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Our Value of the Month for May is **SELF-BELIEF** and for June is **RESPECT**



Newsletter – May and June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Sports Day

We are very pleased to host our annual Sports Day this year on Wednesday 21st June at 9.15am and look forward to welcoming parents along to this. The following information might be useful:

- Children come to school all day in their PE kit and wear their team colour T-shirts (teachers will remind children of their team).
- Parents drop their children off at 9am as usual on Sports Day and then go straight round to the field to wait for the children to come out and the events to begin.
- Children go into school to be registered and then come outside to begin sports day – this includes our nursery children.
- Parents can compete in a parents' race at the end of sports day while we add up the scores. We are just letting you know in case you want to dust off your running shoes!
- At the end of the event, children return to their classes and parents head off home or back to work.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We have vacancies for parent governors to join our governing body. The role of governor is so important and ensures that we continue our school improvements through our meetings and training. Our governing body already has great expertise and we are looking for parents to join who can enhance the essential and strategic work carried out. If you would like to discuss this, please contact Mrs Snowdon who can explain the role in more detail.

King Charles III Coronation

The children enjoyed learning about the coronation and each class found out key facts to help them understand more about it. On Friday 5th May, just prior to King Charles III being crowned, we talked about this national event and what would happen on the day. We also enjoyed a coronation lunch provided by Chartwells. Here are the children from Early Years with the crowns they designed and made.



Y6 leavers show

Our Year 6 Leavers' Show is on Wednesday 19th July from 9am and we look forward to welcoming parents along to this. This will be a chance for parents to come along and enjoy seeing Year 6 children just before they leave to head off to their secondary schools. Our Year 6 pupils are currently working hard this week to complete their end of Key Stage 2 SATs tests. They are showing such self-belief and determination to do well.

Parents' Evenings

Summer term reports will be sent out at the end of this year which will show your child's attainment and include general comments. We will also be holding Summer term parents' evenings and the dates for these will follow. A text will be sent out nearer the time so you can book times for this.

Nursery Places



Children can join our nursery the term after their third birthday for their free 15 hours (as well as free 30 hours for eligible parents). If you are looking for a nursery place please contact our school to discuss this or arrange a visit. Our nursery was praised by Ofsted where it was noted that children in Early Years get off to a flying start so if you would like to speak to a member of staff about putting your child's name down for our nursery, please contact us.

Easter Egg Winners

We had some amazing entries for our Easter Egg competition this year. Our Chair of Governors (Mrs Bell) came to school to judge the competition and said the standard of entries was very high. Well done to everyone who entered and especially to the winners. We held an assembly to hand out the Easter Egg prizes to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd winners in each year group.



Earrings

If you could please support us to be an earring-free school by removing your child's earrings before they come to school, this would be appreciated. This means they can safely join in with sports and activities.



Zoolab Visit to school

We look forward to welcoming staff from Zoolab to school on Friday 19th May where they will provide workshops for each class to meet and learn about animals. They offer an ethical, safe and interactive way to meet exotic animals and provide such a great experience for pupils. We have had them in school before (pre-covid) and the feedback from the children was so positive. We look forward to developing children's knowledge of animal habitats and their welfare with our visitors.

School Holiday Dates for 2023

Below is the list of school holidays for your information. This will ensure that holidays are taken out of term time to allow your child to attend school and you can find full details of holiday dates on the Durham County website.

Summer half-term 2023	Friday 26 th May to Monday 5 th June
Staff training day (school closed to pupils)	Friday 16 th June and Monday 19 th June
Summer 2023	Friday 21 st July

Yours sincerely, *L A Snowden* Mrs Laura Snowden (Headteacher)