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### **Welcome Back!**

I hope that you managed to have some lovely family time over the Easter period and enjoyed the fantastic weather, especially over the Bank Holidays. The children have settled back into school life very well and they continue to impress us with their friendliness and keenness to learn. The Summer term creates lots of opportunities and I will be encouraging lots of learning outside of the classroom, which helps to develop many important skills. The children have been delighted to enjoy PE lessons on the field and some of the after school clubs have been on there too.

### **New Awards**

As part of our work on the curriculum and learning behaviours, we have revamped our Celebration Assembly to reflect the values that we talk about each day. As a result, trophies and certificates will be given out for Endeavour, Being Inspired and Collaboration. Many children are demonstrating these each day so it will be a tough choice for our teachers! Please return these new trophies for each Friday so that they can be passed on to the next person. Thank you.

### **Barnard Castle Cricket Club**

Before Easter, we enjoyed some really successful cricket coaching sessions from James Bell, who works for Durham County Cricket Club's All Stars who coached Years 1-3. We have built up excellent relationships with the Barnard Castle Cricket Club and will receive some more coaching in years 4-6 by Mr Foster. Barnard Castle Cricket Club run very popular sessions for 4-13 year olds at the Cricket Club each Wednesday starting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 6pm-8pm. The All Star Cricket Coaching starts on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May from 5pm to 6pm aimed at children from Year 1-3. If you are interested in the sessions please email [john.a.ashworth@gmail.com](mailto:john.a.ashworth@gmail.com)

### **Nursery Superstars**

Mrs Collin has noted how well all of our nursery children are doing at lunchtime. They are showing lovely manners, listening well and following instructions brilliantly. We are very proud of you all.

### **Key Stage 2 Football Team**

On Wednesday the Key Stage 2 footballers travelled to Staindrop to play against several other Teesdale schools. The team was made up of boys and girls from Year 5 and 6. Although they did not win any games, Mrs Dupuy praised their good nature and positive approach. They did at least manage to score a goal! They have another round of matches next week and hope that they keep improving and enjoying the experience.

### **Miss Lauder's Class Local Visits**

On Monday, as part of the Year 1 History curriculum the class will be visiting the castle. On Wednesday they will be visiting the town and woods to look at human and physical features as part of their Geography curriculum.

### **Dr Greenwell's Class Visit to the St Mary's Church**

On Friday afternoon Dr Greenwell's class will visit Reverend Harding and St Mary's Church as part of the RE studies. They will learn more about special events that happen in church such as baptisms and weddings.

Examples like the visits above really helps to bring the curriculum to life and I know that the children will enjoy them and learn a lot.

### **After School Clubs**

The new clubs have proved popular and I thank all of the staff and coaches involved in these. I am pleased that we have so many gardeners and they are doing a great job. We are currently creating a bed outside of the polytunnel for fruits to compliment the tress that are trained up the fences in the garden.

The Meet Club are working hard on this year's entry for the Procession. I understand that some children who are unable to join the club are joining us on the day which is great. There are still places available at the club and we hope to match the huge number of participants last year. During the club there are lots of different activities to join in with including tie dying, painting banners, creating instruments and making giant dream catchers. Parent helpers are very welcome at the club.

### ParentPay

We are receiving fewer queries about ParentPay which tells me it is working a little better! There are some ways in which ParentPay records transactions which can be confusing e.g. each item has the minimum payment that can be made beneath the name of the item, this is not the balance due, and the balance appears beside the name of the item. Universal Free School Meals appears on statements but should be ignored.

We aim for the Ford Castle Residential payment and all clubs and care items to be available and up to date by the end of next week.

### Mrs Bartoli's Class Assembly

The next Class Assembly will be Mrs Bartoli's reception children. This is at 9am on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May and families of these children are welcome to attend.

### Plastic Pen Recycling

In school we go through quite a lot of whiteboard pens and felt tips that the children use regularly. We have found a place that recycles these and there will be a collection point in the School Foyer.

### Attendance for w.b. 23.4.19

Class	Present
Reception	98.7%
Year 1	97.4%
Year 2	97.2%
Year 3	92.9%
Year 4	98.1%
Year 5	94.4%
Year 6	98.5%

School overall attendance 96.4%

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons.

16 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

### Dates for the diary

April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Miss Lauder's class visit to the castle
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Miss Lauder's class visit to the town and woods
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Key Stage 2 Football tournament
May 6 <sup>th</sup>	May Day Bank Holiday
May 13 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs
May 20 <sup>th</sup> – 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 SATs
May 22 <sup>nd</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential to Ford Castle
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Class Assembly
May 27 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>	Whit Holidays – Meet Procession May 27 <sup>th</sup>
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 and Year 4 to the Hancock Museum
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Football tournament
June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Cricket Competition (Y6 selected children)
June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Band Workshop 1-2.30pm at Teesdale School followed by concert for parents 6pm-8pm at Teesdale School.
June 21-23 <sup>rd</sup>	1940s weekend
June 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 4 Class Assembly

Mr Minikin

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