



## **Lockerbie Residential**

I know that the children have had a fantastic time at Lockerbie. I went to visit them on Thursday and the reports from the staff about their behaviour, attitude and enthusiasm were very pleasing. The chance to take part in the many and varied activities away from home will have helped build on important characteristics such as resilience, perseverance and team-building. They will have created many great memories and will have many stories to tell! Well done Class 4. Thank you very much to Miss Richardson, Dr Greenwell and Mr Foster for accompanying the children and giving up their own time.

## **Mr Foster**

When I asked Mr Foster if he would like to accompany the children to Lockerbie, he jumped at the chance! His enthusiasm during his time here has been great to see and I am delighted that he will be staying with us next year. He brings a lot to the school and we are lucky to have him.

## **Stay and Play at the Base**

Stay and Play sessions for parents of children in the Early Years have proved very popular. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend and Miss Smith, Mrs Patterson and Mrs Daniels for setting up the activities and arranging these.

## **Transition to Teesdale and Staindrop**

We have been informed that the transition days for both Teesdale and Staindrop Academy are on 12th, 13th and 14th July. We will have our moving up day on July 14th. Information about classes will be shared in end of year reports which you will receive in early July.

## **Teesdale Leisure Centre Holiday Sports**

Teesdale Leisure Centre are running the following activities during the Whit holidays:-

1st June 10.00 – 16.00 Football and Cricket Camp £20.00

1st June 10.00 – 16.00 Gymnastics Camp £30.00

You are also able to drop your child off at 9am at no additional cost.

## **Song for Europe**

Good luck to a group of Year 4 children who are attending the Gala Theatre in Durham on Tuesday 23rd May with Dr Greenwell. They have chosen to sing *Let it Go* in Welsh! They have been learning the words at home and at school and their rehearsals sound great to me - although my Welsh isn't the best! Have fun Year 4!

## **Uniform**

The last day for uniform orders in order to receive them by the end of term is Thursday 15th June. Order forms are available on the school website or from the School Office.

## **Trauma Ted Knitters**

Year 4 continued the Trauma Teds this week in Year 5/6's absence. We have some young talents at knitting and our volunteers were very impressed! Remember, if you are free on a Wednesday afternoon from 1.30pm to 3.20pm, we love to see you in school. You don't have to commit long term or stop the whole time but if you can help, please let us know in the School Office. Thank you.

## **Sports Day**

We have arranged Sports Day for June 30th. I know this is a popular event and that parents and relatives like to attend if possible, hence the notice. Miss Smith would like to run her Sports activities in the morning for Nursery and Reception children, beginning at 10.30am. Afterwards, parents are welcome to stay for a picnic in the Base area.

For Years 1-6, Miss Richardson has arranged for sporting activities will begin at 1.30pm. We hope that the weather is fine and that we enjoy the event as much as last year.



**Butterwick Hospice Carnival Masks**

Thank you to Mrs Bowron and the Year 5 children for making fantastic carnival masks to support this charity. They look great and I am sure the children will enjoy wearing them.

**Athletics**

There are two sporting athletics competitions next week: the first is for all Y5/6 children at Teesdale on Thursday; the second is for selected Key Stage 2 children (who will have received a letter) is at Shildon's Athletics Stadium. Please remember your Montalbo PE kit for these and good luck to you all!

**Class 1 Assembly**

The next Class Assembly will be Class 1's on Friday 26th May at 9am. Families of the children in Class 1 are welcome to join us. I am sure the children will be excited to perform to an audience!

**Tesco Bags of Help Scheme**

I am so pleased to see how well we are doing in the Tesco votes for the Train Garden. Well done everyone and keep voting!

**Reception Taster Days**

Miss Smith would like to start the transition process for new Reception children who will start with us in September 2017. We would like to invite the children into school to help familiarise themselves with the room, staff and the other children. The first event will take place on the morning of Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June and then each Tuesday until 11<sup>th</sup> July.

**Class Photographs**

Class Group Photographs have been organised for the morning of Monday 22nd May. If you have a Nursery child who does not attend Monday morning sessions and you would like to be included, please bring them to school for 9am.

**Attendance for w.b. 15.5.17**

Class	Present
<b>Reception</b>	<b>100%</b>
Class 1	99.1%
Class 2	99.7%
Class 3	96.9%
Class 4	98.6%

Overall attendance this week was 98.7%

**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. 1 HOUR of learning was lost to lateness this week.

**Dates for your Diary**

- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Class photographs
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Y1 walk to the woods
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Year 4 Song for Europe at the Gala Theatre
- May 25<sup>th</sup> – Class 4 Athletics at Teesdale School
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – Quad Kids for KS2 selected children
- May 26<sup>th</sup> – **Class 1 Assembly**
- May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup> – Half Term Holidays
- June 5<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Training Day
- June 16<sup>th</sup> – Father's Day Event in school 2pm
- June 30<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day (EYFS 10.30am; Y1-6 1.30pm)

**Mr Minikin**  
Head Teacher