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Year 6 SATs

Next week sees the Year 6 take their statutory assessments as they approach end of Key Stage 2. They have worked very hard in the run up to these tests and we are very proud of their efforts. We know that they all have many talents and they do not need to sit a test to tell us what stars they are! Have a lovely weekend, a good night's sleep, breakfast and we will see you Monday! Good luck to you all and remember that we have some nice activities planned for when it is all over!

FOMs Bingo Night

Over the last couple of years FOMS have ran Bingo Nights and these have been very popular. They have arranged the next one on Thursday June 7th at 6pm. Tickets cost £1.50 for adults which include pie and peas. Children can come and watch a movie or play outside if the weather is nice. Their tickets cost £1 which includes popcorn and a drink. Tickets are available from the School Office from Monday 14th May. You will be able to purchase a ticket on the night but advanced booking helps with the ordering of food and refreshments.

The FOMs School Lottery initiative is proving more popular and we are grateful to those who have joined. A leaflet has been sent out today with details of how to join and the benefits it will bring school.

Meet Parade

A letter has been sent home to all children who we know are planning to attend the Meet Parade with our school group. This contains information about the day of the parade and the costumes. If you have not received a letter but do intend to join us please see Mr Bartoli as soon as possible for details.

Royal Wedding

On Friday 18th May the whole school will spend the afternoon celebrating the upcoming Royal Wedding. Children will enjoy a picnic followed by royal wedding themed activities and games. Please send your child to school with a named bag containing royal themed or party clothes to change into. Contributions to the picnic will be greatly appreciated and details of what your child has chosen to bring will be sent home on a separate letter.

Each class will be holding a crown competition as part of the celebration. If you would like your child to enter please bring their named crown to school on the 18th. You may use any materials you wish and the most creative and elaborate entries will win a prize.

New Reception Starters

A welcome meeting for parents of new Reception starters will be held at 4pm on Tuesday 5th June. A number of 'taster sessions' will be held during next half term. If your child is due to start school at Montalbo in September please return your form as soon as possible to book a place to take part in the sessions.

Stay and Play

Nursery and Reception parents/carers are invited to join their child for a Fairy Tale themed Stay and Play on Thursday 24th May at 2.30pm.

Class Photographs

Class photographs were taken this week and all of the children looked very smart! We will let you know when the photographs arrive for you to see.

Pedestrian Training

The first session of pedestrian training took place this week for children in Year 3. The children listened well to instructions to help them keep safe around the local area. I was pleased to see that the area around the school is now a 20mph zone.

Keeping Safe

Each week this half term I will be giving messages in assembly about keeping safe when our children are out of school. This week we have been discussing Water Safety and discussed the dangers of rivers, particularly with the recent warmer weather. Whilst I want children to have fun, I reminded the children about being with a trusted adult, the strong currents and cold water shock.

Uniform Orders

Last date for orders to be received in school ready for delivery by end of term is June 15th. Online orders can be placed direct to the company and delivered to your home address for a small fee paid to suppliers after this cut-off date.

To order for nursery follow this link <https://studentuniform.co.uk/mon074>

To order for Reception – Y6 follow this link <https://studentuniform.co.uk/mops072>

Time Capsule

The time capsule has been ordered and we will be able to engrave a nice message on the side up to 45 characters. I wondered if the children had any nice ideas for the inscription?

I thought that our families might like to leave a family photograph in the capsule with some details on the back such as your names and your child's age – any photo would be fine or even a scanned copy if you don't want to part with it. Please send the photograph to school as soon as possible so that it can be buried along with some other items! We have had a lot of pictures in now and the children have thought of other items we should include.

Gymnastics

Teesdale Leisure Centre are running a Gymnastics camp on Wednesday 30th May between 10am and 4pm. You can drop the children off at 9am if that helps. The cost of the day is £30.00. For further information please contact 03000260862.

Attendance for w.b. 11.5.18

Class	Present
Mrs Bartoli's Reception	97.2%
Miss Lauder's Class	95.8%
Miss Blackburn's Class	99.2%
Dr Greenwell's Class	97%
Miss Richardson's Class	98.8%
School Total	97.7%

Dates for the diary

May 14 th -17 th	Y6 SATs
May 21 st -25 th	Y2 SATs
May 24 th	Key Stage 2 Football Tournament
May 25 th	Meet Parade Afternoon Workshop for children and parents 1.30-3.30pm
May 25 th	Dr Greenwell's Class to Jarrow Hall
May 28 th -June 1 st	Whit Half Term Holiday
May 28 th	Procession in town
June 5 th	Y5/6 Girls Cricket (team of 8) at Willington Cricket Club 10-2.15pm
June 5 th	New Reception Starters Meeting 4pm
June 8 th	Quad Kids Athletics (selected children from Y3-6)
June 11 th -13 th	Y5/6 Residential to Edinburgh
June 13 th	FOMS Meeting in school 5pm

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.

ONLY 2 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

Fantastic improvement – well done everyone.

Mr Minikin, Head Teacher