



July 8th 2022

Year 1 Class Assembly

On Wednesday Year 1 produced a wonderful assembly capturing many of the exciting moments and learning from the year. They entertained us with some lovely singing and dancing, included the Dinosaur Stomp and Menu Song! They spoke confidently as they remembered many facts about the UK, as well as describing Art, DT, Outdoor Learning and much more. Well done Year 1 – you are superstars!

Thank you to Mrs Leonard, Miss Fox, Mrs Spence and Miss Smith for producing a really lovely assembly, full of learning and memories.

Monty Does Musicals: Y2-Y6 children

On Monday we have organised the dress rehearsal at the Witham Hall so please ensure your child has a costume in school. As performing at the Witham Hall is much different to school, we will be spending most of the day at the venue. Children who usually have a school lunch will be provided with a school packed lunch.

On Tuesday and Wednesday we have the Music Hall and several holding rooms at the Witham Hall booked from 5.30pm. Please could children be dropped off at the Witham Hall for 5.30pm in their costumes. We are planning to start both performances at 6pm so please be seated before then. The performances will finish at approximately 7.15pm.

End of year reports

I hope you found the end of year reports useful and informative. I am very interested in your feedback so would be grateful if you could return the questionnaires included.

Assessment Information

There has never been a time in Primary Education where so much assessment and data is collected by the DfE and perhaps it is no surprise that we now have our eighth Education Secretary in eight years. It is quite staggering really: EYFS judgements, phonics screening for Years 1 and 2, teacher assessments in Year 2, multiplication tests for Year 4 and Year 6 SATs. If only the powers that be would trust teachers! It can be a little confusing to interpret assessment information so if you have any questions regarding assessments, please contact class teachers in the first instance.

Moving Up Day

I hope that the children had a great day in their new classes. We have several new starters joining classes in September and I know the children will be excited to meet them too.

Bikeability

Congratulations to the Year 6 children who have been undertaking cycle proficiency training over the last few weeks. They have achieved Level 1 and Level 2 certificates and the knowledge and skills learnt will be very useful. Well done Year 6!

Friendship Games

Last week I mentioned the second leg of the Friendship Games with Victoria Lane Primary School in Coundon. The children took part in orienteering which they thoroughly enjoyed but then thunder interrupted their football games!

Y6 Netball

This week a squad of Y5 & Y6 netballers went to Bishop Barrington for a netball tournament. They had a mixed set of results, winning three and losing three, and as usual our team showed an excellent attitude throughout. Well done!

Class Photographs

Please see the message below from Tempest Photography:

"Dear Parent/Carer,

Your recent Group photograph is now ready to view and purchase at <https://htmp.st/Montalbo22>

There will be a free "deliver to school" option open for approximately 14 days, otherwise home delivery is available for £5 postage and packing.

If you need assistance please call 01736 751555 (option 5) or click on contact us on the home page.

Many thanks, Tempest Photography "

As Tempest have been extremely late in providing the details to enable you to order the class photographs they may not be delivered by July 20th. We have arranged for any deliveries after that date to be safely stored by Royal Mail until school opens again on September 6th.

Public Health Message

Please see a message from Public Health Durham –

"Health colleagues have highlighted that nationally Measles is circulating. Although we have not had any confirmed cases regionally, now is a good time to check your child's vaccination status. It's never too late to have your MMR."

For more information please follow the link www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine

School Meals

Durham County Council has chosen a new caterer for school meals from September. As a result of this and issues around supplies of ingredients, Mrs Slater may not have all of the available options on the menu until the new term. Children will still be given choices but there may not be as many.

Parents/carers of children moving into Year 3 have been informed that their child will no longer be eligible for Universal Free Meals and the charge per meal is £2.25. Those children entitled to Free School Meals are unaffected by this change and if you believe you may be entitled to Free School meals please collect an application form from the school office as soon as possible.

Mrs Unwin

Mrs Unwin will not be in school next week as there are a number of other activities in school that week such as the Dress Rehearsal for Monty does Musicals.

FOMS Summer Raffle

We will be drawing the summer raffle on July 14th. Thank you to those families who have sold their tickets and returned the stubs and money. If you would like to contribute a raffle prize or would like more tickets please call at the school office. Thank you.

Sports Day

Nursery class will be holding a Sports Afternoon on Thursday 14th July 1.30 - 3pm. Parents and carers are invited along to watch some traditional sports day races on the school field, followed by a picnic and play in the nursery grounds. Mrs Patterson will post more details on the Weduc app nearer the time.

Sports Day for years Reception to Year 6 is arranged for Friday July 15th at 1pm. Parents/carers and families are welcome to attend. You may wish to bring a camping chair/rug as we will not have enough chairs for all families!

Uniform Ordering Reminder

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

A link and information are available on the school website.

Dates for the Diary

July 11 th	Dress Rehearsal (Y2-6)
July 12 th and 13 th	Year 2-6 Performance at the Witham (children arrive 5.30pm; performance 6pm)
July 12 th	Reception Festival @ Staindrop Academy
July 12 th	Football Competition @ Staindrop Academy
July 13 th	Year 6 Festival @ Staindrop Academy
July 14 th	Reception visit to Hall Hill Farm
July 14 th	Year 1 Festival @ Staindrop Academy
July 14 th	Nursery sports afternoon and picnic 1.30pm
July 14 th	The Oaks Transition (Y6)
July 15 th	School sports day Reception-Y6 1pm
July 20 th	Leavers' Assembly 9am
July 20 th	Last day of term
September 6 th	Children return to school

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