



# Parent Newsletter

## Head teachers Update

Firstly, I would like to welcome all of our children back for what is going to be a very busy and action packed Summer Term. As you will see from the calendar on the reverse, we have lots of upcoming events, but I would particularly like to draw your attention to the Parent Forums taking place on Friday 22nd April at 9am and 3:30pm. During the forums you will be able to ask questions and discuss how the school is progressing.

With regards to academy conversion, parties from Extol Academy Trust, New Silksworth Infant School and the Department for Education are working together to facilitate the transition. At this stage there are no confirmed timescales for when the conversion will happen, but as soon as we know more we will share this with parents. My primary focus and that of the Governing Body is solely around pupil achievement. The staff in school and I will continue ensure that what is best for our pupils will remain the driving factor behind any decisions over the coming months.

Last term we crammed a lot of learning into very few weeks and the children were ready for a break by the end of this. In my last newsletter I challenged parents to help improve pupil attendance and I am delighted to see that this is working. 100% attendees will be receiving certificates soon, as well as being entered into a prize draw—good luck everyone! Although incentives are great, it is the support of parents that most helps our children.

This term is a really important one for our pupils, we will have Phonics tests in years 1 and 2 and SATS for our year 2 children. As parents I know you will want to support your children as much as possible, so please keep reading at home and helping with homework. Parents Evening will be after half term, but if you want any advice on how you can help at home, please talk to your child's teacher.

Staffing arrangements for teachers were significantly more stable during spring term and this has had a positive effect on the children. I expect teaching staffing to remain stable during summer which will help the children flourish. We have also said some goodbyes in recent weeks, Mrs Marley has left the school during spring term with a change in career path and we wish her well. After 33 years of loyal and dedicated service to the parents and pupils of New Silksworth, Mrs McBriarty has retired from the school and governors wish her well for the future and would like to thank her for all she has done over her time in the school.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff over the past few months. When I started at New Silksworth Infant School, I was aware of the significant task at hand and although challenging and at times sheer hard work, I can confidently say that the team in school and the day care have worked tirelessly to make changes—so thank you.

Mrs Sarah Nordstrom

## Summer Term

April 2016



**Interim Head teacher  
Mrs Sarah Nordstrom**

## **We want your feedback?**

I am very keen to hear parents views, so if you have not already completed our survey please check the website or scan the below barcode. I will continue to be present and available most mornings on the school yard.



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## Dates for your Diary

South Lakes Safari Zoo trip—Year 2	Wednesday 20th April
Parent's Forum in school hall	Friday 22nd April (9am and 3:30pm)
Down at the Farm trip—Reception	Wednesday 27th April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd May—School closed
School re-opens	Tuesday 3rd May
Nursery and Reception Stay and Play	Wednesday 11th May
Book Fair	Monday 23rd May
SATS weeks	16th - 27th May
May Half Term	Monday 30th May –Friday 3rd June
Phonics Tests (Year 1 and 2)	13th –17th June
Summer Disco	Thursday 30th June
Parent's Evening	Tuesday 5th July
Sports Day	Friday 15th July
Leavers Concert and Disco	Wednesday 20th July
Start of Summer Holidays	Thursday 21st July
School re-opens	September <b>TBC</b>



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