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Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents/carers who attended Parents' Evening this week. Nearly every parent was able to attend and the feedback from teachers and parents was very positive.

Remembrance Parade

Jack from Class 4 laid our school poppy wreath at the War Memorial in the grounds of the Bowes Museum. Lewis from Class 3 also laid a wreath Startforth children had created as part of the World War 1 project. It was a very respectful occasion and all the children who paraded and watched behaved impeccably. Well done everyone.

SATs Meeting

Miss Blackburn and Miss Richardson will be presenting information to Year 2 and Year 6 children's parents on Tuesday 22nd November. These sessions will last about 30 minutes and inform you of the statutory assessment procedures for Year 6 and the way that assessments are undertaken in Year 2. They will also suggest ways that you can support your child throughout the year. As we have several parents with children in both classes, the Year 2 session will run from 5pm until 5.30 and the Year 6 session from 5.30pm-6pm. If you are unable to attend the sessions, I will ensure that the information is on the website for you to look at.

Takeover Day

Today Class 4 attended the Bowes Museum to participate in Takeover Day. The children were allocated jobs to do around the museum such as working with the curator, marketing, archives and front of house. I will let you know how they got on next week!

Startforth Morritt Memorial Open Day

Please see a message that Mrs Bain, Acting Head Teacher at Startforth, would like us to share:-

On Wednesday 30th November Startforth Morritt Memorial C.E. Primary School will host an open day from 2pm – 8pm. We would like to invite past staff, pupils, parents and members of the community to come along and share memories they have of the school. There will be photographs, records and newspaper clippings on display, giving people the chance to get together to talk about the past and share their stories about Startforth School. Refreshments will be available throughout the day and we hope that many of you will be able to come along to this informal gathering and share some of your memories with us, you might even be able to identify some of the people on the photographs for us.

If you have any pictures we could display, please get in touch. We would make sure these were returned after the event.

Bikeability Fix

Pupils from Class 4 can take part in this extension of the Bikeability Programme on 29th November. At this session children will learn how to repair a puncture, check breaks and general bike maintenance – essential at this time of year in particular. Please return the consent form as soon as possible and remember to bring your own bike on the day

Lockerbie Manor Residential for Class 4

On Tuesday 6th December pupils and parents of Class 4 are invited to a presentation about the proposed residential to Lockerbie Manor in May. The presentation will begin at 5pm and Ian Ward, from the centre, will be able to answer any questions that you may have. The presentation lasts around 40 minutes.

Crafty Ceramics

Crafty Ceramics have been visiting the school for a number of years. An information sheet has been sent out today. The children's painting session takes place on Monday 28th November from 3.30-4.30pm. Please complete the form and send a cheque payable to Mrs C Armstrong if you would like your child to make one. Thank you.

Bingo

A date for our popular Bingo Night has been confirmed for Thursday 24th November, starting at 6pm. This year we are going to offer two movies if you would like to bring your children along: one for Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1; one for Key Stage 2. Tickets will be available from the office and are £2.50 per adult and £1 per child. Adults receive pie and peas and children can have popcorn and a soft drink. Refreshments are available on the night. Tickets are limited due to the hall size and will be given out from Monday. If anyone has any raffle prizes they could donate they would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Children in Need

The children and staff looked magnificent in their spots to support Children in Need! We managed to raise £124.20p for this very worthwhile cause.

Switch Off Fortnight

Alice Evans from Outdoor and Sustainability Education Specialist (OASES) shared ideas in assembly on Thursday about reducing our use of energy in school and at home. Class 3 then continued to work with Alice as part of their topic in the afternoon.

Woodwind Concert

The Year 4 children have been learning the recorder with Mrs Unwin this year. She would like to share their new skills with the parents of Year 4 children in a short concert at 1pm on December 2nd. Mrs Unwin's clarinet group will also be performing and the parents of these children are invited too.

Attendance for w.b. 14.11.16

	Present
Reception	95.6%
Class 1	92.4%
Class 2	95.0%
Class 3	97.5%
Class 4	98%

Overall attendance this week was 96%

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.

60 minutes learning time lost this week

After School Care and end of school day

After School Care finishes at **5:30 pm**. Unfortunately on a regular number of occasions children are being collected after this time. Please be punctual when collecting your child(ren) as Mrs Collin has to stay longer than her paid working hours until children are collected.

On a separate note please ensure you are here on time to collect your child(ren) at the end of school day – 3:25pm. If children are not collected on time they will be taken to After School Care and charges will be incurred

Application for a School Place (Primary School) for September 2017

Cards have been handed out to Nursery parents detailing the procedure for applying for a Reception place for their child. All information is available online from www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and the deadline for applications is midnight on 15th January 2017.

Dates for your Diary

November 22nd SATs Meeting for Parents of Y2 and Y6 children
November 24th Girls' Football Tournament at St John's Catholic School
November 24th FOMs Bingo Night 6pm at school
November 28th Crafty Ceramics
December 1st Pantomime in school!
December 2nd Woodwind concert Y4 Parents invited and parents of Mrs Unwin's musicians 1pm
December 5th Dress Rehearsal for Christmas performance (am)
December 5th Class 3 to visit Hartlepool Power Station and Wind Farm
December 6th Netball Festival for Class 3 at Teesdale Sports Centre
December 6th Lockerbie Manor Presentation to pupils and parents of Class 4
December 7th Christmas Play (2pm and 6pm) for Years 1-6
December 8th Christmas Nativity (2pm) for Nursery and Reception
December 16th Christmas Jumper Day
December 16th Carol Service in school from 2pm

Mr Minikin

Head Teacher