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## July 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Yet again we find ourselves racing towards the end of term! We have had an exceptionally busy and exciting term; Y3 & Y4 residentials, football match, sports days, expedition club, choir, jewellery club, running club, Summer fair, our Imran visit, Waterpark visits, music concerts, our fun run, rounders matches, etc.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of you for helping with these activities, to the PTA for giving up their time to run amazing events for school (and generating the funding to help us offer so much to our children) and also to all the staff who have put in the additional time and effort, beyond the day to day job of teaching the children, to make these things happen and run so smoothly. Thank you to everybody.

If I do not see you, I hope you all have an amazing Summer holiday and are able to find some sun somewhere!

The main purpose of this letter is to let you know about reports, the class arrangements for next year and our upcoming 'meet the next teacher' meetings.

### Reports

Reports will be coming home on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July (next Wednesday.) Once you have the report if you wish to talk to your child's class teacher about anything contained within the report please feel free to make an appointment.

### Y6 SATs results

The Y6 SATs results are being published on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Y6 parents will receive these in a separate letter from the report as soon as we have verified them. Please be aware that this is sometimes a quick process, and sometimes isn't, it depends hugely on the accuracy of the marking. It is likely that these will come to you on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

### Staffing and management changes

After many years as Deputy Head Teacher in charge of Nursery and KS1 Mrs Y'Anne Williamson is moving to supporting our Special Educational Needs pupils through school for two days a week. Y'Anne has worked in Nursery for 27 years in which time she has overseen the introduction of well over a thousand children into Ghyllside and ensured that the start of their school career has been as smooth and supportive as it possibly can be. Y'Anne's knowledge of Early Years education is extensive and so she leaves big shoes to fill. As I have said Y'Anne is going to continue to support children with additional needs, and their families, specifically earlier in school, which is a passion of hers. Her work here will continue to benefit our children hugely.

Mrs Mason, who reduced the number of days she worked in school last year, is retiring this year. Gill has taught largely in Reception and Y1 as a class teacher, but right through school more recently when providing class shares and cover for different staff. Gill has been a constant bundle of energy around the school for

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the whole time I have known her, leading 'I matter' (supporting families) and Art, among other things. She will be missed greatly by us all, but will be back in as she is going to support local arts charities.

Miss Inman, one of our Y2 teachers, is taking on the role of leading Nursery and KS1. This is an exciting development at Ghyllside which will see Lel's experience and skill set, (having worked in Reception, Y1 and Y2, Phonics lead in school and jointly leading maths in school) develop further.

To support Miss Inman we have appointed a new Nursery teacher, Miss Kate McGeorge, who joins our team having worked in Early Years and Foundation Stage in a large Manchester School for the last four years.

We also have Miss Georgia Learie joining us in Y3. Georgia has spent the last two years very successfully teaching in a primary school in Leeds and will be taking on what was Mrs. Baron's class.

Mrs Ogilvie-Booth, who has worked in Nursery, Reception and Y1 in her time here is also leaving. Chloe has supported the Early Years and KS1 teachers in the work they have done and will be remembered by many children as the smiling face that has welcomed them into school on a regular basis. Her laugh and enthusiasm will be missed.

Mrs Jayne Ewin, who works on our front desk three days a week is retiring. As Head Teacher I have appreciated the way Jayne has been the face of the school that many visitors first see, worked excellently with the rest of the office team and been a safe pair of hands in a crisis!

### **Staffing for 2025 – 2026**

For 2025/26 the teachers are -

Nursery – Miss McGeorge (New teacher)  
Reception – Mrs Pearse, Miss Munday, Miss Lamb  
Y1 – Mrs Britt, Mrs Blackburn  
Y2 – Mr Britt, Miss Inman  
Y3 – Mrs Andrews, Miss Learie (New teacher)  
Y4 – Miss Crowley, Mrs Scarbro, Mrs Watson  
Y5 – Mr Giblin, Mrs Reedy, Mrs. Abel  
Y6 - Mrs Meyfroidt, Mr Phillips, Mrs Towe

TA support –

Mrs Braithwaite, Mrs Mulville, Mrs Tidswell, Mrs Wyatt (previously Simpson,) Mrs Taylor, Mr Sillito, Mr Manning, Mrs Hanson, Mrs Hayton, Mrs Longcake, Mrs Carey, Mrs Coulson, Mrs Radcliffe, Mrs Cattermole, Mrs Esty-Meehan, Mrs Hayes, Ms Dawson, Mrs Johnson, Mrs Bainbridge, Mrs Holmes, Mrs Elliott & Mrs Crowther.

Additional teaching staff – Mr Hoare and Mr Howell

### **Which class is going where**

Reception - parents to be informed in a separate letter

Y1 – Y2: Mrs Britt's will go to Miss Inman, Mrs Blackburn will go to Mr Britt

Y2 – Y3: Miss Inman's will go to Miss Learie, Mr Britt's will go to Mrs Andrews

Y3 – Y4: Mrs Watson's will go to Mrs Scarbro / Mrs Watson, Mrs Andrew's will go to Miss Crowley / Mrs Watson

Y4 – Y5: Mrs Scarbro's / Mr Giblin's will go to Mrs Reedy / Mr Giblin, Miss Crowley's / Mrs Mason's will go to Mrs. Abel

Y5 – Y6: Mrs Reedy's will go to Mr Phillips, Mrs Abel's will go to Mrs Meyfroidt

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## **Moving up afternoon meeting – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July (Meet the next teacher meetings)**

3.30pm & 4.00pm – 25 minute sessions where your child's next teacher explains life in their class. We repeat the same session twice to allow parents to get to more than one / different year groups.

## **Parental Questionnaire**

The Governing Body of Ghyllside School appreciates greatly your feedback on our school. Part of finding out this is through the parental questionnaire that we send out annually. We will be sending one of these next week, and will also have spare copies at the 'meet the next teacher' meetings. Please could you fill the questionnaire in and either bring it with you on 14<sup>th</sup> July or send it into school with your child (it can be put in the envelope it has come with and posted in the letter box in the library.) **The more returns of the questionnaire we have the better informed we are, so even if you think everything is fine please send one back in.**

## **W&F Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme**

Westmorland and Furness Council will be running the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme during the Summer holidays. This programme primarily targets families who receive means-tested free school meals. There are also other eligibility criteria and some paid places may be available for certain activities. Please click on the link below for further information:

<https://www.westmorlandandfurness.gov.uk/schools-and-education/holiday-activities-and-food-haf-programme>

Parents and carers can email [HAF@WestmorlandAndFurness.gov.uk](mailto:HAF@WestmorlandAndFurness.gov.uk) to see if they are eligible.

As usual, if you have any questions about the content of this letter, or anything else, please do not hesitate to give the office a ring.

Yours sincerely



Huw Davies

## **Dates for the diary**

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July:	Y3 Music concert, Hall, pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July:	Nursery parents – open evening, 5-6.30pm
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July:	Reports out to parents/carers
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July:	Y5 High School Musical, Brewery, pm
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July:	Y6 Waterslide
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July:	Summer music concert, 3.30-4.45pm, hall
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July:	Y6 Leavers ceilidh
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> July:	Meet the next teacher/moving up/parents drop-in 3.30 & 4pm
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July:	Y6 Leavers assembly, 9-10am
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July:	Term ends, 2pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September:	Staff inset day, children not in school
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September:	Staff inset day, children not in school
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September:	Autumn term begins

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