



Father's Day Bangers and Pop

I know that many fathers and male relatives said they would like to attend the Bangers and Pop afternoon. I hope you all had a great time alongside your children. We have become used to maximising all available space and being as creative as we can, using the outside space as often as possible. There were many nice activities planned by Mrs Ridley and I thank her for organising this. Thank you also to Mrs Slater, our cook, who stayed behind to help.

1940s Weekend

On Sunday 25th June, Barnard Castle Mayor Sandra Moorhouse has invited us to take part in the 1940s celebration. Any interested children should be dressed in 1940s style and arrive at 12.45pm. From here, they will be transported in an old fashioned bus to the Bowes Museum. Mrs Ridley and I will accompany the children and a letter was sent out last week giving more details.

Key Stage 2 Writing Moderation

As some of you may know, End of Key Stage 2 Assessments for Year 6 children are sent away to be marked for Reading; Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling and Maths. Writing, on the other hand, is assessed in school by looking at a range of evidence from work the children have done in class. Moderators from the Local Authority visit schools to check their judgements and we had a very successful moderation visit, which confirmed the accuracy of our assessments. Well done to Miss Richardson for this and I will let you know the outcomes of our End of Key Stage 2 assessments, when they are released in July.

Garden Update

This week some of the children have been splitting open pea pods and enjoying the first peas of the year from the polytunnel! They have continued to enjoy the strawberries and I think the potatoes may be ready next week, which will be passed on to the kitchen staff. We have been busy sowing new seeds to replace the crops that have been harvested.

With help from Mrs Minikin, I planted a beech hedge in the holidays which will be kept quite low and separate the garden from the playground, but which will not make the garden feel so segregated. It will be beneficial to wildlife too. I have acquired a small pond, which will be dug into the wildlife area near the cricket field entrance. This will have a grill over it, be very safe and will be of great interest to our children.

I am continuing to work with Mrs Abi Smith of FOMs to develop other aspects of the garden. Mrs Bowron has made a lovely display in the main entrance, highlighting some of the changes made to date, as well as the plans for future developments. One of these developments is purchasing a U-Turn. This is a device that is able to play recorded interviews by turning a handle. The idea is that the children will interview local residents who have experienced travelling on the train in and around Barnard Castle, discussing the station, people who worked there, how much things cost etc. This will be a nice cross generational project and the U-turn will be sited in the garden, for the children, parents and visitors to use.

Parents are more than welcome to look around the garden at drop off/pick up time. If you have your child/children with you, please remind them that this is a calmer area and supervise them carefully, so that they are safe and that the area and facilities are well-maintained. Thank you.

New Reception Starters

Many of our new Reception starters visited us on Tuesday. It was lovely to see them all and how well they settled. We are looking forward to welcoming them back next week.

Class Photographs

One copy of each class photograph has been sent to school. I have asked for the rather unusual font to be changed. If you would like to view the photograph before deciding if you would like one, please call in to the School Office or your child's classroom where a copy is on display. Thank you.



School Nurse Information

Our school nurse, Caroline Mooney recently advised school about the length of time children should stay off school should they be ill.

For sickness a child must be symptom free for at least 24 hours, for diarrhoea a child must be symptom free for at least 48 hours, a combination of both illnesses should be symptom free for 48 hours.

Please heed this advice and do not send your child to school the following day if he or she has been unwell during the night.

Reception Assembly

The next class assembly will be by Reception children on Friday July 7th at 9am. We look forward to seeing parents and friends of Reception then.

Mayoral Visit

This week Class 3, who have been focusing on democracy, were visited by Barnard Castle Mayor Mrs Sandra Moorhouse, who talked to the children about her duties.

Respecting our town

Many of the classes have been learning about the history, geography and features of our beautiful town. I accompanied Class 4 on some fieldwork, where they followed maps and asked members of the public questions about shopping in the town.

Class 2 were also visited key places as they begin work on a leaflet to advertise.

Pedestrian Training

This week the Year 3 children began their Pedestrian Training. This is another important life skill that we teach children about and reminders about keeping safe in many aspects of life are mentioned regularly in assemblies.

Attendance for w.b. 12.6.17

Class	Present
Reception	98.8%
Class 1	96.8%
Class 2	98%
Class 3	93.1%
Class 4	99.3%

Overall attendance this week was 97%

Dates for your Diary

- June 19th – Woodland Football Tournament
- June 20, 27th New Reception Taster Morning
- June 29th – Class 2 Trip to High Crane Lodge
- June 30th – Sports Day (EYFS 10.30am; Y1-6 1.30pm)
- July 3rd – OAA Festival for Class1
- July 4th and 11th New Reception Taster Morning
- July 7th Reception Assembly (9am)
- July 8th School Fair (11am-3pm)
- July 10th and July 11th Summer Plays
- July 12th-14th Transition Days for Y6

Mr Minikin
Head Teacher

Punctuality

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons. Remember Wake Up, Shake Up usually starts at 8.45a.m. 1 hour and 19 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

Volunteer for The School Fair reply slip

Name-

Contact no.

I would be willing to help at the School Fair for an hour on July 8th. I am happy for Mrs Finlay to contact me to discuss arrangements.