

## Diary Dates: May/June

**24th Last day of half term.  
3rd June Back to school.**

You may be aware that Friends of Chances Park have worked with some of our pupils in planting wildflowers in the wildflower meadow.

When I went to collect our sunflower plants from Garden Linx that they had kindly grown for us from the free seeds that I got from Seedy Saturday, I was astounded to see that they had grown 40 red poppy plants for our wildlife meadow. We have an activity date set up again with the school children to plant the sunflowers but there isn't sufficient time to plant both. This is where you get the chance to do something positive for the community who visit Chances Park. I will be taking the plants to the wildflower meadow to plant them on Tuesday 28 May at 7pm, whatever the weather, and you will make it quicker for me if you bring a trowel and join me. By involving the community, the council class it as an event and it requires completion of an event form, and I would need to have a rough idea of how many people will be attending. Your help would be greatly appreciated and if you wish to participate, please comment on our Facebook post (Friends of Chances Park) or email [friendsofchancespark@yahoo.com](mailto:friendsofchancespark@yahoo.com)

Marie Bainbridge  
Vice Chair

## Maths competition

A massive well done to Louie and Gracie-Leigh for their mathematical work in the Carlisle Schools Partnership Maths Quiz. They applied their skills to get lots of points for our school. A great performance in a very tough competition.

## Dear Parents,

So another half term slips by in a blink of an eye! It's been hard work all round with so much going on in school. SAT's, interviews, trips and a new website in construction! If any parents would like to test the new website before it goes live let me know. Happy for constructive feedback.

Year six have been brilliant completing their SAT's. They really applied themselves and took every test in their stride. We are so proud of their achievements.

The year four children had a great rivers trip, getting a little wet but they didn't let that dampen their spirits.

Class photo day went without a hitch and this year we have gone for a standard rectangle as opposed to the long vista style. Hopefully these will be easier to store. We are going to bring the photo day forward next year to the Autumn term so that we have photos of children who are still in school in our gallery! You will be sent the link once the photos are ready for ordering.

Much is going on in the background for wraparound care. I know many of you are keen to know what is happening. We have been successful in the first grant application and are now hoping the second much larger one will be agreed by the Local Authority. The second bid covers construction work and intercoms etc. The next step will be to look at staffing, policies, booking procedures and timetables.

As a break from the norm our caterers are having a picnic day on Thursday 13th June. Fingers crossed we will be able to eat our lunches outside. Keep an eye out for flyers and more information.



## Head Teacher's Awards



*This weeks Head Teacher Award winners.*

## Dance Club

Our Year 3 dance club performed to their parents this week. I was amazed at how good they were after just a few weeks. What is really inspiring is that some of the children had never danced before. Seeing the variety of standards, all smiling working together as a team and creating their own work. This is why we do it!

## Vacancies

We have been successful in appointing Miss Prosser to our teaching team for September 2024. Miss Prosser currently works in the Durham area and will be relocating to Carlisle. We are all looking forward to working with her.

We have an Office Administrator and Clerk to the Governors post currently advertised as sadly Mrs Rankin has decided to retire. The role is to start in September with some overlap to ease the new member in. [If you can, share this link from our website, hopefully we will get lots of applicants.](#)

## Football

Our teams have been out once more with the girls and boys Year 5/6 teams playing in their local leagues. Our Year 3/4 team played in the county finals against some very strong teams. They managed to get through to the semis where the dream ended this year. A fantastic achievement and I look forward to seeing them progress in future.



## **IMPORTANT** Free School Meal Updates!

The Government have updated the funding to families on Free School Meals. Eligible families will now receive...

**£50** Uniform allowance per pupil, per year (was £25)

**£17.25** Food allowance per child, per week for the summer holidays (this didn't even exist before!) - **that's £103 per child for the summer holidays!**

Any successful application, will also ensure further funding comes into school each year to help us with your child's education — **£1480 per child, per year!**

*Please check and apply today if you haven't already done so!*

**Before school starts in September 2024, an eligible family....**

...with one eligible child could receive £153 !

...with two children could receive £306 !

...with three children could receive £459 !



*Don't delay,  
apply today!*

*Please let Aileen in the office know if you need support to apply —she's more than happy to help!*



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