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Fantastic Phonics

We have done so well over the last few years with our performance on the different government measures. The first result of this year to mention is our phonics results for Year 1 pupils. The children are excellent early readers and 94% passed the phonics screening! The pass mark was again 32 words/nonsense words out of 40 and many of our children achieved 39 or 40. Reading is always high on list of priorities going into each year and I thank our growing team of Read Write Inc deliverers who teach reading in small groups. Our teaching of reading is strong throughout the years and I look forward to sharing Key Stage 1 and 2 results over the next couple of weeks. Individual phonics assessments will go in with the Year 1 reports. Well done Year 1!

Miss Blackburn's Class Assembly

Our final Class Assembly of the academic year will be held on Thursday 12th July. I hope that many of their parents/carers and families are able to attend.

Thank you

Whilst the end result promises to be fantastic, the extension work has put extra stresses and strains on our school staff. We are now in an incredibly busy period and virtually every space is altering in some way over the next 8 weeks! This has been a logistical test for us as the spaces that we need to move furniture and resources into are not yet complete and we cannot access the school for large periods during the holidays whilst the work is going on. This has meant the staff staying back, moving furniture and resources and this will continue for 10 more days! I really appreciate the extra work the staff are doing in order for us to make a smooth start in September – thank you!

September

As mentioned above, there are many changes to the existing building. Mrs Hauxwell, Mrs Collin and I are relocating our offices in Dr Greenwell's current room! This is because Phase 2 of the project starts towards the front of the school in September creating a new Reception Classroom, new entrance foyer and two new offices. I will confirm access arrangements to various parts of the building after next week's site meeting.

As work is happening in The Base too, the children and staff will be relocating to Miss Lauder's current room and what was Miss Blackburn's old room which will have a connecting door. From September to December, one class will be taught where Miss Richardson's class are now in the hall until the work is complete. Then the Nursery and Reception children will return to the revamped Base which will adjoin the main building – I hope that you are keeping up!

In January, Mrs Hauxwell, Mrs Collin and I will then move back to the front of the school and Dr Greenwell's current room will then become our Breakfast and After school space!

The work so far has caused a couple of classes to relocate but the children have been magnificent too, taking everything in their stride.

In September, I will have an open afternoon/evening, where you can all come in and find your bearings!

Dinner money

From September, the prices for school dinners will rise to £2.05 per meal and a reminder that meals remain free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Children who will be moving into Year 3 will therefore be charged for school meals along with Year 4, 5 and 6.

End of Year Reports

End of year reports will be sent out with the children on Monday July 9th. For parents of Year 1 children this will contain phonics results and for parents of Year 2 children it will contain end of Key Stage 1 teacher assessment information.

The Year 6 SATs results are not shared with school until Tuesday 10th July so they will be sent out on that day, alongside Teacher Assessment information.

I have also included a questionnaire that I would be grateful if you could complete and return and information about your child's next class.

Nursery Sports Day

Nursery Sports Day is on Friday 13th July at 10.45am and will be followed by a picnic. Nursery parents should have received a separate letter about this.

Friends of Montalbo Raffle

Two books of raffle tickets have been sent out to each child in the hope that they can be sold to aid the school. If you are unable to sell them please return them to school and if you would like more tickets please ask at the School Office. Please return any slips and monies received for the tickets by Friday 13th July in a sealed envelope. The raffle has some tremendous prizes and will be drawn on Wednesday 18th July. Tickets will be available to buy at Sports Day too. Thank you.

Year 4, 5 and 6 Summer Performance

The first performance will be on Tuesday July 17th, starting at 1.30pm and the second performance will be on Wednesday July 18th with a 6pm start.

Tickets are available for both performances (2 per family for both performances). If you would like any extra tickets please let the School Office know and if there any left on Friday 13th July you may be able to have the additional tickets. Thank you.

Sports Day

Due to the field being cordoned off, we are going to have our Sports Day this year at Barnard Castle Cricket Club. We plan to start at 1.30pm on July 10th and we would love to see you there. We are very grateful to the Cricket Club and are looking forward to the afternoon.

We are going to have a trial run of Sports Day on Monday 9th July so please can all children have their Montalbo PE kit in school for both Monday and Tuesday next week. Thank you.

Attendance for w.b. 2.7.18

Class	Present
Mrs Bartoli's Reception	87.8%
Miss Lauder's Class	98.7%
Miss Blackburn's Class	94.5%
Dr Greenwell's Class	98.4%
Miss Richardson's Class	93.9%
School Total	95.1%

Dates for the diary

July 9 th	End of Year Reports sent out
July 10 th	Sports Day 1.30pm at Barnard Castle Cricket Club
July 11 th -13 th	Y6 Transition days to Teesdale School
July 12 th	Miss Blackburn's Class Assembly
July 13 th	Nursery Sports Day (a.m)
July 13 th	Moving Up Day
July 17 th	Y4/5/6 Summer Performance 1.30-3pm Glaxo Sports and Social Club
July 18 th	Y4/5/6 Summer Performance 6pm-7.30pm Glaxo Sports and Social Club
July 20 th	Leaver's Assembly 9.am

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