



**June 10<sup>th</sup> 2022**

### **Welcome Back**

I hope that everyone enjoyed the Whit Half Term break and that families had fun with Jubilee Celebrations. The children have settled back into school life very well.

It has been a busy first week back for staff in school with First Aid Training, writing moderators in school for Year 6 and advisors from the Local Authority looking at how we teach French and Music. Well done to Miss Richardson, Miss Bean and Dr Greenwell for their work in preparation for these visits.

### **Meet Fun**

It was so nice that Barnard Castle Meet returned last week and that we were able to participate in the Procession. We believe that it is important to be part of the community and look forward to joining in these sorts of events wherever we can. Despite the odd spot of rain which did not dampen our spirits, I thought the children, parents and staff were magnificent and the Marvellous Montalbo Jazz Band lived up to its name! Thank you to everyone who was able to join us and a special thanks to Mrs Leonard for organising and giving up lots of time to make it a great success. Well done Team Monty!

### **PCSO and Fire Service Visit**

On Tuesday we were visited by two PCSOs and a Fire Officer. They talked to the Year 6 children about keeping safe in the local area, particularly around the river, and also about how to be good citizens.

Children in Reception were excited to see our visitors and enjoyed exploring the Police van!

### **After School Clubs**

It has been great that we have been able to employ a range of sports coaches over this academic year and that we have an additional coach this half term. It is also lovely to see children participating in sports on the field with rounders, athletics and football clubs starting. There is also chess club, book club and games and puzzles for children to take part in. To book a place please visit the forms section on Weduc.

### **New Starters Parents' Meeting**

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception children to school in September and meeting parents/carers. We would like to invite parents/carers of these children to a meeting in school on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5pm. We will share important information and give you all a free book bag, so please do not order one of these! I look forward to meeting you then.

### **Year 6 Kingsway Visit**

Today the Year 6 children went on an adventurous day – I look forward to telling you all about this next week.

### **Bikeability for Year 6**

Each year we arrange for cycling proficiency training from trainers at Durham County Council for our Year 6 pupils. If you would like your child to take part in this training they must have a bike in roadworthy condition with working brakes. They also need a helmet. The dates are a few weeks away (see dates for the diary) but we wanted to give parents/carers notice in case of any issues with children's bikes. These sessions are not compulsory but I am sure you agree are important to keep everyone as safe as possible.

### **Year 4 Visit**

On Friday morning Year 4 will visit the Bowes Museum to take part in some art workshops.

### **Dates for the Diary**

I have added all of the dates for the diary for the rest of the academic year in the section below and as you can see there is a lot happening! Details will follow for many of them.

### **Uniform Ordering Reminder**

**Order before 19th June** - for delivery to school or home before school closes for the holidays.

**Order before 24th July** – for delivery to home before school returns in September

A link and information are available on the school website.

Nursery pupils starting Reception in September will be provided with a book bag by school.

June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Musicians (Mrs Unwin and Katie's groups) to St Mary's Church
June 15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Cricket at Barnard Castle School
June 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 to The Bowes Museum
June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	New Starter Parents' Meeting
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability for Year 6
July 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability for Year 6
July 1 <sup>st</sup>	Reception Class Assembly
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Class Assembly
July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Netball
July 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup>	Teesdale Transition (Y6)
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	The Oaks Transition (Y6)
July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Moving Up Day
July 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dress Rehearsal (Y2-6)
July 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2-6 Performance
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Festival
July 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Festival
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Festival
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers' Assembly
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term

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