



April 29th 2022

Welcome back

I hope that you and your families enjoyed the Easter break. The weather was certainly kind and hopefully you were able to spend some time together. It has been a good start to the Summer term with the children beginning new topics and class texts.

Congratulations Mrs Bartoli

Over the Easter holidays we received the wonderful news that baby Esme arrived safely. Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Bartoli – we cannot wait to meet Esme!

Holiday Gymnastic Camp

We were pleased to be able to offer the Holiday Gymnastics Camp and will look to expand on this over the Summer holidays. Having been in school during those days, it was great to see the numbers involved and the children being active.

May Day Bank Holiday

A reminder that Monday May 2nd is a Bank Holiday. We look forward to seeing the children on Tuesday May 3rd.

Barnard Castle Meet Request

Mr Martyn Maughan, chairman of the Meet Committee, contacted us with the following request:- 'Help Needed for Barney Meet 2022'.

Will you, a friend or family member volunteer for one or more of the following?

Road Closure Stewards – 11.15am-1.15pm Friday June 3rd

Bartenders – seeking 2 hour slots between 12-8pm both Friday June 3rd and Saturday June 4th

Raffle ticket stall – as above – 2 hour slots

If you can help, please contact Martyn on 07827814759 or martynmaughan@yahoo.co.uk

Good luck Miss Fox

This week we welcomed Miss Fox to school from High Force SCITT to complete her final placement in Mrs Leonard's class.

FOMS and our Platinum Jubilee Event

This week I met with FOMS to further develop the plan for the Jubilee which we are marking with a Garden Party on Thursday 26th May between 1.15-3.30pm. FOMS and school staff will have a number of activities to entertain families alongside some special guests who will entertain us too!

FOMS intend to have a stall to sell second hand uniform and wondered if you had any uniform that you would be willing to donate. If so, please bring this to the school foyer. FOMS will be running a tombola for children and adults, alongside our Summer Raffle. If you are able to donate any tombola or raffle prizes, please bring these to the School Office.

Parts of the event will celebrate some British traditions including a baking competition, similar to those at Agricultural shows. I will give you more details nearer the event.

I hope that as many parents, grandparents and families can join us and that the sun shines!

Newcastle Falcons Rugby Coaching

Miss Richardson has arranged some rugby coaching with Newcastle Falcons over this half term. These sessions take place during the school day and are alternating between different classes in Key Stage 2. This is another positive link and I hope that many of the children may gain an interest and perhaps join Barnard Castle Rugby Club too.

Nursery pathway

In the Whit holidays we hope to smarten up the entry to Nursery and will install a new fence and shed in the coming weeks. There will be some further work to the outside of Nursery and I will give more details once this is confirmed.

Bowes Museum Jubilee Project

On Tuesday Anya, Declan and Phoebe from Year 6 went to the Hub to record stories from past jubilee celebrations. Well done to you all!

Today, School Council went to the Bowes Museum to help create a mosaic to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

Sunflowers for Ukraine

Thank you to those who have purchased a sunflower for the Ukraine Appeal and to Mrs Spence for organising this. We will be passing the funds to the Richardson Hospital who are supporting the fundraising effort and I will let you know how much we raised next week. We will plant the remaining sunflowers outside the roundhouse.

After School clubs

We have extended the age group range for Multiskills on a Tuesday to include children from Year 1 and 2 as well as Reception. If you would like your child to attend, please complete the booking form available on Weduc (Forms Section) and pay via your Parent Pay account.

Pupils with respiratory infection:

Children who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and are well enough to attend.

Dates for the Diary

May 2 nd	May Day Bank Holiday
May 9 th -13 th	SATs for Year 6 children
May 25 th	Year 4 Sports Festival at Staindrop
May 26 th	Jubilee Event at School 1.15pm-3.30pm
May 30 th -June 3 rd	Whit Holidays including Barnard Castle Meet
June 6 th	Teacher Training Day
June 7 th	Children return to school
June 8 th	Class Photographs
June 10 th	Year 6 to Kingsway (information to follow)

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