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OFSTED

As you will know, we had a visit from OFSTED on Thursday. The process is very clear in that findings and judgements are confidential until the report is released. I do, however, want to thank our amazing children and staff for their efforts over the whole year and not just on days such as Ofsted inspections. Thank you also to governors for their time and support and the many parents who completed the parent view questionnaire. I will give you more information when I can!

Meet Procession

On Whit Monday many children, parents and staff turned up for the annual Meet Procession. I was so impressed with the numbers of people who supported the school and I thought you all looked amazing! Several local people stopped me afterwards to say how much they enjoyed seeing us all taking part, so well done everyone! We believe it is very important to be involved in the local community, fostering a sense of pride and appreciating the town's traditions. Thank you to everyone involved in the Meet Parade Club (children, parents, grandparents and staff) and I am looking forward to next year's event already!

Ford Castle

At the end of last half term the Year 6s, Miss Richardson, Mrs Daniels and I went to Ford Castle in Northumberland. We had a fantastic time and the range of activities we participated in were the most varied I had been involved in. The children were SUPERSTARS throughout the 3 days and their wonderful behaviour made our job easy. Well done Year 6. Thank you Miss Richardson and Mrs Daniels.

Year 3 and 4 visit to The Hancock Museum

On Tuesday, Years 3 and 4 visited the Great North Museum in Newcastle. The children had an amazing time exploring the different galleries; Year 3 travelled into the Egyptian afterlife and Year 4 had to escape a Great white shark! A highlight of the trip was seeing Dippy the Dino which is on tour from the Natural History Museum in London. Both classes took part in workshops that linked to their history topics, allowing the children the opportunity to handle a range of artefacts. To finish off a fantastic trip, Year 3 were able to see the large banner which they had created with a visiting artist in school, proudly displayed in the Great Hall. What an amazing day!

Y6 Centre for Life Outreach

Year 6 were treated to a brilliant day of science from The Centre for Life Outreach group from Newcastle. Children took part in activities such as exploring gravity through riding mini bikes, balancing on beams and plate spinning. They then explored mechanisms using leavers, pulleys and gears. At the end of the day, children got to work as a team to build a 'gravity dominoes' track which was great fun to create and watch.

Reception and Year 2 Visit to Tynemouth

On Thursday, Reception and Year 2 visited the Blue Reef Aquarium in Tynemouth. The children had a lovely time finding out about all the different creatures that live in the sea and how we can protect these creatures when we visit the beach. Their favourite part was getting to watch a seal show; they couldn't believe all the different tricks they could do! To finish off their day, they had the chance to eat their lunches and build some sandcastles on the beach. They behaved superbly and had a great day!

Key Stage 2 Football

On Wednesday, 12 children took part in the Staindrop Football Tournament. As a team, they are really building confidence and becoming more successful each time they play. They drew against Cockfield, a team that beat us last time and lost narrowly to Middleton and Staindrop. Overall Montalbo finished 5th which is one place better than last year! Well done team!

Dates for the diary

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

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.

FOMs Bingo Night

The Friends of Montalbo Bingo will take place on Thursday 13th June at 6pm. Entry for adults is £1.50 and includes pie and peas, for children it is £1 including popcorn and a drink. Tickets can be purchased at the school office from Tuesday 4th June. There will be a raffle again and last year we made a nice donation to Cancer Research, which the bingo ladies support brilliantly. If you would like to donate any raffle prizes please could you bring them in?

Careers Fair

The Hub is arranging a Careers Fair on June 28th aimed at the children from Year 5/6. In the past, several parents have visited school to talk about their job I know that the children learn a great deal from this. If you or your company would be interested in attending, please contact me to find out further details. Thank you.

Attendance for w.b. 4.6.19

Class	Present
Reception	100%
Year 1	97.4%
Year 2	88.9%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	95.25
Year 5	99.1%
Year 6	96.3%
School overall attendance	96.6%

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 11 th	Parents Welcome Meeting for September Reception Class Starters
June 11 th	Band Workshop 1-2.30pm at Teesdale School followed by concert for parents 6pm-8pm at Teesdale School.
June 11 th	Orienteering @ Staindrop Year 4
June 11 th	FOMS Meeting
June 12 th	Year 4 to The Locomotion Museum
June 13 th	FOMs Bingo Night 6pm
June 18 th	New Reception Starters transition morning
June 21-23 rd	1940s weekend
June 21 st	Year 4 Class Assembly
June 21 st	Father's Day event (pm)
June 24 th	Woodland Football Tournament 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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