatre Trip last month. Here is an extract from the article a parent kindly wrote for us:

As the three cheerful faces of the cast of *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* greeted the audience of Queens Hall Art Centre in Hexham with a welcome song and dance, the nursery children and their adult companions looked on at the homely kitchen set in anticipation. We were treated to an hour of charming visual storytelling, music, singing and audience participation. The tiger, on his arrival, evoked shouts and screams of surprise from a hundred little voices and proved an imposing and comical character with an insatiable appetite. The children, as always, were impeccably behaved, and immersed themselves in the theatre experience with gusto. Thank you to the Nursery staff for organising the trip: entertaining and educational; and I'm grateful for what I learned today too.





Please support us with our reading initiative, by enjoying books and other reading materials with your child/children as often as possible.

We will continue to present our weekly Reading Trophy in Friday assembly.

Thank you for your support.



**Social Media:** At Benfieldside School we aim for the best for all of our children, but we recognise that on some occasions you may feel that we could have done better. We would like to encourage you to come in and discuss any concerns with the school by calling or making an appointment to see us. We would be grateful if you did not raise complaints about the school on social media but come into school so we can understand your concerns and help solve the problem. Complaints on social media can be damaging for the school, its staff and most importantly the pupils. If you still feel that the issue has not been dealt with appropriately then we will provide you with a copy of the formal complaints procedure.

#### **April 2019 Reading Averages:**

Class 1 79%	Class 6 96%
Class 2 85%	Class 7 91%
Class 3 71%	Class 8 83%
Class 4 89%	Class 9 91%
Class 5 99%	<b>Whole school average 87%</b>

#### **Safeguarding:**

Safeguarding and Child Protection concerns can be shared with our Senior Designated Person (DSP) and the four Deputy DSPs, who will listen, advise, or report as appropriate.

Mrs Addison- DSP

Mrs Rowell -Deputy DSP      Miss Clarkson -Deputy DSP

Mrs Coombe- Deputy DSP      Mr Wright - Deputy DSP

Please be aware that any parents or carers who are worried about a risk of significant harm to a child can share their concerns by contacting First Contact on 03000267979

**All Benfieldside staff are L1 safeguarding trained.**

Our Safeguarding Governor is Mrs Knapp.

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - return to school after half term

6<sup>th</sup> June classes 5 and 7 Museum trip

7<sup>th</sup> June class 6 Museum trip

#### **10<sup>th</sup> June- Phonic screening fortnight begins**

11<sup>th</sup> June School Nurse drop-in session 9.00 Discovery Den

20<sup>th</sup> June Classes 2 and 8 performing at the Dance Festival

24<sup>th</sup> June Northumbrian Water Pantomime in school for Y1-Y6

25<sup>th</sup> June Class 9 Sport Event at Consett Academy

26<sup>th</sup> June Welcome Meeting for New Reception pupils' Parents and Carers

2<sup>nd</sup> July Y6 Transition Day at Consett Academy

2<sup>nd</sup> July "Move up day" in school

3<sup>rd</sup> July KS1 Sports (details TBC)

4<sup>th</sup> July KS2 Sports - am Y3/4 (details TBC)

5<sup>th</sup> July KS2 Sports - Y5/6 am (details TBC)

10<sup>th</sup> July Parents' Evening 3.45pm-6pm

16<sup>th</sup> July Y6 Leavers' assembly 2.30pm

17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July Robinwood residential

19<sup>th</sup> July - end of the academic year

#### **Attendance update:**

As registers are a legal document, the Local Authority has advised that our Headteacher must be satisfied with reasons given for absence in cases where a pupil's overall attendance is low. In such instances, some parents may be asked to provide medical evidence (e.g. appointment card) to account for their child's absence from school. This does not apply to children who are usually very good attenders at school but experience a short period of illness. If satisfactory medical evidence cannot be provided, the record of unauthorised absence will be referred to the Council's Enforcement team.