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Dance Show

A huge 'well done' to the children who performed so brilliantly at The Dolphin Centre Dance Show on Saturday afternoon. They danced with great energy, skill and enthusiasm. I thought they did as well as some of the established groups and it will have been a great experience for them. They have been committed to practise each week for a long period and this is another important skill. Thank you to Mrs Patterson, Mrs Miller, Miss Bean and parent helpers for staying with the children all afternoon and to Mrs Bowron and Miss Earl for their help with the costumes. But a huge thank you must go to Miss Blackburn who arranged the event, coached the children, filled in a mountain of paperwork to make it happen and inspired the children too. Well done to you all!

Nursery Sports Day

Nursery Sports Day is always a fun event and to see the children having fun whilst exercising is great! Well done to all of the boys and girls and I know that Miss Richardson will be watching your progress as you move up the school! Thank you to Mrs Patterson, Mrs Miller and Miss Earl for their help with this.

Sports Day

The organisation of a Sports Day for our growing school from Reception to Year 6 is quite a challenge and I am always impressed with Miss Richardson's organisational skills. Thankfully the weather is set fair and I look forward to reporting the results next week. We have used the Olympic motto 'Faster, Higher, Stronger,' which was originally written in Latin for our houses: Citius (Yellow team), Altius (Blue team) and Fortius (Red team) and will let you know who won next week...

Transition Days to Teesdale

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday next week the majority of children in Year 6 will be having their transition days to Teesdale School. They should not come to Montalbo in the morning but make their own arrangements to get to Teesdale. We look forward to finding out about their experiences when they return on Monday.

Parliament Assembly and Workshop

A lady came to visit school on Wednesday and talked about what happens in parliament, told the children about new laws and provided other information. Children had the chance to vote using voting pods and we had fun as Jack was an MP, Brandyn was in the House of Lords and the Queen was Abbie! School council then worked with the lady on debating skills. Maybe some of our children could sort out this Brexit mess?

Music Assembly

On Thursday we had a visit from musicians from the Hub. They played the drums and the children sang along. We found out more about the musical opportunities there and the recording studio. If your child is interesting in finding out more about the music at The Hub please visit <https://www.tcrhub.co.uk/> or ring 01833 690150

New Format End of Year Reports for Y1-6

The reports will come out on Tuesday and as I explained on the last newsletter they will look slightly different to the old ones. They will contain effort and attainment for each curriculum subject. They have different gradings for both. Please read the key as E = excellent for effort, for example!

Attainment grades have 4 categories: working towards, working within, securely within and above. The middle two grades are age related expectations, working towards means not reaching age related standards and above means working above age related standards. Please see your child's class teacher in the first instance if there are any questions about this.

Swimming

This week was the last swimming session of the academic year. We will let you know of the swimming arrangements in the Autumn term.

Tickets for the Y5/6 Summer Performance

This week tickets for the Y5/6 Summer Performance were sent home with each child from Year 5 and 6. Each child received four tickets for each performance. If you do not require four on each night please return the unwanted tickets. This will be the first school play on the new stage that was purchased by FOMS, and it is much improved!

The performances both start at 6pm on July 8th and July 9th. Please can the children who are in the performances arrive in school at 5.30pm. Thank you.

FOMS Raffle

The FOMS summer raffle will be drawn on the final evening Y5/6 performance and there are some excellent prizes as usual. Please can you ensure that all raffle money and stubs are returned before then. Thank you to several families who have contributed raffle prizes and any donations are gratefully received.

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.

Cycling Proficiency

A parental consent form has been sent out for children in Year 6 and Year 4 for cycling proficiency sessions that will run before the end of term. Year 5 will get their chance at the start of the new academic year when they are in Year 6. Children will need a roadworthy bike

Attendance for w.b. 1.7.19

Class	Present
Reception	97.9%
Year 1	96.3%
Year 2	93.9%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	95.2%
Year 5	89.3%
Year 6	97.1%

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.

22 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

Dates for the diary

July 8 th & July 9 th	Year 6 cycling training
July 8 th	Year 5/6 Performance 6pm
July 9 th	Year 5/6 Performance 6pm
July 9 th	Reception multiskills festival at Staindrop
July 9 th	End of Year Reports sent home
July 10 th	Year 4 cycling training
July 10 th	Selected Y5s to athletics
July 10 th -July 12 th	Year 6 transition days to Teesdale School
July 11 th	Year 1 multiskills festival at Staindrop
July 12 th	Moving Up Day (Y1-6)
July 16 th	Year 6 at The Hub
July 17 th	Year 5 at The Bowes Museum
July 19 th	Leavers' Performance for Y6 9am
July 19 th	Last day of term
September 3 rd	Teacher training day
September 4 th	Children return to school

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