



June 11<sup>th</sup> 2021

### **Welcome back**

I hope that all of our children and families had a nice, relaxing break enjoying the much better weather than recent holidays. It is hard to believe that we have just over six weeks left before another academic year comes to an end. The children have settled back in to school routines well and have started learning their new topics. I have already seen some amazing designs from Year 6 using cams in Design and Technology and some lovely art work from other areas of the school.

### **Transition Arrangements for Year 6**

I believe this week that Teesdale communicated to Year 6 parents their plans for transition which will occur after school and in a Montalbo bubble. Parents will be required to take and collect their children at the arranged times. I also understand that Barnard Castle School, St Francis Xavier and Hummersknott Academy have contacted children who will be moving to their schools with transition arrangements. Please contact the school your child is moving on to if you have not been notified.

### **Transition Arrangements for Reception**

We are very excited to meet our new Reception starters and their families!

I am awaiting further information and guidance around transition so the following is provisional at this stage. Usually we try to tie transition in with when the Year 6s have their transition days to Teesdale, so all the classes can move to the next class. However, this year, the Year 6s are not having these days.

Nevertheless, we have arranged for a nice activity day for the Year 6s at TCR Hub (details below) so we will **provisionally** arrange our transition day on July 16<sup>th</sup> and we hope to be able to welcome children from other settings and our nursery to school. An information meeting for new parents/carers will at this stage be delivered via Microsoft TEAMS and details will be sent to the parents/carers of our new starters in the coming weeks. The rest of the school will be able to 'move up' on July 16<sup>th</sup> too.

### **Year 6 Day at TCR Hub**

We have arranged a day of great activities for our Year 6 children at TCR Hub on July 16<sup>th</sup>. This will include activities such as the High Ropes course which I know are very popular. Details of the event will be communicated to parents/carers of Year 6 nearer the time. As the consent for this trip is going to TCR Hub, paper copies will be sent home with each child which needs to be signed and returned.

### **Little Troopers**

On Thursday our service children (those who have a parent in one of the armed forces) spent the morning taking part in a special workshop provided by the charity Little Troopers. The children took part in a guard room role play session, military themed games, and other sessions that explored what it's like to be part of a military family. The children all participated wonderfully, and it was great to be part of something alongside hundreds of other service children across the North East. Thank you to Mrs Bartoli for arranging this.

### **Swimming**

A reminder that swimming lessons for children in Year 5 will begin on Monday June 14<sup>th</sup>. The Year 5 children will need their swimwear and towel. The sessions are a little shorter due to extra cleaning requirements and the children will be back by the end of the school day.

## Mental Health and Wellbeing

This week we have been focusing on the five ways to wellbeing. These are connect, take notice, be active, learn and give. The children had some great ideas about how they could incorporate these into their daily lives including spending less time on screens so they can connect more with family, and giving compliments to friends. You can find more about the five ways to wellbeing here: <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/guides-tools-and-activities/five-steps-to-mental-wellbeing/>

The hub are offering a number of support sessions for parents and families this half term. You can find more information on Weduc.

## School Sports

We have been notified by our School Sports Partnership (Staindrop Academy) that they intend to run festivals and competitions after half term. The classes (or parts of classes depending on the numbers allowed by the organisers) will be travelling to Staindrop to compete and all of the events will be outdoors. We will not be sharing a coach with other schools. I have added the information to the dates for the diary section.

## After School Clubs

Clubs within the class bubbles start this week and should be booked and paid for before your child attends. Thank you.

## Barnard Castle Mini Meet

It was lovely to see some of our children take part in the Mini Meet this year and well done to you all! We all look forward to when the masses of Montalbo children, parents and staff can take part in the Meet Parade again!

## Emblematic Website

We have been informed by Emblematic, one of the school uniform providers, that July 18<sup>th</sup> is last day for orders to be delivered at home.

Nursery uniform can be ordered [here](#).

School uniform can be ordered [here](#).

## Wearing masks

Please can parents and carers continue to wear masks around the school grounds. Thank you.

## Attendance for w.b. 07.06.21

Reception	99.1%	Class 3	100%
Class 1	99.2%	Class 4	100%
Class 2	98.8%	Class 5	97.5%
		Class 6	94%

**School overall attendance this week is: 98.3%**

## Dates for the diary

June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Swimming sessions for Year 5 (and each Monday thereafter)
June 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Football (squad of 7)
June 29 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Cricket (whole class)
June 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Athletics (10 children)
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Festival (whole class)
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Festival (whole class)
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Festival (whole class)
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Activity day at the TCR Hub
July 16 <sup>th</sup>	Transition Day

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