



1940s Weekend

I know many of you will have enjoyed the 1940s displays around town last weekend. Mrs Ridley, Dr Greenwell and I took a group of children on the old fashioned bus from school to the Bowes Museum dressed in 1940s attire! We found out that during the war the museum was used as school and the children enjoyed a bag of 1940s sweets! Thank you to Mrs Ridley and Dr Greenwell for accompanying the children.

Lost Property

We have accumulated quite a lot of unnamed school jumpers from this year and an assortment of other garments. If you think your child may have lost some clothes, please call at the School Office to have a look. Thank you.

Sports Day

It is always tricky trying to predict the British weather but after Mr Hunt and I walked the field on Thursday, it was felt it would not drain in time, especially with the Thursday evening and Friday's forecast. We are hoping for much better weather next week and have rearranged for Sports Day to take place on Friday 7th July with EYFS at 10.30am and Years 1-6 at 1.30pm.

An elite athletics event at Shildon's Athletic Stadium was also cancelled today and we hope that Adele from Class 4 will be able to take part when it is rearranged.

Outdoor and Adventurous Festival for Class 1

As Class 1 will be taking part at an Outdoor and Adventurous Festival at Teesdale School on Monday morning, Miss Lauder has sent home PE kits today. Please could your child come dressed in their PE clothes with either a tracksuit or warm clothes over the top. Thank you.

Final Swimming Session

The final swimming session takes place next week. The session will involve 'swimming' whilst clothed. Please could you send in some pyjamas along with their usual kit. We have been advised that onesies are unsuitable! Thank you.

Class 2 Trip to High Crane Lodge

On a wet and cold Thursday this week, Class 2 visited High Crane Lodge Farm. Fortunately, they were well wrapped up. They potted on several plants that they have brought back for our polytunnel. The children also designed their own plant pots and planted beans in them. In the afternoon, the children looked at all the different farm animals and found out more about sustainable farming. Well done to Class 2, all the teaching staff and our two volunteers, Mr Blackburn and Mrs Johnston.

FOMS update

FOMS have asked me to remind you that we need any unsold raffle tickets for the School Fair returning, and any monies collected sent in to the School Office along with the ticket stubs. Thank you.

Please can any bakers who are planning to bake for the School Fair, bring in their baked goods on Friday 7th July if they can be kept unrefrigerated, or on Saturday 8th July any time before 10am. Thank you.

If you are able to help at the fair at any point between 11am-3pm on 8th July, please let Mrs Finlay or the School Office know. Thank you.

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.



Super Hero Day

To tie in with the school play, we would like to have a Super Hero Day on the final Thursday of term, Thursday 20th July. Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite Super Hero (or a made up one) on that day. Mrs Slater, our School Cook, is going to make a Super Hero Lunch that day with foods such as Sausage Burgers, Pizzas and Surprise Cake! If your child usually has packed lunch but would like the Super Hero Lunch, please complete the section at the bottom of the newsletter and return it by **Wednesday 12th July**. The cost is £2 for KS2 and Nursery pupils, KS1 pupils do not have to pay. Children who usually have a school dinner need not fill in the reply slip. Meals have to be ordered and cannot be supplied on the day. Thank you.

Summer Performances

The Key Stage 2 performance of *Staggering Stanley* will take place on Monday July 10th and Tuesday July 11th. There will be 3 performances in total: Monday July 10th at 6pm, Tuesday July 11th at 1.30pm and 6pm.

Although they had a small part last year, Reception and Key Stage 1 children are not taking part in the production this year due to a larger Key Stage 2, space for children and the audience, and the complexity of the play. Reception and Key Stage 1 will instead lead the Christmas performances, as they did this year.

Tickets initially will be prioritised for Key Stage 2 parents, and tickets can be collected from the School Office.

Attendance for w.b. 26.6.17

Class	Present
Reception	95.9%
Class 1	94.5%
Class 2	99%
Class 3	96.3%
Class 4	99%

Overall attendance this week was 97.2%

Dates for your Diary

- July 3rd – OAA Festival for Class1
- July 3rd – Jay Animals Encounters to visit Class 4
- July 4th and 11th New Reception Taster Morning
- July 7th Reception Assembly (9am) & Sports Day
- July 8th School Fair (11am-3pm)
- July 10th and July 11th Key Stage 2 Summer Performances
- July 12th-14th Transition Days for Y6
- July 20th Super Hero Day
- July 21st Leavers' Assembly 9.05 for Y6 parents/relatives

Mr Minikin
Head Teacher

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. 28 minutes of learning was lost to lateness this week.

Super Hero School Lunch

I would like my child, _____, to have the Super Hero School Lunch on Thursday, 20th July.

I enclose £2 (if appropriate)

Signed
Date