



## Meet Procession

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Finlay for creating the train and carriage which featured in the Meet Procession. Mrs Finlay gives us a lot of her time to support our school and it does not go unnoticed. We had a good turnout from school and the children (and Lily's Mum) looked fantastic in their Victorian costumes. The weather was dreadful and although the cardboard train suffered, it just about rolled in to the Bowes Museum! Miss Smith, who accompanied Dr Greenwell and me, is already planning next year's entry as she had never seen the procession before!

## Bangers and Pop Fathers' Day Celebration

On Friday 16th June we would like to invite fathers/male relatives to school at 2pm for a sausage sandwich and drink (or a vegetarian option) as part of our Fathers' Day celebration. We have learnt from the busyness of the Mothers' Day Event and intend to hold this event outside so let's hope that the weather is kind as we have many great activities for fathers/male relatives to enjoy with their children. We plan to use the outside space for different stations such as football, traditional games, train tracks, lego, colouring, reading and much more. Unless there is a storm, we will venture out so keep an eye on the weather and dress accordingly!

## School Fair

The School Fair on July 8th (11am -3pm) is fast approaching. In this week's FOMS' meeting the plans for the School Fair were shared and the organisation of the stalls, refreshments and games were discussed. It promises to be a lovely occasion and I thank all of the friends for the work to date. Some of the GlaxoSmithkline staff are using a volunteering day to help us prepare on July 7<sup>th</sup>. We could still do with a few more volunteers to give some of the parents a chance to wander around the fair with their children. If you could spare an hour to help, I have added a volunteer reply slip to the bottom of this newsletter and would be very grateful.

The Friends have asked me to mention the following:-

'Thank you for the donations we have had so far. We still need bottle tombola and tombola prizes. We could do with a few more prizes that are for the children rather than the parents. We are having flyers made and would be grateful if you could distribute some at your workplace. We will be doing baked goods for afternoon tea on the day, anything except cup cakes which Mrs Shann will be making and selling. So we would be grateful if bakers could make scones, fairy cakes, flapjack and cake to slice. Please remember to send in any raffle ticket stubs and money that you have raised from the sale of them to the School Office by Friday July 7<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.'

## Stick insects in need of a new home!

Class 3 have kept a number of stick insects this year. Dr Greenwell would like a different 'pet' for the next academic year and wondered if anyone would like them. They come with a tank, are free and are fairly easy to look after. If you would like them please let Dr Greenwell or the School Office know.

## Lockerbie

A reminder to parents from Class 4 that Lockerbie payments are now due.

## Reception Assembly

The next class assembly will be by Reception children on Friday July 7th at 9am. We look forward to seeing parents and friends of Reception then.

## FISCH

Due to a very crowded half term, FISCH have rearranged their sessions and they will recommence in September.



**1940s Weekend**

On Sunday 25th June, Barnard Castle Mayor Sandra Moorhouse has invited us to take part in the 1940s celebration. Any interested children should be dressed in 1940s style and arrive at 12.45pm at school. From here, they will be transported in an old fashioned bus to the Bowes Museum. Mrs Ridley and I will accompany the children. Further details will follow next week.

**Produce from the polytunnel**

We have started harvesting some of our crops and our bedding plants are producing nice displays. Several lettuces have been given to the kitchen this week and we also sold 17 fuchsias to parents. We will reinvest the money received in the garden. Thank you! Several of the children who have helped in there this week have been picking and eating strawberries. It really is a wonderful resource for us to use and this will provide an excellent teaching space.

**New Reception Starters**

In September we will be welcoming 17 new starters to our school. Miss Smith and I met many of the children’s parents who were given a flavour of the Teaching and Learning that occurs in The Base. Miss Smith’s enthusiasm for Early Years is lovely to see and I hope the parents who attended found the session useful.

**E-safety**

We often discuss e-safety in school through activities in class and assemblies. We receive updates from the Local Authority and I like to share these with parents as a reminder of the types of ways to keep children safe at home too. As a result, a letter with some sensible e-safety advice has been sent home separately today and put on the e-safety section of the website.

**Attendance for w.b. 5.6.17**

Class	Present
Reception	87.5%
Class 1	94.9%
Class 2	91.3%
Class 3	94.9%
Class 4	95.3%

Overall attendance this week was 93.2% which is much lower than usual (perhaps due to the 4 day week)

**Dates for your Diary**

- June 13, 20, 27th New Reception Taster Morning
- June 13th – Cricket competition for selected Y5/6
- June 15th – Pedestrian Training for Y3
- June 16th – Father’s Day Event in school 2pm
- June 19th – Woodland Football Tournament
- June 29<sup>th</sup> – Class 2 Trip to High Crane Lodge
- June 30<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day (EYFS 10.30am; Y1-6 1.30pm)
- July 3<sup>rd</sup> – OAA Festival for Class1
- July 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> New Reception Taster Morning
- July 7<sup>th</sup> Reception Assembly (9am)
- July 8<sup>th</sup> School Fair (11am-3pm)
- July 10<sup>th</sup> and July 11<sup>th</sup> Summer Plays
- July 12<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> Transition Days for Y6

**Punctuality**

Please ensure that your child arrives at school no later than 8.55a.m. in order to make a prompt start for lessons. Remember Wake Up, Shake Up usually starts at 8.45a.m. 1hr 43 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

**Volunteer for The School Fair reply slip**

Name-

Contact no.

I would be willing to help at the School Fair for an hour on July 8<sup>th</sup>. I am happy for Mrs Finlay to contact me to discuss arrangements.

**Mr Minikin**  
Head Teacher