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Newsletter – June/July 2017



Our **Value of the Month** for June is **RESPECT** and for July it is **TRUST**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Green Team Winners



Well done to Green Team who were our winners last half term, earning a non-uniform day. Good luck to all the teams as we look forward to seeing who wins non-uniform day at the end of term.

Upcoming Sports Events



We are keeping busy over the next few weeks getting involved in lots of sports events. This includes a Year 5/6 athletics tournament, the Durham Dash run, multi skills at Durham Johnson for Year 1 & 2, cricket at Sacriston for Year 4 & 5, Judo festival for class 4/5, PE festival for Reception class at the Riverside, Change 4 Life festival, Hi – 5 netball tournament, mini Olympics festivals for Year 1 & 2 also Year 3/4/5 and our own sports day. Letters/details for events will follow in due course. We wish all our children the best of luck in competitive events and look forward to hearing about their successes.

Year 3 & 4 Visit to the Centre for Life



On Thursday 29th June, Year 3 & 4 (Mr Purvis' class) will be going to the Centre for Life for a fantastic fossil workshop. Mr Purvis and his class will leave school at 9.00am and return by the end of day close to 3pm. We hope they enjoy the experience in this fantastic education facility. We know they will enjoy bringing their classroom learning to life during their visit there.

Non-Uniform Day - Summer Fair Donations



It will be our annual Summer Fair on Saturday 1st July between 12pm and 3pm. Everyone is welcome! Donations of good quality used or new items that can be sold at the Fair would be greatly appreciated. In order to promote this we will have a non-uniform day on Friday 30th June. Children can come dressed in non-uniform. Donations for this would be appreciated including tins (e.g. hotdogs), bottles, toys, books, etc.

Robinwood Activity Centre for Year 5 and 6



We hope this warm weather continues for our Year 5 and 6 pupils who are going to Robinwood Activity Centre from Wednesday 19th July until Friday 21st July. We are looking forward to hearing about their adventurous outdoor activities.

Year 1 trip to Blue Reef and Seaburn Visit



Year 1 are looking forward to their trip to Blue Reef on Wednesday 5th July linked to their 'Under the Sea' topic. They will leave school at 9.15am after they have been registered at 9am as usual. Also they are going to Seaburn on Thursday 8th June to continue their curriculum work. Further information to follow.

Learning about our Rights



We welcomed staff from the NSPCC into school recently when they presented assemblies to infants and juniors. The children were able to learn more about their right to be safe as part of our Rights Respecting school award. In order to support the charity we had a book and cake bake sale and proceeds from the sale of the books went to the NSPCC. Proceeds from the cake sale went to Unicef to support their valuable work in promoting the rights of the child.

Well done to Reception Children

We were all amazed recently at Reception's class assembly. They presented to their families and all the pupils in school. They told us about their favourite stories and even acted out their own version of 'Where the Wild Things Are' – it was brilliant!

New Starter Visits



We are looking forward to welcoming our new starters in June when they come in for their transition visits. On Thursday 8th June our new Reception children, and their parents, have been invited in to meet the staff and enjoy visiting the Early Years classroom. This is followed by other visits where the children can get to know the staff and get used to their new environment. Also this year, for the first time, we will be welcoming our new nursery starters with their parents on Tuesday 20th June. The staff are really looking forward to getting to know all our new pupils.

Year 2 Beamish Visit



Mrs Parks has organised a visit to Beamish Museum for Year 2 pupils so they can experience the life and times of that era. Further details regarding this will follow for their trip which takes place on Monday 12th June. This links to their work about the 'life of a coalminer' through their topic called 'Enter the Labyrinth'.

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 Monday 17th July. We wish each year group well and look forward to seeing who is the overall best attending class.

Goodbye to and Good luck



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. The Year 6 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 Tuesday 18th July, at 9am to enjoy their leavers' assembly and celebrate with us. Also we say goodbye to Mrs Martindale and Mr Purvis. They too will be missed and we wish them all the very best in the future.

Dates for your diary:

Year 1 Phonics tests begin from Monday 12th June

Year 6 weekly swimming sessions begin on Monday 12th June

Mixed Age Open Evening for parents in Year 3 & 4 and Year 4 & 5 on Monday 12th June

Sports Day – Monday 26th June in the morning (gates open to parents from 9am)

Parents' Evening – Monday 3rd July and Tuesday 4th July

Summer Fair – Saturday 1st July 12pm – 3pm (donations welcomed)

Free disco for all pupils on Thursday 6th July (infants in the afternoon and juniors 3.15-4.30pm)

School closes at 3.15pm on Friday 21st July for the summer holidays and re-opens on Tuesday 5th September 2017. We wish you all a very happy and safe summer!

Yours sincerely Mrs L A Snowdon (Headteacher)