

# Leeming RAF Primary School Newsletter



July 2017

Dear All,

Well, here we are – summer holidays are upon us, and I am sure you are all looking forward to sunshine, cool drinks, family time and the balmy breezes of golden August days. Of course, since we live in Yorkshire, that might be more like drizzle and an occasional pocket of blue sky!

I shouldn't complain too much about the weather however, since we managed (just!) to get in a couple of brilliant sports days this month. The children had a great time representing their houses / countries and enjoying all the challenges. As for the sprints – a huge well done to everyone, especially to all the parents who joined in for Mums and Dads races!



In other news, July saw the release of our Year 6 SATs results. These are very good indeed, and we are hugely proud of the achievements of all our pupils. We also have to share 'statutory data' for Year 2 and Early Years – and I'm delighted to say that in all areas, we have done well – even better than last year. Well done to everyone involved, children and staff, for all their hard work.

This month has also seen plenty of other highlights. We had a brilliant Year 6 play – Cinderella Rockerella rocked its way through the school with some catchy tunes (which I was hearing in my sleep). There has also been a great trip to the Met office here on the base (thanks to station for hosting this), the 'Teddy Bear's picnic', a Mexican day, and some fantastic work based on the KS2 trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Finally, we sent our amazing team of Y5 Scientists to the National STEM competition in which we came 24<sup>th</sup> out of all the schools in the country for our rocket car design – well done girls! Here are a few pictures of some of these activities – enjoy!



So, on to a few practicalities / requests / reminders as we draw the year to a close...

**Road Safety and Bike Helmets** – please could all parents strongly encourage pupils to ride with a helmet. We love the fact that we have so many healthy pupils who ride / scoot to school, but we are concerned for their welfare when they don't have helmets. In addition, I have had a number of parents / members of the community contact me in recent weeks regarding our pupils' lack of road safety around the base – cycling down the middle of the roads, pulling out in front of cars etc. Please do remind your children of road safety, don't let younger children be 'out and about' on their own, and ensure that they are fully protected at all times. We would hate anything serious to befall any of our pupils.

On similar lines, we have had 3 children injured in the last fortnight at the skate park on base. Please do be aware that this brilliant resource does also have risks!

**Social Media, Musically, Snapmaps** – we've had a bulletin from the County Safeguarding Board regarding the Apps 'Musically' and 'Snapmaps'. These both have real risks in terms of children's safety. Please ensure your children do not have access to any unsupervised social media. We would also ask that, as parents, any comments or concerns you may have regarding school be shared with us directly, not via Facebook or other social media platforms. We always want to try to respond to any concerns, so please talk with us rather than posting!

**Dinner Money** – a brief reminder that, as per the recent letter, school dinners (KS2) will be slightly increasing in cost from September to £2.20 to cover our costs. We haven't raised our price in many years, and this still makes our meals cheaper than most schools in the area. Thank you.

**Super Sporting Success** – following a rigorous process of application, validation, evidence submission and assessment, I'm delighted to inform you that Leeming has been awarded the Association For Physical Education 'Quality Mark' recognising our commitment towards delivering outstanding PE in the school. Mr. Fenn worked very hard on the process, but the award is earned by all staff and pupils who invest so much in sport in the school. A real accolade – well done team Leeming!

**Dulux Smarter Spaces** – please keep voting and sharing for our school to win £10,000 in the Dulux Smarter Spaces competition ([www.schoolofdreams.com](http://www.schoolofdreams.com)). Recruit your friends, colleagues etc. – perhaps even try an occasional 'order' or two! We are competing against much larger schools, so the only way we'll win is if we can make the most of our military connections! The vote is open all summer, so friends and family visits can be capitalised on!

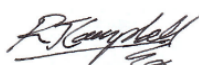
#### **Dates for the Diary:**

[See separate list for full term, in parents' secure area on website (password available from office)]  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Children return to school

#### **And Finally...**

It's always a slightly sad day, the end of the year – saying farewell to our Year 6 pupils, and all our other children (and families) leaving to new schools. However, new adventures await you – so go and enjoy every moment. As for me, I'm looking forward to a summer break, full, no doubt of nappies and the occasional sleepless night... but I really do wish you all a wonderful summer, full of family fun. Enjoy the holidays!

Best regards,



Rob Campbell  
Headteacher