

**HMS Weekly Update**

18 June 2021

Dear Parent/ Carer

This week's update contains lots of information about the final few weeks of term. If you have any questions about any of the events, please contact us via the admin email or call the office.



**End of Year Calendar**

The children deserve as many fun experiences as possible after this challenging period. Due to this week's extension of restrictions, we have reviewed our planned events to ensure that they can happen as safely as possible and in line with national guidance. We want **everyone** to be able to enjoy the activities so please get in touch with us if you are concerned about the financial aspect of any of the events. **A summary of changes follows the table below.**

Date	Event	Who
<del>Thursday 24 June</del>	<del>PTA Y5 Disco (5.30 – 6.45)</del> <del>PTA Y6 Disco (7.00 – 8.15)</del>	<del>Year 5</del> <del>Year 6</del>
<del>Wednesday 30 June</del>	<del>Year 4 Rounders Afternoon</del>	<del>Year 4 (final plans TBC depending on COVID guidance)</del>
Thursday 1 July	Games Evenings	Year 5 and 6 (5.30 – 6.45) Year 7 (7.00 – 8.15)
Tuesday 6 July Wednesday 7 July	Year 4 Virtual Transfer Evening Virtual Transfer Evening (all other years)	6.00pm – 7.00pm 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Tuesday 6 July	KS2 Sports Day	Years 5 and 6
Wednesday 7 July	KS3 Sports Day	Years 7 and 8
Friday 9 July	Summer 'Fair-well' in school Virtual Farewell goes live!	All years On the website
Monday 12 July	Year 6 End of Year Treat Year 7 Celebration Assembly Year 8 Celebration Assembly	Year 6 Year 7 Year 8
Tuesday 13 July	Year 8 End of Year Treat Year 6 Celebration Assembly	Year 8 Year 6
Wednesday 14 July	Year 7 End of Year Treat Year 8 Leavers' Evening (outdoors) Year 5 Celebration Assembly Year 8 Bastille Day Performance	Year 7 Year 8 Year 5 Year 8
Thursday 15 July	Year 5 End of Year Treat End of Term	Year 5 All years

### Summary of changes:

- KS2 Discos are now cancelled – **any payments will be returned.**
- To replace the above, we will host outdoor games evenings – sports, outdoor activities, music, games and snacks. [Please read the letter and book your child's place at this link.](#)
- Year 8 Leavers' Evening will go ahead but most of the activities will be outdoors including the inflatables, food, music and photo booth. **If anyone has any gazebos we could use for the evening, please let me know.**

### Summer Fair-well Event

We have sadly had to cancel the plans for our Summer 'Fair-well' on Saturday 10 July. We have reached this decision in light of extended restrictions which make running a community event very challenging. The staff and the PTA have worked very hard this week to amend plans to ensure that we can mark the departure from our current site. **Please read the 'Summer Fair-well update' letter.**

A huge thank you to the staff and our PTA for adapting the plans so quickly in line with current guidance.

### Sports Days

Our Sports Days will go ahead as planned although they will operate in year group bubbles. Unfortunately, we will not be able to accommodate spectators this year but we will share the results with parents/ carers online.

KS2 Sports Day is Tuesday 6 July and KS3 Sports Day is Wednesday 7 July. Children should come to school in their PE kit and wearing their house colour (where possible) - **Coquet – red**; **Tweed – green**; **Wansbeck – yellow** or white and **Aln – blue**. We are looking forward to celebrating sport at HMS!

### [HMS Euros](#)

Starting next week, we will be running the HMS Euros. This will take place with teams of 6. Each team must include at least one boy or girl. The teams must enter by completing a form which are available outside of the Beaumont Gym on the PE display. A draw will take place on Friday morning to announce the teams; this will then be shared on social media and with classes. The tournament will then take place every lunchtime until we have our finalists. The finals will take place during the **Summer Fair on Friday 9 July.**

### Maths Challenge Success

We are delighted to say that the results are in from the UK Junior Mathematics Challenge and our Year 8 pupils have done extremely well once again. This challenge is taken by children nationally and we are very proud of our pupils' achievements. 14 children were awarded Bronze, 14 were awarded a Silver Certificate and one, Joe E, was awarded Gold and Best in School. He has now qualified for the next round of the challenge. Certificates will be presented in an upcoming assembly. A huge thank you to Mrs Bond for organising our entries once again. Well done everyone!

## House Point Totals

Below are this week's House Point totals as well as the **'Top 4' pupils in each year group this week.** P points are awarded for character value such as **resilience, respect, engagement and responsibility.** Well done to each and every one of them.



House Totals		Year 5		Year 6		Year 7		Year 8	
Aln	33,865	1	Oliver S	1	Iris A	1	Theo C	1	Corey N
Coquet	30,268	2	Dylan C	2	Chloe W	2	Georgia L	2	David D
Tweed	30,461	3	Aidan T	3	Aimee S	3	Millie D	3	Brooklyn K
Wansbeck	30,631	4	Maeve H-D	4	Thomas H	4	Brogan R	4	Heidi S



## Reminders/ Dates

**Home testing (KS3):** a reminder that we are asking KS3 children (with consent) to take twice weekly lateral flow tests at home. Results should be reported to school at this [link](#) and to the [Government](#). It is important that pupils continue testing over time and before their return to school.

**Monday 21 – Thursday 24 June:** Year 6 Assessment Week

**Monday 21 June – Friday 2 July:** KS3 Assessment Weeks

**Wednesday 23 and Thursday 24 June:** Year 8 Maths Assessments (for QEHS)

**Monday 28 June – Friday 2 July:** Year 5 Assessment Week

**Tuesday 6 July:** Virtual Transfer Evening (for new Year 5 pupils)

**Tuesday 6 July:** QEHS to visit Year 8 for a Transfer Session

**Wednesday 7 July:** Virtual Transfer Evening (for new starters in all other years)

**Thursday 15 July:** School closes at 3.30pm for summer break

Yours faithfully

Mr Watters