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Father's Day

Hopefully you will have noticed the Father's Day activity which was on last week's newsletter. If any family member would like to attend the event from 2pm Friday June 21st, we would look forward to seeing you.

School Nurses

The School nurses will be in school on Monday to talk to the Year 5/6 about growing up and puberty. They deliver information in an age appropriate way and the boys and girls are split for the talks. If you have any questions about the session, please contact the School Office.

Class Photographs

Class photograph order forms were sent home this week. If you would like to place an order, please return your form to school by Friday 21st June. The payments are for Tempest (the photographers) so please follow the instructions enclosed as this will not appear on Parent Pay.

New Reception Parents Meeting

It was lovely to meet some of our new children and parents who will start in Reception in September. I look forward to getting to know them more during their transition mornings.

Band Concert

I had the meeting above and a FOMS meeting on Tuesday night so was unable to make the Band Concert at Teesdale School. I know from talking to the children that they all enjoyed the chance to perform in front of an audience. Well done musicians!

Miss Scott's Year 4 Class Assembly

The final class assembly of the year is on Friday 21st June at 9am. Families of our Year 4 children are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you then.

Controlling Lego

We were visited by a STEM teacher on Monday and a group of children were lucky enough to work with him doing some rather tricky work! The theme was saving the environment and they had to work in pairs to build a motorised lego bee to pollinate a lego flower. Once built, they had to control it with a program on the iPad. This was a great experience and our children amazed me with their knowledge and partner work.

Astronaut visit

Another group of children went with Dr Greenwell and Mrs Bowron to meet the real life astronaut, Michael Foale! The children were amazed to learn about his six missions into space, including six months on the International Space Station.

FOMS

Thank you once again to FOMS for organising the bingo night. These social occasions are nice to have in school and would not happen without them. It is nice to be able to support the fantastic bingo ladies in their work raising funds for the Cancer Research Charity.

FOMS have sent home a book of raffle tickets with each child and would be grateful if you could sell them for the summer raffle. Please could you return any named stubs with contact details and the money to the School Office. Thank you.

Orienteering

This week, some of the children in Year 4 attended an orienteering event at Staindrop Academy with lots of other schools. They used brilliant team work and communication skills to locate messages and codes hidden around the school field. All of the children did a fantastic job and didn't let the wet weather dampen their enthusiasm.

Year 4 Visit to The Locomotion Museum

On Wednesday, the Year 4 class attended The Locomotion to work with the team from Hitachi. They learnt about circuits and the importance of each of the components before designing and making some circuits of their own. The children then had the opportunity to test out some materials, finding out that some are good conductors and others are good insulators. Following a tour of the museum, where they found out lots of interesting facts about the mechanics of steam and electric trains, the class split into 5 groups and designed and made an electric car, which were raced against each other later in the day. The children had a fantastic time and were praised by members of the public for their wonderful behaviour and manners.

Dates for the diary

Please look at end of the newsletter for Sports Day, Father's Day and other special events.

Child Tax Credits

School has received notification of a number of Child Tax Credits without being informed by parents who has processed them. The system does not tell school who has paid these items so we are unable to allocate them to an account. Please inform school in order that your account can be brought up to date.

ParentPay

Reminders have been sent out to individual parents to activate their accounts. For all users, it is important that we do not let debts accrue as the county policy is clear about this, with debt enforcement procedures pursued out by the Local Authority.

Attendance for w.b. 4.6.19

Class	Present
Reception	92.1%
Year 1	91.1%
Year 2	96.7%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	96.3%
Year 6	99.4%
School overall attendance	95.2%

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons.

25 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

Dates for the diary

June 18 th	New Reception Starters transition morning
June 21-23 rd	1940s weekend
June 21 st	Year 4 Class Assembly 9am
June 21 st	Father's Day event 2pm
June 24 th	Woodland Football 9.30-2pm (selected Key Stage 2 children)
June 25 th	New Reception Starters transition morning
June 28 th	Careers Fair for Year 5/6 at the Hub
July 2 nd	New Reception Starters transition morning
July 5 th	Sports Day (Nursery am then Reception and Y1-6 pm)
July 8 th	Year 5/6 Performance 6pm
July 9 th	Year 5/6 Performance 6pm
July 10 th -July 12 th	Year 6 transition days to Teesdale School

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