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### **Summer Performances**

On Monday and Tuesday I had the great pleasure of watching the Y5/6 Summer Performances. They were tremendous! I loved the singing, dancing, costumes and comedy and was very proud of everyone who took part. It was a large cast and the transitions, number of lines, props and background changes plus the sound effects were all very slick. A lot of effort goes into these performances but it is well worth it – they make memories, they build confidence and they are great fun! Well done to all of the children and a big thank you to Miss Richardson and Mrs Leonard.

### **Letter from Richard Crane, Head of Education**

This week I was delighted to receive a letter from Richard Crane, Head of Education and Skills, Children and Young People's Services, congratulating us on our recent OFSTED report. He recognises the hard work by all of the children and staff over the last few years and the improvements we have made. Well done team!

### **End of year results**

This week our Year 6 SATs results were released. We have exceeded national averages at age related standards in Reading, Writing, Maths and Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. This pattern is repeated at Key Stage 1 with our Year 2 results, our phonics results in Year 1 and Early Years results at the end of Reception. I will put the results on the website over the holidays with further analysis. Well done to all of the children and staff as these achievements are the result of a lot of hard work. However, we are about so much more than these results and I will sum up the year next week!

### **Parental Behaviour**

Please can parents be mindful of their language whenever they are on the school grounds, even if they are on their mobile phones. It would also be nice to think that this was the case to and from school and whenever children are around. Thank you.

### **Flu Vaccine Information**

The flu vaccination team have sent some information regarding the programme that will be run over the autumn term. Please follow this link for more information. Please note the vaccination is for any child in Reception to Year 6 inclusive this year.

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### **Gardening Harvest**

Last half term's gardening club have enjoyed harvesting some of the crops from the polytunnel recently. Our cook, Mrs Slater, has been presented with hundreds of new potatoes, around 30 onions and many carrots. We've also been enjoying the peas at playtimes. There are still lots of crops to harvest in there as well as the fruit around the perimeter.

### **Nursery Sports Day**

Last Friday I was able to watch some of Nursery Sports Day. It was a lovely event and was well supported by parents/carers and families. The pirate themed events were great fun and I was pleased to see how competitive the parent's races were! Well done to all of the children and thank you to Mrs Patterson, Mrs Miller, Mrs Spence, Miss Earl, Mrs Dupuy and the Year 4 helpers.

### **Sports Day**

The sun shone for Sports Day last week and again it was very well attended. The activities were very enjoyable and I particularly admired the children's determination during the competitive races at the end. In the end, Altius (the blue team) triumphed and retained the cup! Well done to everyone who came and very well done to the fast and competitive parents who raced too!

### **FOMS Raffle**

Thank you to FOMs for their superb summer raffle and their help during the Y5/6 performances. I will let you know the total raised next week.

### **Cycle Training**

This week the Year 6 children enjoyed two days training to reach their Level 2 Cycle Proficiency Award. The Year 4 children had a day and gained their Level 1 awards. Year 5 will undertake the training in September as it fits very nicely with their first topic in Year 6!

### **Moving Up Day**

Today children in Reception to Year 5 worked with their new classes and new teachers. This is an important day in which children can become more confident in the new surroundings and learn the routines and expectations. We are pleased to welcome several new children to the school who will be joined by 30 new reception children in September.

### **Sports this week**

This week some of our Year 5 athletes went to Staindrop to compete against several local schools. They took part in javelin, shot putt, discus, 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m and a relay. Overall, Montalbo came 2<sup>nd</sup> which was a great achievement. Well done.

As we are part of the Staindrop Sports Cluster, several children were chosen by their coach for showing sporting promise and perseverance and attended an awards ceremony on Tuesday. Well done to Ella, Alex, Georgie and Emily on your awards.

Reception and Year 1 have also enjoyed their time at Multiskills so all in all it's been a very busy week!

### **Reading Books**

Please could all reading books be returned to school so that teachers can account for them and organise their records for the next academic year. Thank you.

### **Reports**

I hope that you found the new report formats more informative and useful. Please could you return the acknowledgment on the back page, so that know that you received yours. Thank you.

### **Leavers' Assembly**

Our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly will be on the last school day of this academic year, July 19th at 9am. Families of the Year 6 children are very welcome to attend.

### **Attendance for w.b. 8.7.19**

Class	Present
Reception	98.9%
Year 1	97.9%
Year 2	94.4%
Year 3	95.4%
Year 4	87.6%
Year 5	95.9%
95.1%	100%

School overall attendance is 95.6%

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

20 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

### **Dates for the diary**

July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 at The Hub
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 at The Bowes Museum
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Performance for Y6 9am
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term
September 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Teacher training day
September 4 <sup>th</sup>	Children return to school
September 17 <sup>th</sup>	Meet the teacher (informal meeting with new class teacher)

Mr Minikin

Head Teacher