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Newsletter – June/July 2016

Dear Parents and Carers,

Goodbye to Year 6



It is already the last half term! This year has gone by very quickly and soon we will have to say 'goodbye' to our Year 6 pupils. They are fabulous children and will be a huge miss to us. We wish them the very best of luck in their secondary schools. Parents and family members of Year 6 are invited to school on the last day of term, Wednesday 20th July, at 9am to enjoy their leavers' assembly and celebrate their last day with us.

Yellow Team Winners



Well done to Yellow Team who were our winners last half term, earning a non-uniform day. Already we have lots of stars ready to go on our team board due to all the hard work. Good luck to all the teams as we look forward to seeing who wins non-uniform day at the end of term.

Reception Hall Hill Farm Visit



Our Reception pupils had a wonderful time when they visited Hall Hill Farm this week. Miss Purdy and Mrs Measor reported that the children were extremely well behaved and asked excellent questions during their visit. We know that Reception children are keen to find out about how animals live and grow as they were fantastic guardians to the ten chicks they looked after recently in their class. They were fascinated watching them hatch from eggs in their incubator.

Non-Uniform Day - Summer Fair Donations

The Friends of Bournmoor will be hosting their Summer Fair on Saturday 16th July between 12pm and 3pm. Everyone is welcome! The Friends would appreciate donations of good quality used or new items that can be sold at the Fair. In order to promote this we will have a non-uniform day on Wednesday 6th July. Children can come dressed in non-uniform. Donations for this would be appreciated including tins (e.g. hotdogs), bottles, toys, books, etc.

Cricket Tournaments for Year 4, 5 and 6



On Friday 10th June Year 6 are invited to a cricket tournament at Sacriston. They will be picked up at 9am and return at 2.30pm. We wish them luck in this competition with other local schools. Further to this they continue to develop their cricket skills when Year 5 and 6 are invited to Bournmoor Cricket Club on Tuesday 21st June to work with local cricket experts and play in a local tournament. This is following on from the cricket coaching they have received over the last few weeks when they have worked with a coach from the club. On Tuesday 5th July Year 4 and 5 will go to Sacriston to take part in a cricket competition. Children will leave school after registration and return at 2.30pm. We wish them all the best in this local competition.

Weardale House for Year 5 and 6

We hope this warm weather continues for our Year 5 and 6 pupils who are going to Weardale House from Monday 13th June until Wednesday 15th June. We are looking forward to hearing about their adventurous outdoor activities.

Year 3 at Elba Park and the Hancock Museum

On Monday 13th June, Year 3 pupils will be going to Elba Park for a Science trip. Mrs Parks and her class will leave school at 9.30am and return in time for lunch at 12pm. We hope they enjoy their outdoor learning in the fantastic nature area we are lucky to have so close by. Year 3 continue their exciting curriculum work when

they visit the Hancock Museum in Newcastle on Tuesday 14th June. They will be leaving at 9.15am and will return by 2pm. We know they will enjoy bringing their classroom learning to life during their visit there.

Year 1 at Blue Reef



Year 1 are looking forward to their trip to the Blue Reef Aquarium on 27th June linked to their 'Under the Sea' topic. In order to enjoy the full experience offered by the centre, pupils need to be there by 9.30am. We are therefore requesting that on the day Year 1 pupils are in school by 8.30am to the **main entrance**. Year 1 have worked hard making underwater creatures to decorate their classroom. It looks fantastic! It will be great for them to see underwater creatures in real life. Further information to follow.

Hermitage String Day for Violins



On 5th July our violin players have been invited to Hermitage for their annual String Day. This gives children, who have been working hard all year, a chance to play to a wider audience. We wish them success with this and hope they enjoy sharing their talents with others.

Year 2 Beamish Visit

Mrs Martindale is organising a visit to Beamish for Year 2 pupils so they can experience the life and times. Further details regarding this will follow. This links to their work about the 'life of a coalminer' through their topic called 'Enter the Labyrinth'.

Road Safety for Year 3/4



On 20th and 27th June children in Mrs Parks' class will work with Durham County Road Safety Team to learn about how to safely cross roads. They will learn where safe crossing points are to ensure they are visible and to stop, look and listen before they cross.

Year 6 at Lambton Estates

On 6th July Year 6 pupils are invited to Lambton Estate to develop their business skills. As part of a 'Young Entrepreneurs' initiative they offer, children will be able to learn about developing a business and the skills needed to do this.

Year 4 EU Referendum



Children in Year 4 have had their own European Union Referendum debate to decide what they would vote for on 23rd June. After much discussion and presentation of key points, the children voted and the majority voted to...REMAIN! Mr Seaton reports the children were extremely effective politicians and offered many excellent reasons for staying and for leaving. Let's see if the country agree with Year 4's decision on 23rd June.

Attendance Trip Winners

At the end of the term we will announce who has won the attendance trip to Adventure Valley. The provisional date we have for this is Friday 8th July. So far it is very close between Years 2, 3, 5 and 6 so we wish them well and look forward to seeing who is the overall best attending class.

Family Learning Cookery Course



This week Sarah McAllistair from *Inspire* began her family learning cookery classes. The smells from the hall were lovely and everyone involved got to take home a nutritious meal they had cooked themselves.

Dates for your diary:

Year 1 Phonics tests begin from Monday 13th June
Sports Day – Thursday 23rd June in the morning (gates open to parents from 9am)
Evening transition disco for current Year 6 pupils at Park View Academy – Monday 4th July
Parents' Evening – Wednesday 13th July
Summer Fair – Saturday 16th July 12pm – 3pm (donations welcomed)

Yours sincerely Mrs L A Snowdon (Headteacher)