



## Year 6

The End of Key Stage 2 statutory assessments (SATs) took place this week from Monday to Thursday. The children were a real credit, trying their best in each paper. On Friday all of Class 4 were treated to some fun activities at the Hub and there are several nice activities planned between now and the end of term.

## Uniform

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

## Postcards from Holly Webb

As part of our recent World Book Day celebrations, Class 3 wrote letters to their favourite authors. A popular choice was Holly Webb, who is famous for writing a range of animal based stories. The children asked Holly Webb lots of questions from 'What inspires you to write a story?' to 'What was your first pet?' This week Class 3 was thrilled to receive individually written postcard replies from Holly Webb herself, where she had taken the time to answer each of the children's questions.

## Letterjoin

Our school handwriting scheme follows the script of a computer-based program called Letterjoin. We are now able to offer home use for our pupils.

To access the program for PCs, go to [www.letterjoin.co.uk](http://www.letterjoin.co.uk)

Username: lj0107

Password: home

For ipads and tablets, go to the ipad login button of [www.letterjoin.co.uk](http://www.letterjoin.co.uk)

Username: lj0107

Password: You have to swipe an L shape (starting at the top left).

## Dogs Trust

This week Foundation Stage were visited by the Dog's Trust. They enjoyed learning about how to care for dogs and how to approach unfamiliar dogs. Alison and her dog Molly loved the visit and were so impressed by the children she has invited them to name the next strays that come into the centre in Darlington.

## Lockerbie

One of the best activities in Primary Education is the residential experience. Class 4 travel to Lockerbie for kayaking, high ropes, zip wire, archery, team building games and much more shortly. A reminder to parents of children in Class 4 that full payment is due by 6<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you.

## Trauma Ted Knitters

I called in to see Mrs Bowron and a couple of volunteers start our project to knit teddies for our Trauma Ted project. The atmosphere was lovely and the children were fully engaged in the task, taking advice and persevering well. They have made an excellent start! 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 30<sup>th</sup>. 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.



**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**

After visiting the Tesco store in Bishop Auckland, I was impressed with how many counters had been placed in our garden project box! We are neck and neck with the other projects so every counter counts. **Mrs Finlay is offering a free bus trip on the Figgy Bus on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> leaving school at 9.15am and coming back at 10.15am, which is very kind.** Please keep voting and spreading the word! Thank you.

**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.

**Parent Governor**

A vacancy has arisen for a parent governor on our governing body. The governing body is asking you to nominate someone with parental responsibility for a child at the school. If it receives more than one nomination, then a ballot will be held. If you would like to apply or find out more about this role, please contact Mrs Cole, Chair of Governors on 07944863824 or leave your contact details at the school office. Thank you.

**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.

**Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers**

Thank you for donating all your Sainsbury's Vouchers. We have sent 2585 off to exchange for sporting/gardening goods.

**Attendance for w.b. 24.4.17**

Class	Present
Reception	97.1%
Class 1	98.6%
Class 2	91%
<b>Class 3</b>	<b>99.1%</b>
Class 4	96.2%

Overall attendance this week was 96.2%

**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 19 minutes** of learning was lost to lateness this week.

**Dates for your Diary**

- May 16<sup>th</sup> – Chess for the chess team at Staindrop Primary
- May 17<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup> – Class 4 to Lockerbie
- May 19<sup>th</sup> – Stay and Play Nursery/Reception
- May 22<sup>nd</sup> – Class photographs
- May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Visit to the castle Nursery/Reception
- 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> – **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 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sports Day (EYFS 10.30am; Y1-6 1.30pm)

**Mr Minikin**  
Head Teacher