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### **Year 6 SATs**

The SATs are over for another year and I for one am pleased about that! I am sure Miss Richardson, Mrs Dupuy and the Year 6s are too. I know Miss Richardson has some nice activities planned and they had a fantastic breakfast in the train today!

### **Online Safety Reminder**

Our Local Authority Adviser regularly sends Durham schools messages to share with parents and we want parents/carers and other family members to be aware of the games, websites and apps that children are accessing at home. There are a couple of very important points to consider:-

- Parents and carers should discuss with their children their use of technology, and take the time to find out more about their children's online life; parents should know who their children's online friends are and what apps they are using
- It is also worth setting parental controls, both on devices and on the home and mobile internet feeds - this is not a fool proof solution, but it does reduce the chances of children either coming into contact with inappropriate material or individuals.

Advice on setting up Parental Controls is available from [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

### **Royal Wedding Celebrations**

The sun shone today for our Royal Wedding picnic and I am sure the children had a fabulous time. There were various activities that the children took part in such as Pin the Tail on the Corgi, Bouquet Tossing, Croquet and Judging the Crown Competition!

### **Sun Safety**

Keeping up the theme of keeping children safe in and out of school, Dr Greenwell spoke to the children in assembly about Sun Safety. They discussed the importance of wearing sun cream, hats and cooler clothing, keeping in the shade and drinking plenty of water. Please could you make sure that your child has a named water bottle in school to us keep them refreshed. Thank you.

### **Sports Festivals**

Next week sees us attend a number of sporting festivals. Some involve a whole year group, but others are where numbers are limited by the festival organisers. The dates are summarised in the dates for the diary section and your child will have received a letter if they have been chosen to participate.

### **FOMs Bingo Night**

Over the last couple of years FOMS have ran Bingo Nights and these have been very popular. They have arranged the next one on Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Tickets cost £1.50 for adults which include pies and peas. Children can come and watch a movie or play outside if the weather is nice. Their tickets cost £1 which includes popcorn and a drink. Tickets are available from the School Office from Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May. You will be able to purchase a ticket on the night but advanced booking helps with the ordering of food and refreshments.

The FOMs School Lottery initiative is proving more popular and we are grateful to those who have joined. A leaflet has been sent out today with details of how to turn.

### **Edinburgh**

Please can parents/carers of the Y5/6 children who are going to Edinburgh settle their remaining balance as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Garden

I am pleased to see parents and children going in the garden. You are very welcome to go in before or after school and the children are all aware of the rules in there. The children have enjoyed lessons and playtimes in the garden, making the most of the better weather.

## New Reception Starters

A welcome meeting for parents of new Reception starters will be held at 4pm on Tuesday 5th June. A number of 'taster sessions' will be held during next half term. If your child is due to start school at Montalbo in September please return your form as soon as possible to book a place to take part in the sessions.

## Stay and Play

Nursery and Reception parents/carers are invited to join their child for a Fairy Tale themed Stay and Play on Thursday 24th May at 2.30pm.

## Uniform Orders

Last date for orders to be received in school ready for delivery by end of term is June 15th. Online orders can be placed direct to the company and delivered to your home address for a small fee paid to suppliers after this cut-off date. To order for nursery follow this link

<https://studentuniform.co.uk/mon074> and to order for Reception – Y6 follow this link

<https://studentuniform.co.uk/mops072>

## Gymnastics

Teesdale Leisure Centre are running a Gymnastics camp on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May between 10am and 4pm. You can drop the children off at 9am if that helps. The cost of the day is £30.00. For further information please contact 03000260862.

## Attendance for w.b. 14.5.18

Class	Present
Mrs Bartoli's Reception	97.2%
Miss Lauder's Class	99%
Miss Blackburn's Class	97.4%
Dr Greenwell's Class	95.6%
Miss Richardson's Class	99.7%
School Total	97.9%

### 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. 31 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

## Dates for the diary

May 21 <sup>st</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup>	Y2 SATs
May 21 <sup>st</sup>	Selected Y4s to Cricket at Raby Castle
May 22 <sup>nd</sup>	All Y3s to Multiskills Festival at Staindrop School
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Selected Year 6 children to Cricket
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Key Stage 2 Football Tournament
May 24 <sup>th</sup>	Stay and Play session for Nursery and Reception Parents (2.30pm)
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Meet Parade Afternoon Workshop for children and parents 1.30-3.30pm
May 25 <sup>th</sup>	Dr Greenwell's Class to Jarrow Hall
May 28 <sup>th</sup> -June 1 <sup>st</sup>	Whit Half Term Holiday
May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Procession in town
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Girls Cricket (team of 8) at Willington Cricket Club 10-2.15pm
June 5 <sup>th</sup>	New Reception Starters Meeting 4pm
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	Football League game
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	FOMS Bingo Night
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Quad Kids Athletics (selected children from Y3-6)
June 11 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	Y5/6 Residential to Edinburgh
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	FOMS Meeting in school 5pm
June 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery pupils transition morning to Reception class
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	NSPCC Assembly and workshops

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